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### **AMERICAN ROYAL ANNOUNCES 2023 ROYAL SCHOLARS**

Ten students were selected to represent the American Royal mission through the Royal Scholars program.

Kansas City, MO., June 30, 2023 – The American Royal Association is pleased to announce its 2023 Royal Scholar recipients. In total, the American Royal is awarding 10 \$2,500 scholarships to qualified college students.

Recipients will take part in the American Royal scholarship program, designed to provide an opportunity for outstanding college students to represent the American Royal mission. In recognition of the outstanding achievements of the scholars, each will receive scholarship monies and additional exposure opportunities to be on site with the American Royal in the fall and spring semester.

Scholarship recipients must be pursuing agriculture, food, or natural resources degrees as an undergraduate student. They must have a cumulative grade point average equivalent to or above a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Scholarship recipients had to complete an application and an interview with the scholarship committee. Winners were selected on their academic achievement, leadership excellence and community involvement. The 2023 Royal Scholar program recipients are: Ryan Bake, Jaedyn Condon, Gabriel Elliott, Kady Figge, Lauren Gatz, Lindsey Jennett, Hannah Lanphere, Justin Sharp, Mattie Thrasher, and Baylee Wulfkuhle.

“We had an incredible and large applicant pool with students from 37 states competing for one of our scholarships,” said Jackie McClaskey, American Royal President and CEO. “We are proud to recognize these outstanding students and look forward to seeing them represent our mission at our events.”

**Ryan Bake** is a student at Utah State University majoring in agribusiness and applied economics and minoring in law and policy. His hometown is Eagle Mountain, Utah. **Jaedyn Condon** is majoring in animal science with a minor in biology at Iowa State University. Her hometown is Fort Dodge, Iowa. **Gabriel Elliott** attends Kansas State University, where he is studying animal science and industry and minoring in horticulture and business. He is from Asbury, Missouri. **Kady Figge** is a student at Kansas State University, majoring in agricultural communications and journalism and global food systems leadership, and minoring in animal sciences and industry and agricultural sales. She is from Onaga, Kansas. **Lauren Gatz** is an agriculture communications and journalism student at Kansas State University, minoring in leadership studies. Her hometown is Fairview, Kansas. **Lindsey Jennett** is studying animal science, pre-



veterinary option at Iowa State University. Lindsey is from Blockton, Iowa. **Hannah Lanphere** is an animal science, pre-veterinary student at Iowa State University. She is from Manly, Iowa. **Justin Sharp** is a student at Oklahoma State University studying agriculture education. He is from Silver Lake, Oregon. **Mattie Thrasher** is an agribusiness and applied economics major at Louisiana State University. She is from Worthington, Indiana. **Baylee Wulfkuhle** is a student at Kansas State University, studying agriculture economics and global food systems leadership, minoring in business. She is from Lawrence, Kansas.

### **ABOUT THE AMERICAN ROYAL**

A Kansas City tradition since 1899, the American Royal is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose mission is to be the nation's leader for food and agriculture education, events, and engagement. The American Royal provides opportunities for nearly half a million youth and adults from around the world to engage in high-quality events and experiences, including nationally competitive livestock shows, the world's largest barbecue competition, regional and national equine shows, youth and professional rodeos, and elementary and secondary education outreach. Support from partners, members, and volunteers help the American Royal achieve its vision of a world where food and agriculture are celebrated, and all generations are committed to its future.