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**Local Students Receive Discovery Scholarships from Koch Petroleum Group**

*Twenty-two students awarded \$2000 each for academic/volunteer efforts*

Rosemount, Minn.— Twenty-two high school seniors from eleven Dakota County & South Washington County schools received a total of \$44,000 in Pine Bend Discovery Scholarships from Koch Petroleum Group, L.P. The students will be recognized at a special awards banquet on June 12.

The students received scholarships from Koch of \$2000 each for their commitment to entrepreneurship, community involvement and academic achievement. Scholarship winners voluntarily serve in various organizations throughout the community and excel at academics as well, most ranking in the top 25 percent of their graduating classes. The Discovery Scholarships are based on the student's ability to discover the potential within themselves and use it to further entrepreneurship.

The students will be honored at a banquet at the Southview Country Club in West St. Paul on June 12. Minnesota State Senator John Hottinger, Assistant Majority Leader, will deliver the evening's keynote address and Jeff Wilkes, Vice President of Koch's Minnesota Operations will present each student with a certificate of recognition from Koch.

Koch has annually presented scholarships to two students representing high schools in Apple Valley, Eagan, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, Woodbury and Cottage Grove. Koch has sponsored the community service scholarships for ten years, awarding over \$200,000 to area youth.

"Each of these students has demonstrated academic excellence and a real commitment to our community," Wilkes said. "Koch congratulates them for their accomplishments. They are great examples of the good work youth are doing within our communities."

Recipients of this year's Koch Pine Bend Discovery Scholarships are: Abby Souders and Kaaren Berg from Rosemount High School; Casie Radford and Seth Sobaszkiwicz from Hastings High School; Jeanna Duerscherl and Karl Wahoske from Simley High School; Heidi Heggernes and Krishna Rao from Woodbury High School; Sarah Wehrenberg and Annie Marden from the School of Environmental Studies; Cassandra Lawin and Cory Bolton from Eastview High School; Matthew Olsen and Caroline Campbell from Henry Sibley High School; Jacob Haqq-Misra and Katie Jacobson from Apple Valley High School; Maya Babu from Eagan High School; Scott Lyons from the Perpich Center for Arts Education; Daniel Lencowski and Patti Phan from South St. Paul High School; Kelsey Stecher and Ryan Gottfried from Park High School.

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