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## **NDA SELECTS STUDENTS TO ATTEND 50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH AGRICULTURAL EVENT**

LINCOLN – What started years ago, as a way of connecting high school students with agriculture, is still going strong today. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI), the longest running program of its kind in the nation. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) coordinates NAYI with the help of the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council. Today, NDA is announcing the high school juniors and seniors selected to attend NAYI’s golden anniversary celebration this summer.

“NAYI is a great opportunity for Nebraska juniors and seniors to learn about the agricultural industry and the many careers available in ag,” said NDA Communications Director and NAYC Advisor Christin Kamm. “With 50 years of history, we have parents who attended NAYI years ago, sharing NAYI experiences with their own high school juniors and seniors, who are looking forward to attending this year. NAYI’s theme this year is ‘Timeless Traditions,’ which will give us a chance to highlight NAYI through the years.”

NAYI is a week-long event featuring speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development opportunities and leadership experience. This year, NAYI will be held July 12-16, at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s East Campus. NAYI is made possible through numerous donations from agricultural businesses, commodity groups and industry organizations.

NAYI and additional youth learning opportunities throughout the year are organized by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC). The 21 college students who serve on NAYC are chosen by NDA to share their passion and knowledge about agriculture with young people across Nebraska. During NAYI, NAYC members provide valuable insight and advice about agriculture, college coursework and career building.

To learn more about NAYC or NAYI 2021 - visit <https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/>. Follow NAYI activities on Facebook by searching and liking the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute. On Twitter, follow @THE\_NAYC or #NAYI21.

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**NOTE TO MEDIA:** A list of the 2021 NAYI delegates and their hometowns is attached. Photos of the delegates can be requested by emailing [agr.webmaster@nebraska.gov](mailto:agr.webmaster@nebraska.gov).