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**Thirty Students Receive College Scholarship from Iowa Nonprofit**  
*High School Seniors Earn \$2,000 Each After Demonstrating Financial Know-How*

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA (April 2, 2019) — High school seniors from across the state earned \$2,000 for college while learning important financial literacy skills through the 2018–2019 Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge: Senior Scholarship sponsored by Iowa Student Loan®.

More than 4,500 Iowa high school seniors registered for the scholarship between Oct. 22, 2018, and Feb. 22, 2019. Of those, more than 2,500 completed two online financial literacy tools and a related assessment to be considered for one of 30 college scholarships.

Steve McCullough, Iowa Student Loan president and CEO, said that he is encouraged by the increased participation in the annual scholarship program. “We had more registrants this year than in any other year since the program was introduced at the end of 2013. We are exposing more students every year to the important concepts in our online tools.”

The two tools required to qualify for scholarship consideration, Student Loan Game Plan and ROC! Reality Check, are among Iowa Student Loan’s suite of free tools and modules that are designed to help Iowa students and families better prepare for higher education and its associated costs.

“It’s truly important that families understand the complete cost of college and how the choices they make can change their debt levels before they take out that first college loan,” said McCullough. “This scholarship program is one way we encourage students to take a close look at that.”

One participant, Sarah H. of Forest City, found the tools and assessment she completed as part of the program very helpful. They were “definitely a reality check I needed and I know that what I learned will help me in the future,” she said in an email to Iowa Student Loan.

Another participant’s parent, Mary C. of Central City, also wrote to Iowa Student Loan regarding the information provided during the process. “I am just so impressed with the selection of material you provided in the training and it must have been presented well,” she said, because her student “learned and retained so much and was able to communicate the information to me. I was especially impressed with her comparing her old beliefs/myths versus the factual information you provided.”

Each recipient’s high school will also receive a \$250 award to improve or implement financial literacy and scholarship programs.

Details are not yet finalized for the 2019–2020 Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge: Senior Scholarship. Interested families should watch for information about the program at [www.iowaStudentLoan.org/SeniorScholarship](http://www.iowaStudentLoan.org/SeniorScholarship).

## Scholarship Recipients

The following students each earned a \$2,000 scholarship. Iowa Student Loan will send scholarship funds directly to recipients' colleges.

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Student High School</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Student High School</b>
Megan Blauwet	West Lyon	Brett Natelborg	Pella Christian
Cameron Bush	Ankeny	Kegan Odden	Ballard
Calvin Carlson	Humboldt	Lydia Samuelson	Des Moines Christian
Cassidy Carolan	Decorah	Allison Scheel	Nodaway Valley
Andy Chen	Iowa City West	Kimberly Schelling	Netherlands Reformed Christian
Trey Cobb	Panorama	Nicholas Silva	Iowa City West
Abigail Crow	Clear Creek Amana	Tori Sloan	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura
Nicolae Curtu	Iowa City West	Elizabeth Sperfslage	Alburnett
Chelsea Davis	Dubuque Hempstead	Brooke Steimel	Bon Bosco
Danny Drake	Waukee	Jamie Trentz	Pleasant Valley
Hannah Henriksen	Madrid	Taylor Turner	Linn-Mar
Ryan Johnson	Linn-Mar	Jenna Vignovich	Southeast Polk
Gabriel Lockin	West Des Moines Valley	Anthony Wagner	Fort Dodge
Kristin Lucas	Maquoketa Valley	Casey Wong	Cedar Rapids Prairie
James Meng	West Des Moines Valley	Katy Yeomans	Solon

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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](http://www.IowaStudentLoan.org).