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WCO honors three scholarship winners; Accepting applications for 2014

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MADISON, Wis. (February 7, 2014) — The Wisconsin Custom Operators, Inc. (WCO) recently awarded three scholarships to students pursuing further education. These students were selected based on leadership, civic engagement, academics and volunteer activities related to agriculture. Students also submitted essays detailing their educational and vocational plans for the future. Scholarship winners are required to have ties to the WCO – either as a member, relative of a member or employee of a member. Students received a \$750 scholarship.

“In 2013, we accepted our greatest number of applications. We believe strongly that giving back to students interested in the agriculture industry helps ensure the future of the organization. All applicants were very deserving,” said Dr. Kevin Shinnars, chair of the WCO Scholarship Committee and Professor of Biological Systems Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Winners of the 2013 WCO Scholarships include: Dustin Oesau, an agriculture engineering technology and agriculture business double major at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls from Mondovi; Mike Sankey, an agriculture business and agronomy double major also at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls from Amherst; Erin Harris, a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from Madison.

Applications for the 2014 WCO scholarship are currently being accepted and are due May 1, 2014. Interested students should visit www.wiscustomoperators.org for more information including eligibility, criteria and application.

WCO is an organization comprised of individuals throughout the state who derive their income in whole or part from providing custom farming services. To learn more about the Wisconsin Custom Operators, Inc. including membership and events, go to www.wiscustomoperators.org or email info@wiscustomoperators.org

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