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**Koch Petroleum Group to Reward Students
With \$32,000 in Community Service Scholarships**
Sixteen Students to Receive \$2000 Each for Volunteer Efforts

Rosemount, Minn.— Sixteen high school seniors from eight Dakota County schools will receive a total of \$32,000 in community service scholarships from **Koch Petroleum Group, L.P.** at a special awards banquet on June 15.

The students will receive scholarships from Koch of \$2000 each for their consistent commitment to community involvement and academic achievement. Scholarship winners voluntarily serve in various organizations throughout the community and excel at academics as well, most ranking in the top 25 percent of their graduating classes.

Koch will present the scholarships at a banquet at the Doubletree Grand Hotel in Bloomington on June 15. Minnesota Speaker of the House Steve Sviggum will deliver the evening's keynote address and Tim Rusch, Vice President of Construction and Refinery Services will present each student with a certificate of recognition from Koch.

Koch annually presents community service scholarships to a female and male student representing high schools in Apple Valley, Eagan, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, Rosemount and South St. Paul. Scholarship recipients are selected for achievement in community service and academics and interest in math and science. Koch has sponsored the community service scholarships for seven years, awarding nearly \$107,000 to area youth.

"Each of these young people has made a significant contribution to our local communities," Rusch said. "Koch salutes them for their efforts and recognizes them for a job well done. They are a great example of what works in our communities."

Recipients of Koch's community service scholarships are: April M. Foss and Jon James Ochs from Hastings High School; Michael Schmidt and Molly Forester from Simley High School; Rebecca Sutter and David Berg from Rosemount High School; Heather Purdy and Yon Vetter from Eastview High School; Kelsey Norton and Roger Bailey from Henry Sibley High School; Deborah Jacobson and Mark Zee from Apple Valley High School; Rebecca Lyn Julik and Jaison Sam Justus from Eagan High School; and Kyle Briese and Kristin Rouse from South St. Paul High School.

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