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ISRI's PSI Chapter Selects 2019 Scholarship Recipients

(Washington, DC)—For the second year in a row, the Paper Stock Industries (PSI) Chapter, a national chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc., selected eight college-bound students as winners in its annual academic scholarship program. Each student will receive \$2,000 to apply toward tuition at any regionally accredited two-year or four-year post-secondary school for the 2019-2020 academic year.

This year's scholarship winners, along with their sponsoring ISRI/PSI Chapter member company and the school they will attend, are as follows:

Declan Blair, WestRock (Norcross, Ga.); Kennesaw State University (Marietta, Ga., campus)

Rebecca Bordelon, Graphic Packaging International (West Monroe, La.); Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, La.)

Amber Keomany, Graphic Packaging International (Fort Smith, Ark.); University of Arkansas at Little Rock (Little Rock, Ark.)

Fernanda Montoya, Midland Davis Corp. (Moline, Ill.); Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, Ill.)

Madison Nyhuis, PADNOS (Holland, Mich.); Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

Julian Saldana, WestRock (Fresno, Calif.); University of California San Diego (La Jolla, Calif.)

Heidi Westra, Resource Management Co. (Chicago Ridge, Ill.); Calvin College (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Emily Woodin, Graphic Packaging International (Kalamazoo, Mich.); Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

To apply for a PSI Chapter scholarship, applicants must have a C+ average or better in high school, meet all admission qualifications at the two-year or four-year post-secondary school of

their choice, and be a dependent of an individual who has been employed for at least one year by a company that is a current active member of ISRI and the PSI Chapter. The employee must work in the recycling division of the member company, and the applicant cannot be a dependent of a company officer or principal.

In addition to completing a PSI Chapter scholarship application, applicants must submit an official transcript of their high school grades, SAT and/or ACT scores, two letters of recommendation, a résumé of their personal history, and a one-page essay.

The PSI Chapter supports its academic scholarships through raffles, donations, and an annual fundraising event. This year's event—named **PSI Palooza**—is scheduled for <u>Oct. 23, 2019, from 8 to 11 p.m.</u>, at <u>Lucky Strike Chicago</u>. The tournament will be held in conjunction with the **MRF Operations Forum** (Oct. 21-22) and the **Paper & Plastics Recycling Conference** (Oct. 23-25), which the PSI Chapter co-sponsors with Recycling Today Media Group.

Disbursements for the PSI Chapter scholarships are made through the Recycling Research Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization closely associated with ISRI.

For more information on the PSI Chapter scholarship program and this year's winners, contact **Nini Krever** at (561) 459-8008 or nktraders@tradersintl.net. Photos of scholarship winners are available upon request from Kent Kiser, PSI Chapter Communications Consultant, at kentleekiser@msn.com. Please specify the photo(s) of interest in your request.

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