

# **NEBRASKA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION**

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### **NPPA Announces Participants in 2015 Pork Mentorship Program**

LINCOLN (January 29, 2015): The Nebraska Pork Producers Association is proud to welcome participants of the 2015 Pork Mentorship Program. This year, six students will participate in the program, which has worked to further develop youth leaders through high caliber individual and group based learning experiences since 1999.

Participants in the 2015 Pork Mentorship Program are: Callie Rathjen, daughter of Scott and Shellie Rathjen of York; Emily Wegener, daughter of Tim and Kerry Wegener of Fairmont, Minnesota; Jennifer Posthuma, daughter of Brian and Marcia Posthuma of Fox Lake, Wisconsin; Maranda Kegley, daughter of Randy and Marcie Kegley of Kearney; Sarah Morton, daughter of David and Tracy Morton of Nehawka; and Shannon Dierking, daughter of John and Phyllis Dierking of Tecumseh.

The 2015 Pork Mentorship Program is comprised of six young women attending college at the University of Nebraska – 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. They also participate 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 [www.NEpork.org](http://www.NEpork.org).*