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**MAEF ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE 2021 DR. RONALD J. SEIBEL SCHOLARSHIP**

**(HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND)** – May 11, 2021- The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation is pleased to announce brothers Joshua and Zachary Baker of Adamstown, Md., as recipients of the 2021 Dr. Ronald J. Seibel Scholarship. The Seibel Scholarship was open to students pursuing a two-year or four-year degree in majors leading to careers in agriculture or agriculture education.

Zachary and Joshua Baker are full-time students at the Institute of Agriculture in College Park, Md. The brothers plan to use their studies to carry out the operations and uphold the legacy of their family farm located in Montgomery County, Maryland.

 “I am very passionate about agriculture and my family's farm. I am excited to carry the torch and add my spin on my grandparent's legacy and my father's legacy. I have grown up seeing how hard-working and passionate my father is to continue to grow and expand our operation. He has made vast improvements and has been able to balance all the aspects of our business to ensure we are always progressing. I want to be able to take what he has taught me and learn more relevant knowledge and practices in our industry to follow in my father's footsteps,” said Joshua Baker in his application for the scholarship.

The recipients of the Seibel Scholarship will receive $1,500 in support of their academic achievements and pursuit of a career in agriculture education.

Ronald J. Seibel established this scholarship fund during his lifetime to support students seeking agricultural degrees or certificates. As a former educator and longtime director of the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, Dr. Seibel was a passionate supporter of agricultural education

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