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NEBRASKA STUDENTS TO TOUR TAIWAN

LINCOLN – Three Nebraska students will travel to Taiwan next week to experience the country’s agricultural education system, agricultural industry and to learn more about the role Nebraska agriculture plays in foreign markets.

The students are participating in a student exchange program between the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) and the National Taichung Agricultural Senior High School in Taiwan. For the past eleven years, three students from the Taiwan school have visited Nebraska to attend the annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) – a week-long summer program coordinated by NDA. In return, NDA chooses three NAYI delegates to travel to Taiwan.

“This exchange program is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience a different culture, and to see firsthand how far reaching Nebraska agriculture’s impact truly is,” said NDA Director Greg Ibach. “This is a program our students, and the students from Taiwan, look forward to every year.”

The trip is coordinated by NDA and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Kansas City and is sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau and TECO.

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The students will leave for Taiwan on December 7 and will return to Nebraska on December 12. While in Taiwan, the students will be staying at the Taichung school. Their visit will include tours of the campus, interaction with Taiwanese students, participation in presentations, visits to local farms, and observations of several agricultural research institutes. They also will have the opportunity to do some sightseeing.

The students will participate in the 2015 NAYI, where they will share their experiences with the delegates.

The three students selected by NDA are:

- Mr. Grant Suddarth from York. Grant is a senior at York High School and is the son of Zach and Lori Suddarth.
- Mr. Collin Thompson from Eustis. Collin is a senior at Eustis-Farnam and is the son of Tucker and Melissa Thompson.
- Mr. Jacob Wilkins from Ainsworth. Jacob is a senior at Ainsworth High School and is the son of Brad and Wendy Wilkins.

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