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First Citizens Announces 2017 Ag Scholarship Recipients

MANSFIELD, PA (July 2017) First Citizens Community Bank has awarded three students the First Citizens Ag Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year: Cameron Snook of Middleburg, Luke Shuey of Westfield and Lauryn Watkins of Roaring Branch.

Snook was selected for his involvement in the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) competition. His sincere passion for marketing and business enabled him to place in the top ten at the PA DECA State Competition in 2016. He also works on his family farm with 2,000 dairy cattle, 1,000 acres of cropland, and 3,000 hogs. Snook is a graduate of Midd-West High School, and plans to study Agribusiness at Penn State University Park.

Shuey, a fourth-generation farmer, is a grand champion swine showman. He has participated in beef, swine and dairy shows in the Tioga County Fair. When Shuey was eleven, he purchased cows, with the help of his father, to start his very own beef cattle production herd. Today, he owns 12 cows, and hopes to own and operate his own dairy farm in the future. He is an active member of FFA (Future Farmers of America) and a member of the National Honor Society. Shuey graduated from Cowanesque Valley High School, and plans to attend Alfred University for Ag-Dairy Science.

Watkins was chosen for her dedication to academics. Prior to graduation, she had taken several courses through Lackawanna College, Keystone College and Corning Community College. She is also a Future Farmers of America and National Honor Society member. Her family raises beef cattle, pigs, goats and horses. Watkins works as a horse trainer at Colorful Pastures. She is a graduate of Canton Area High School, and has been accepted to Penn State University to major in Agribusiness and minor in Equine Management.

The First Citizens Agricultural Scholarship has been awarded annually since 2012 to a senior high school student who plans to continue their education in an agricultural-related field. Funds are paid during the recipients second year in a college or trade school upon receipt of the student's prior year transcript. Students are awarded the scholarship based on academic merit and current involvement in activities that demonstrate dedication to agriculture.

The First Citizens Community Bank headquarters is located in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. They currently operate 26 offices throughout Pennsylvania and New York, serving Allegany, Tioga, Bradford, Potter, Clinton, Berks, Lebanon and Lancaster counties. For more information about First Citizens, visit www.firstcitizensbank.com or find them on Facebook.

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Photo caption: Cameron Snook, a recipient of the First Citizens Community Bank Agricultural Scholarship, receives his award from First Citizens Central Ag Lender and Team Leader, Blaine Fessler and Francis Strause, VP, Ag Lender.



Photo caption: Luke Shuey, a recipient of the First Citizens Community Bank Agricultural Scholarship, receives his award from First Citizens Agricultural Business Development Officer, Erin Cole and CEO and President Randy Black.



Photo caption: Lauryn Watkins, a recipient of the First Citizens Community Bank Agricultural Scholarship, receives her award from First Citizens Agricultural Business Development Officer, Erin Cole.