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2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Burlington, Vermont – Chelsea Cary, Sarah O’Donnell, and Sophia Pinton were all awarded educational scholarships at the 122nd AFDO Annual Educational Conference on June 12, 2018.

The George M. Burditt, Betsy B. Woodward, and Denise C. Rooney scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,500, are awarded annually to qualified undergraduate students in their third year of college.

The following qualifications and conditions have been established for the award recipients: The recipients should have demonstrated a desire to serve in a career of research, regulatory work, quality control, or teaching in an area related to some aspect of foods, drugs or consumer product safety; should have demonstrated leadership capabilities; and must have at least a 3.0 grade point average during the first two years of undergraduate study.

Chelsea Cary, from Athens, GA is a junior at the University of Georgia pursuing a bachelor of science in environmental health with a minor in Spanish. Chelsea plans to continue her studies by pursuing a Ph.D. in toxicology or pharmacology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or Emory.

Sarah O’Donnell, from Lemont, IL is a junior at the Illinois Institute of Technology pursuing a co-terminal bachelor of science in chemical engineering and masters of science in chemical engineering. Sarah’s ultimate goal is to work in research in a food company, where she will focus on developing processes to promote food safety and make healthier food available to a wide range of the population.

Sophia Pinton, from Forest Hill, MD is a junior at Virginia Tech pursuing a bachelor of science in food science and technology. Sophia’s research interests include producing smart and sustainable food packaging, converting food waste to valuable goods, and optimizing the manufacture and sensory attributes of space food.

About the Association of Food and Drug Officials:

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), established in 1896, successfully fosters uniformity in the adoption and enforcement of science-based food, drug, medical devices, cosmetics and product safety laws, rules, and regulations. AFDO and its six Regional Affiliates provide the mechanism and the forum where regional, national and international issues are deliberated and resolved to uniformly provide the best public health and consumer protection in the most expeditious and cost effective manner.

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