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## **Farm Foundation Names Student Cultivators**

**OAK BROOK, IL** Nov. 20, 2019: Farm foundation, a food and agriculture policy institute, is pleased to announce the names of six exceptional students who have been named 2020 Farm Foundation Cultivators. These upper class and graduate-level students were nominated by their accredited colleges or universities for being the best and brightest in their classes and will participate in the Farm Foundation's January 2020 Round Table meeting in Washington, DC.

"We had our largest pool of candidates ever this year, so it was very competitive," says Farm Foundation President Shari Rogge-Fidler. "It's exciting to see such outstanding students entering the agricultural field. I'm very confident they will be exemplary leaders in agriculture one day."

The 2020 Cultivators are:

- Adam Bitnner, Iowa State University
- Sara Gammon, Kansas State University
- Sara Klopatek, University of California, Davis
- Conner McDaniel, Oklahoma State University
- Joni Shaffery, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- Chloe Smith Lopez, University of Florida

The Farm Foundation Round Table is an invitational group of 150 c-suite food and agricultural leaders from across the supply chain and their guests who meet semi-annually to discuss issues of importance to agribusiness, the food system and rural communities. The meetings are designed to explore ideas, analyses and insights that participants may use in their own work. Round Table discussions also generate new ideas for Farm Foundation project work.

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