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**CMAB Awards Eleven Student Arts Scholarships**

At the April 13, 2017 meeting, The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded Arts Scholarships to eleven students totaling $16,500. The Student Arts Scholarship Program is designed to support individuals entering or enrolled in an accredited institution and who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in the arts. Applicants are eligible to receive up to four Student Arts Scholarships in a lifetime.

A panel of volunteer artists, arts professionals and educators evaluate each applicant according to established criteria. The CMAB directors received the recommendation from the panel and awarded funding to applicants that scored the highest.

The **CMAB Student Arts Scholarship Award recipients are** (listed alphabetically by city):

**Gabrielle Cordes**
Buffalo, MN
$1,500 Student Art Scholarship
Arts Education/Studio Arts at University of Wisconsin, Madison

**Michael Wegter**
Buffalo, MN
$1,500 Student Arts Scholarship
Music at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

**Isabella Searcy**
Buffalo, MN
$1,500 Student Arts Scholarship
Violin Performance at Luther College, Iowa

**Jonathan Miller**
Buffalo, MN
$1,500 Student Arts Scholarship
Music Education with an emphasis on choral conducting at University of Northwestern-St. Paul.

**Christopher Brewer**
St. Michael, MN
$1,500 Student Art Scholarship
Video Game Design and Development at University of Wisconsin-Stout

**Nicole Meyer**
St. Michael, MN
$1,500 Student Arts Scholarship
Fine Arts and Theater at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
EMMA CRANE  
Elk River, MN  
$1,500 Student Arts Scholarship  
Vocal Music Education at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

KENNEDY STRAIN  
Elk River, MN  
$1,500 Student Arts Scholarship  
Graphic Design at University of Wisconsin, Madison

CLAIRE MILLER  
St. Cloud, MN  
$1,500 Student Arts Scholarship  
Fine Arts at Laguna College of Art and Design, California

AARON EVANS  
Sartell, MN  
$1,500 Student Arts Scholarship  
Industrial Design at Iowa State University

ZOE ROGERS  
Sauk Rapids, MN  
$1,500 Student Arts Scholarship  
Fine Arts at University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) strives to enhance appreciation of the essential economic and social roles the arts play in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties by providing grants and professional development services to arts and community organizations, schools, government units and individuals.

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board grant opportunities and services go to www.centralmnartsboard.org or call 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140. For print resolution photos of students, contact Melissa at media@centralmnartsboard.org, 320-968-4290 ext. 4.