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Roseau High School Senior Receives Scholarship from Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson and the Association of Minnesota Counties

(ST. PAUL, MN)—**Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson**, Immediate Past President of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), selected **Ivy Braaten**, a senior at **Roseau High School**, to receive a \$3000 AMC Student Scholarship during AMC's Legislative Conference in St. Paul on February 16.

Candidates for the scholarship must demonstrate excellence in the classroom, actively participate in intra- and/or extra-curricular activities and serve as a role model for his or her peers. The scholarship recipient must also share the AMC vision of a future that contains active civic participation, community pride and a sense of community responsibility. The scholarship is made possible through donations made during a silent auction at the association's annual conference each December.

"As the immediate past president of AMC one of the great things that I get to do is select an outstanding high school student from Roseau County to receive the AMC Student Scholarship Award," Swanson said.

Braaten is currently president of the RHS National Honor Society, vice-president of her senior class, secretary of her 4-H Club, a student representative on a local public health coalition, a Target Team member, a three-sport athlete, and carries a 3.92 grade point average. She plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

"I asked the scholarship candidates to write a brief essay on how they will make a positive impact in the world during their lifetime and Ivy's essay reflected on her life growing up on a farm, which she says, "instilled values of optimism, perseverance and involvement," Swanson said.

"She also explained that her upbringing cultivated a passion for hard work and that she will strive to offer service to those in need," Swanson continued. "Those are powerful words from a high school senior who will make a positive difference."

AMC is a voluntary statewide organization of Minnesota's 87 counties that helps provide effective county governance to the people of Minnesota. Through intergovernmental relations, communications and education, AMC seeks to improve the operation of Minnesota's county governments and the services that counties provide to their citizens.

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Caption: Ivy Braaten, a Roseau High School senior, and Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson, who selected Braaten for the 2017 Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Student Scholarship.