## NEBRASKA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION NEWS RELEASE

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## NPPA Announces Participants in 2018 Pork Mentorship Program

The Nebraska Pork Producers Association is proud to welcome participants of the 2018 Pork Mentorship Program. This year, six college-age students will participate in the program, which has worked to further develop youth leaders through individual and group based learning experiences since 1999.

Participants in the 2018 Pork Mentorship Program are:

**Courtney Nelson** of Monroe, is a freshman at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln studying Agricultural Engineering. Courtney is the daughter of John and Susan Nelson.

**Halle Ramsey** of Ord, is a junior at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln studying Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication. Halle is the daughter of Clayton and Jennifer Ramsey.

**Hannah Lowe** of Murray, is a freshman at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln studying Agricultural Education. Hannah is the daughter of Bob and Wendy Lowe.

**McCyla Mickelson** of Kearney, is a freshman at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln studying Agribusiness. McCyla is the daughter of Toby and Carrie Mickelson.

**Sophia Lentfer** of Firth, is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln studying Animal Science. Sophia is the daughter of Jerry and Tess Lentfer.

**Tesheena Stewart** of Emerson, is a junior at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln studying Animal Science. Tesheena is the daughter of Randy and LaRita Stewart.

The 2018 Pork Mentorship Program is comprised of six members attending college at the University of Nebraska

Front: Hannah Lowe, Tesheena Stewart, Courtney Nelson Back: Sophia Lentfer, Halle Ramsey, McCyla Mickelson

- Lincoln, with academic majors that represent a cross section of interests and disciplines within the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Each year, participants in the Pork Mentorship Program participate in activities that encourage personal growth, career readiness, and develop leadership skills, while expanding their knowledge of the pork industry. Participants are also active in projects that encourage giving back to their community. Each of the participants will receive a \$500 scholarship upon the successful completion of requirements throughout the year-long program.

The Nebraska Pork Producers Association is a grassroots, incorporated, non profit organization established in 1961. NPPA was developed to promote the pork industry through the enhancement of consumer demand, producer education and research. For more information, visit NPPA's website at <a href="www.NEpork.org">www.NEpork.org</a>.