

## **News Release**

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## **Area High School Seniors Receive Flint Hills Resources Discovery Scholarships**

Rosemount, Minn.— Twenty-six graduating high school seniors from schools in Dakota and South Washington counties recently received \$2500 Discovery Scholarships from Flint Hills Resources LP.

Scholarship recipients included: Aaron Ford & Katie Wilkes, Apple Valley High School; David Dale & Tim Olson, Eagan High School; Rachel Bachmeier & Caroline Nelson, Eastview High School; Kelsey Uline & Mallory Wander, Farmington High School; Brooke Koenig & Joshua Menke, Hastings High School; Dustin Nides & Andrea Wills, Henry Sibley High School; Zach Reuvers & Jamie Watt, Lakeville North High School; Dan Bungert & Brian Johnson, Lakeville South High School; Nicole Ecklund & Jordan Grote, Park High School; Norah Carroll & Kelsey Weisensel, Rosemount High School; Jacque Braemer & Alex Finnegan, School of Environmental Studies; Jennifer Behan & Caitlin Vogel, Simley High School; Katelin Garfield & Vanessa Scherado, South St. Paul High School.

"We congratulate these exceptional students and are honored to help them achieve their best through this scholarship," said Jeff Wilkes, refinery manager & vice president of northern tier operations for Flint Hills Resources. "They have realized many significant accomplishments in high school and we wish them continued success in the future."

These students were recognized together with their parents at a special awards banquet at the Science Museum of Minnesota on June 5. Dr. Eric Jolly, president of the Science Museum of Minnesota, was the keynote speaker.

Flint Hills Resources has sponsored these scholarships since 1992, awarding nearly \$580,000 in scholarships to 290 graduating seniors. The scholarships are awarded to students because of their academic achievement, community involvement and commitment to entrepreneurship. Scholarship winners voluntarily served in various organizations throughout the community and excelled in academics as well.

Flint Hills Resources LP is a leading provider of transportation fuels used in the Upper Midwest. Flint Hills' Pine Bend refinery has a crude oil processing capacity of approximately 280,000 barrels per day and employs about 800 people full-time. Flint Hills Resources is headquartered in Wichita, Kansas and also has refineries in Corpus Christi, Texas and North Pole, Alaska, as well as a chemical facility in Joliet, Illinois. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.