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WGA AWARDS \$7,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Reston, Virginia (July 12, 2001) — The Women Grocers of America (WGA) is proud to announce that seven students have been awarded Mary Macey Scholarships of \$1,000 each for the 2001-2002 academic year. Recipients are:

Renee M. Diodati of Constantia, New York, is a senior at Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, New York, majoring in Business Administration and Human Services. Renee has worked in the grocery industry since 1983 at P&C Food Market in Camden, New York, and is working her way towards a management position. Renee was also a Mary Macey Scholarship recipient last year.

Venessa M. Funches of Birmingham, Alabama, is working on a Ph.D. in Marketing at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. She has her own consulting firm and assisted the Internet grocer delivery business, Grocer by Demand, in the start-up of their business.

Mary Ann Hansen of Norfolk, Nebraska, is a junior at Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis on management and marketing. She has worked for HyVee in Norfolk since 1996 and is looking forward to making the grocery industry her career.

Faith Maureen Mahler of Plymouth, Indiana, is a senior at Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana, majoring in Business Administration. She has worked at Martin's Super Market #7 since August 1998 - first as a cashier, then in the courtesy booth. In early 1999, Faith assisted in training newly hired personnel when Martin's Super Market opened a new store in Plymouth. Her goal is to work as an assistant manager or in human resources.

Anna Marie Phelps of St. Peters, Missouri, is a junior at Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri, majoring in Business Administration/Human Resources Management. Since October 1998, Anna has worked at Dierbergs Markets, Mid Rivers and participates in their Career Development Center Program designed to help associates prepare for advancement in the company. Her goal is to continue in the marketing department at Dierbergs or move into the human resources department.

Kimberly A. Pratz of Portland, Oregon, will graduate in the spring of 2002 from Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, with a Masters degree in Finance. Kimberly currently works as a financial analyst at Fred Meyer Co. and, one day, hopes to become controller. Kimberly was also a Mary Macey Scholarship recipient last year.

Tiffany Paige Southerland of Parrottsville, Tennessee, is a senior at Walter's State Community College, Morristown, Tennessee, majoring in Accounting. She has worked for K-VA-T Food Stores for five years, first as a courtesy clerk and currently as a front-end manager. Tiffany looks forward to a career in the grocery industry.

The Women Grocers of America is an information and advisory arm of the National Grocers Association (N.G.A.), for women involved in the grocery industry, either in their own careers, a family business, or through a spouse employed in any segment of the grocery distribution system.

In addition to offering yearly scholarships through the Mary Macey Scholarship program, WGA gives recognition to women in the grocery industry through its Woman of the Year Award. Presented during N.G.A.'s Annual Convention, this award pays tribute to women for their involvement in the grocery industry as well as in their communities. WGA also encourages all segments of the grocery industry to promote breast cancer awareness and prevention, and supports National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Mammography Day in October.

N.G.A. is the national trade association representing the retail and wholesale grocers that comprise the

independent sector of the food distribution industry. An independent retailer is a privately owned or controlled food retail company operating in a variety of formats. Some are publicly traded but with controlling shares held by the family. Most independent operators are serviced by wholesale distributors, while others may be partially or fully self-distributing. Independents are the true “entrepreneurs” of the grocery industry and dedicated to their customers, associates, and communities. N.G.A. members include retail and wholesale grocers and their state associations, as well as manufacturers and service suppliers.