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**For Immediate Release:**

**Lammers Chosen as the 2020 Recipient of the Sioux Center Chamber Homecoming Grant**

The Sioux Center Chamber is pleased to announce that Miranda Lammers has been named as this year's recipient of the Homecoming Grant. Miranda will receive \$6000, payable over four years, to assist with school loans. The Chamber initiated this annual program in 2018 to help recruit and retain talent to Sioux Center.

Miranda is a graduate of Sioux Center High School and graduated from Iowa State University in December 2019 and works as a Quality Control Technician at TransOva Genetics. "This grant is meaningful to me because I am proud to be a member of the Sioux Center community. Their willingness to give back to members of the community is heartwarming. Because of their generosity, I plan to give back by volunteering at the Sioux County Fair and other community events," stated Miranda.

"It was very interesting and rewarding to hear Miranda tell us about how the Sioux Center community at large supported her and provided developmental opportunities for her over the years. Even more exciting was hearing about some of her goals of ways she hopes to give back to the community through volunteering for youth programs as well as through her job," stated Denny Van Zanten, Sioux Center Plant Manager for Pella Corp. and a member of the Homecoming Grant selection committee.

"We were excited with the number and quality of applications we again received this year," shared Barb Den Herder, CEO of the Sioux Center Chamber. All applicants needed to meet the following criteria: graduated from a two- or four-year college in 2018, 2019, or 2020; lived in the 51250 ZIP code when they graduated from high school; had accepted an offer for a position in Sioux Center; and had student debt more than \$6000. Applicants were evaluated on their level of involvement in the community, their history of volunteer experience, and their interest in investing in our community. "It was a very difficult decision, and all candidates are wonderful investments to our community. We are fortunate to have this level of talent working in Sioux Center," includes Den Herder.

The Homecoming Grant is an annual program of the Sioux Center Chamber. Applications for next year's grant will be available on the chamber website in November of 2020.

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