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**Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association Education Foundation
Awards Scholarships to Eleven Virginia Students**

Richmond, Va. – June 19, 2019 – The Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association Education Foundation (VRLTAEF) has distributed over \$10,000 in scholarship awards to eleven Virginia students. They include eight first-year collegians, two second-year students, and one third-year student.

The annual grants are provided to students that reside in Virginia who have shown a passion for, and commitment to, the foodservice and/or hospitality industries and intend to pursue or continue higher education opportunities in those fields.

“Congratulations to all of our 2019 award recipients,” said VRLTA Director of Education & Workforce Development Jim Wilson. “The future of Virginia’s restaurant and hospitality industry is today’s students. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to seeing what they accomplish next.”

In the last two years VRLTAEF has awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to 20 students.

2019 Scholarship Recipients

- **Victoria Brunson**, from Williamsburg, Virginia, who is entering her third year at Virginia Tech, studying Hospitality & Tourism Management.
- **Shaylah Campbell**, from Stephens City, Virginia, who is entering her first year at Virginia Tech, studying Hospitality & Tourism Management.
- **Cristy Foster**, from North Charlottesville, Virginia, who is entering her first year at Piedmont Virginia Community College, studying Culinary Arts.
- **Samuel Hagan**, from Palmyra, Virginia, who is entering his second year at Virginia Tech, studying Hospitality & Tourism Management.
- **Kaitlyn Jaromin**, from Chesterfield, Virginia, who is entering her first year at Johnson & Wales University, studying Baking & Pastry Arts.
- **Mikaela Lane**, from Chesterfield, Virginia, who is entering her first year at Chatham University, studying Sports/Events Management.
- **John Pittard**, from Halifax, Virginia, who is entering his first year at the Culinary Institute of Virginia (CIV), studying Culinary Arts.
- **Daniel Poole**, from Chesterfield, Virginia, who is entering his first year at Johnson & Wales University, studying Baking & Pastry Arts.

- **Alicia Rexrode**, from Glen Allen, Virginia, who is entering her first year at James Madison University, studying Hospitality Management.
- **Taylor Thoma**, from Radford, Virginia who is entering her second year at Virginia Western Community College, studying Baking & Pastry Arts.
- **Sajith Udumalagala**, from Arlington, Virginia who is entering his first year at Johnson & Wales University, studying Culinary Arts.

The VRLTAEF is holding the Seventh Annual Northern Virginia *Cornhole for College* fundraiser on September 26. The event will raise money for the 2020 VRLTAEF Scholarship program.

To learn more about the Education Foundation or the fundraiser, visit www.VRLTA.org/Cornhole.

About the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association Education Foundation (VRLTAEF)

As the educational arm of the Virginia, Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association, the VRLTA exists to enhance the restaurant and hospitality industries' through education and encouraging youth to pursue post-secondary education in the culinary and hospitality fields. This is primarily done through the coordination of the Virginia ProStart program and the administration of a scholarship program. For more information on the VRLTAEF, visit VRLTA.org/VRLTAEF.

About Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association (VRLTA)

The Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association is the only unified voice for the restaurant, lodging, travel and hospitality suppliers associations. VRLTA creates value for members by promoting the legislative interests of the industry, networking, educational opportunities, and protecting free enterprise. Inquiries about membership and VRLTA services should be directed to VRLTA at (804) 288-3065 or VRLTA.org.

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