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MES FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$200,000 TO MAINE STUDENTS

Alfred, Maine - June 15, 2020 – MES Foundation (MES) announced today the winners of the Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship, which totaled \$200,000 in awards to 10 Maine students. Established in honor of MES founder, Dick Pierce, who passed away in 2011, this \$5,000 renewable scholarship is awarded based on distinguished academic merit and financial need.

“I am completely blown away that I was selected to receive this extremely competitive scholarship,” said scholarship winner Rachael Sickles. Rachael is a graduate from Dexter Regional High School and will be attending UMaine Orono in the fall. “Thanks to MES, I am now able to confidently pursue a degree in animal sciences and pursue my passion for dairy farm work.”

Four years ago, MES significantly expanded scholarship offerings and to date has awarded \$887,000 to Maine students.

“We hope to lessen the financial stress placed on our Maine students and their families, while they pursue a post-secondary education,” said MES Foundation Executive Director Kristie Hurlburt. “We are thrilled to invest in the future of these exemplary students as they enter the next chapter of their lives.”

MES will accept on-line scholarship applications beginning January 1, 2021 through April 1, 2021 for the 2021/2022 academic year at www.mesfoundation.org.

Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship Winners:

Emma Ackerman – Robert W. Traip Academy
Anthony Benson - Camden Hills Regional High School
Jordyn Cowger – East Grand High School
Abigail Dundore – Lewiston High School
Grace Harvey – Old Town High School
Abigail Johnson – Richmond High School
Neily Raymond – Hermon High School
Rachael Sickles – Dexter Regional High School
Alaina Smith – Marshwood High School
Logan Wadick – Mount View High School

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