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Ten Iowa High Schoolers Each Receive \$1,000 for College
Determining Total College Cost Pays Off

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA (May 23, 2019) — Ten Iowa high school seniors recently had their names drawn to receive \$1,000 for college expenses after they or their families completed a free online tool to estimate the total cost of a four-year undergraduate degree.

Iowa high school seniors, or their parents or guardians, were able to enter their information for the drawings after completing the College Funding Forecaster between March 18 and April 30, 2019. This free consumer education tool provided by Iowa Student Loan® uses information from students' freshman year financial aid award packets, as well as outside scholarships and grants and family savings and earnings, to project estimated costs, funding gaps and potential student loan debt over four years.

"It's important that families understand, and plan for, the total cost of college, not just the first year," said Steve McCullough, Iowa Student Loan president and CEO. "This tool helps families lay out the four-year plan and see where the funding gaps are so they can adequately prepare. It's just one component, but a vital piece, to a complete plan for any student's educational path."

More than 750 entries were received from all over the state, representing more than 250 Iowa high schools. The ten winning high school seniors had their names randomly drawn by an independent third party to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship award to the colleges they will attend this fall.

Student Name	High School
Emily Barajas	Clarke High School
Grace Byers	Marion High School
Trenton Golay	Coon Rapids-Bayard High School
Jackson Hertges	South Winneshiek High School
Anika Perry	Mount Vernon High School
Mariah Pugh	Louisa-Muscatine High School
Daniele Renteria	Storm Lake High School
Greta Stewart	Valley High School
Jaydon Vande Noord	Pella Christian High School
Grayson Walther	Xavier High School

The College Funding Forecaster is available online at www.iowaStudentLoan.org/Forecaster. The tool allows families to customize both expenses and available funding to adjust results for changes in students' situations over the four years. The results show yearly and total estimated costs of attendance, available funding and projected funding gaps. The tool also provides informational tips on how to reduce costs and potential debt.

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About Iowa Student Loan

Established in 1979 as a private, nonprofit organization, Iowa Student Loan helps Iowa students and families obtain the resources necessary to succeed in postsecondary education. Iowa Student Loan has helped nearly 400,000 students pay for college. The organization, based in West Des Moines, Iowa, also provides an array of borrower benefits, financial literacy tools and community reinvestment programs, including support for free college planning services for students and their families. For more information about Iowa Student Loan, visit www.iowaStudentLoan.org.