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Diabetes Scholars Foundation Announces 2016 Scholarship Recipients

For fifth year in a row, Lilly Diabetes helps send standout students to college

PARK RIDGE, Ill. and INDIANAPOLIS, June 23, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- If the caliber of students receiving a Lilly Diabetes Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship is any indication, the future is in good hands. The 2016 scholarship winners, announced today online at www.diabetesscholars.org by the Diabetes Scholars Foundation (Foundation), refused to let type 1 diabetes stand in the way of academic and community service excellence.

Lilly Diabetes has supported the Foundation's scholarship program since 2012, and continues to advocate for people with diabetes. In the last five years, 84 students with type 1 diabetes have been awarded a Lilly Diabetes Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship. This year, the company contributed \$100,000 to the Foundation to help another 21 deserving students pursue their goals as they enter adulthood.

"We are honored to partner with Lilly Diabetes. This is a wonderful opportunity for these exceptional students," said Mary Podjasek, president of the Diabetes Scholars Foundation. "These students are our future. We are delighted to be a part of making their dreams come true."

Recipients such as Hailey, who will pursue a degree in economics and math and statistics at the University of Southern California, stand out for academic excellence. Another talented graduate, Saloni, who will be majoring in pre-med at Augusta University Medical College of Georgia, is just one example of the remarkable young people awarded today.

"It's remarkable to see what our scholarship winners have achieved at such a young age. Each one has ambition, drive and maturity well beyond their years," said Jacqueline Giovanoni, global director of advocacy and professional relations, Lilly Diabetes. "These students are living proof of what can be accomplished with hard work and dedication, not only to their schools and communities, but also to their health, as they manage their diabetes. We are honored to support this part of their journey."

Lilly Diabetes also funds a Foundation program that grants conference scholarships to families to attend the Children with Diabetes® Friends for Life® conference, an annual gathering of clinicians, researchers, physicians and families with diabetes held in Orlando, Fla. This year, Lilly Diabetes will give eight families the opportunity to learn about diabetes from world-leading experts and share their experiences with other families of children with type 1 diabetes.

To learn more about the Diabetes Scholars Foundation, visit www.diabetesscholars.org. For more on how Lilly Diabetes supports families and students with diabetes, visit www.lillydiabetes.com.

About the Diabetes Scholars Foundation

In 2004, a group of parents who have children with type 1 diabetes created the Diabetes Scholars Foundation. Their goal was to empower people living with type 1 diabetes through education. Headquartered in Rolling Meadows, Ill., it is the only foundation that funds college scholarships open to all students in the United States with type 1 diabetes. In the past seven years, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.25 million in college scholarships and helped over 3,000 people attend the annual Children with Diabetes® Friends for Life® conference in Orlando, Fla. In 2016, the Foundation received over 2,700 college scholarship applications from 50 states. Information about the Foundation is available at www.diabetesscholars.org.

About Lilly Diabetes

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