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Chaska student wins FFA essay contest from Minnesota Farmers Union

ST. PAUL (July 15, 2015) – Minnesota Farmers Union would like to congratulate Anna Buckentine, daughter of John and Jeanie Buckentine of Chaska, for winning the Minnesota Farmers Union’s (MFU) FFA essay contest. Anna was awarded \$1,000 for the Southwest Metro FFA Chapter and a trip to Washington, D.C. when MFU goes on their annual fly-in in September. A parent or her advisor will be accompanying her to Washington, D.C.

A thank you and congratulations also goes out the Southwest Metro FFA Advisor, Mark Stone, for his assistance.

MFU asked FFA students statewide to write a 500-750 word essay in response to this question, “What is the role of local food in Minnesota’s Farm economy?”

Ms. Buckentine states in her essay, “The solution a successful community is not money, but communication. Without it, the community would be filled with lies so far from the truth that it no longer exists.” Ms. Buckentine goes on to say, “Local food is important to Minnesota’s farm economy because it allows new opportunities for business growth.”

“Anna did an absolutely fantastic job of articulating how local food affects many different aspects of Minnesota’s farm economy. Her essay was well thought out and greatly articulated, she did a wonderful job,” said Doug Peterson, Minnesota Farmers Union President. “Anna should be very proud of her work and I want to congratulate her on a job well done. A bright future in agriculture and agricultural communications lies ahead of her.”

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