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## **2017 National Ag Day Photo Contest**

### *Agriculture Council of America Announces 2017 National Ag Day Essay Contest Winners*

The Agriculture Council of America has announced the winners of the 2017 National Ag Day video and written essay contest winners. The winners were chosen based on the 2017 Theme: Agriculture: Food for Life.

The theme presented an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry is working to provide for a growing population. Entrants chose to either write an essay or create a video focusing on how today's growers are overcoming challenges to provide a safe, stable food supply for the ever-changing future.

“CHS enthusiastically supports rural youth and is proud to showcase their ideas and initiative,” says Annette Degnan, marketing communications director, CHS Inc., one of this year's essay contest sponsors. “The essay and video contests provide the perfect platform for their visions and dreams to be shared with a broader audience.”

The national written essay winner, Bridger Gordon from Whitewood, South Dakota, receives a \$1,000 prize and travel to Washington, D.C., for recognition at the National Press Club on March 21, 2017. During this event, he will have the opportunity to read the winning essay as well as join with industry representatives and media. Video essay winner, Hadassah McKinley from Bella Vista, California wins a \$1,000 prize. Both entries can be viewed online at [www.agday.org/2017-contest-winners](http://www.agday.org/2017-contest-winners).

This is the 44th anniversary of National Ag Day. The goal of the ACA is to provide a spotlight on agriculture and the food and fiber industry. The ACA not only helps consumers understand how food and fiber products are produced, but also brings people together to celebrate accomplishments in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

The Ag Day Essay Contest is sponsored by CHS Inc., National Association of Farm Broadcasting and Penton Agriculture.

National Ag Day is organized by the Agriculture Council of America and celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. ACA is a nonprofit organization composed of leaders in the agricultural, food and fiber community, dedicating its efforts to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society.

Founded in 1973, National Ag Day encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

Learn more and register for events at [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org).