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CHS FOUNDATION INCREASES SUPPORT FOR K-12 AGRICULTURAL LITERACY IN CLASSROOMS

The National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) is pleased to announce that CHS Foundation has increased its support of the organization's K-12 agricultural literacy efforts in 2019.

In addition to teacher scholarships and classroom grants, CHS Foundation is providing grant funds for Agriculture in the Classroom (AIC) state programs called 'CHS Foundation Educating Next Agricultural Leaders Grant' to help these states develop innovative educational resources and programs to educate students about the importance of agriculture.

"The partnership with the CHS Foundation helps NAITCO and its AIC state programs support K-12 teachers across the country who use agriculture as the context to teach reading, writing, math, science, social studies and other subject areas," said Will Fett, president of NAITCO and executive director of Iowa Foundation for Agriculture Literacy (IALF). "Without CHS Foundation's support, we wouldn't be nearly as effective in educating students about the source of the food, clothing and shelter they use every day."

"The CHS Foundation is committed to developing ag leaders for lifelong success," said Nanci Lilja, CHS Foundation president. "The projects supported through teacher scholarships, classroom grants and AIC state program grants help introduce agriculture concepts to students beginning at a young age, so they can explore and experience all agriculture has to offer."

NAITCO is a non-profit organization made up of Agriculture in the Classroom programs in 50 states including the District of Columbia and six territories. Its mission is to educate teachers and students in kindergarten through 12th grade about the importance of agriculture by incorporating agricultural concepts into classroom instruction.

The CHS Foundation is funded by charitable gifts from CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains and foods company. The CHS Foundation is focused on developing a new generation of agriculture leaders. It is achieving its goals through these strategic initiatives: advancing innovation in cooperative education, cultivating opportunity through university partnerships, growing high-impact youth leadership programs and accelerating potential for careers in ag. Together with its signature partners, it develops agricultural leaders for life. For more information on our programs go to www.chsinc.com/stewardship.

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