FMI Foundation Awards 10 College Scholarships

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Arlington, VA– The Food Marketing Institute (FMI) Foundation has awarded scholarships to 10 food and animal science majors for their academic pursuits to improve food safety and protect public health. These competitive FMI Foundation scholarships are based on academic ability; leadership potential; motivation and initiative; and passion for the food industry and the auditing profession. The scholarships were presented at the recent Safe Quality Food International Conference in Orlando, FL.

"The future of this profession is invaluable and promises to be one of the fastest-growing job functions in our industry," said Cathy Polley, RPh, FMI vice president of health and wellness and executive director of the Foundation. "On behalf of the FMI Foundation, I'm pleased to recognize and support these dedicated students as they help our industry better provide safe, quality foods for shoppers."

"These students undergird the credibility of the growing need for third-party certification and they recognize the importance it plays in our food safety system," said Robert Garfield, senior vice president of SQFI. "I'm honored that these 10 scholars will continue to champion a science-based approach to ensuring the security of our food."

Each student is awarded a one-year, $3,000 academic grant. The 2014 FMI Foundation Scholarship winners are:

- Yinzhi Qu, University of Maryland, College Park, B.S. Food Science
- Antoinette BoYee de Senna, California Polytechnic State University, M.S. Agriculture
- Zongyu Zhang, Iowa State University, Ph.D. Food Science and Technology
- Rebecca Rathjen, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, M.S. Food Science and Technology
- Elizabeth Stone, Kansas State University, B.S. Food Science
- Khadija Nafi, California Polytechnic State University, B.S. Food Science
- Avery Becker, Cornell University, B.S. Food Science
- Sarah Beno, Cornell University, Ph.D. Food Science
- Byron Chaves, Texas Tech University, Ph.D. Animal Science (Food Safety)
- Patrick Spanninger, University of Delaware, Ph.D. Animal and Food Science

For details about each of the scholarship award winners, visit www.fmi.org/Foundation/Scholarships. For more information, visit the FMI Foundation website.

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