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# Press Release

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## **MID-AMERICA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SELECTS 2021 BOB ADY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The Mid-America Economic Development Council recently selected the 2021 recipients for the annual Bob Ady Scholarship Program. The scholarship program is named in memory of Bob Ady, a champion for economic development in the U.S. and especially the Mid-America region.

This scholarship program is available for Mid-America Economic Development Council members and non-members. Applicants were evaluated based on their interest in economic development overall, as well as their interest in the Mid-America Economic Development Council organization. This year's scholarship program is designed to assist with professional mentoring throughout the year and attendance to both of Mid-America EDC's 2021 Conferences – the Virtual Best Practices Conference to be held May 12-13, and the Mid-America Competitiveness Conference & Site Selector Forum to be held December 1-3 in Chicago, Illinois.

“Each Bob Ady Scholarship award winner brings new thinking and a fresh perspective to the field of economic development. These are exactly the qualities that keep the field relevant and pertinent even in times of sweeping economic, political, technical, and social change,” said Janet Ady, Bob's daughter and President and CEO of Ady Advantage. “Over 50 promising economic development professionals have now been awarded scholarships to attend Mid-America Economic Development Association conferences, bringing what they learn back to their home states and communities to help advance economic development across the country.”

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Mid-America EDC board members and Co-chairs of the 2021 Bob Ady Scholarship committee Anja Bendel and Tim Holverson agree, “Mid-America EDC is thrilled to continue our partnership with Janet and the entire Ady family who graciously support professional development in our economic development field by underwriting the Bob Ady Scholarship program. This scholarship allows us to support economic development professionals from across the Midwest as they strive to improve their knowledge and skills in our field while simultaneously networking with peers from across our region.”

**Congratulations to the 2021 Bob Ady Scholarship Recipients!**

- **Jalen Boney, Business Development Manager, Michigan City – Indiana**
- **Eric DeKorne, Business Retention & Expansion Manager, Greater Green Bay Chamber - Wisconsin**
- **Jack Gottfried, Community Development Specialist, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission - Minnesota**
- **Erin Hirn, City Administrator, City of Mineral Point – Wisconsin**
- **Andrew Nilges, Executive Director, North Sioux City Economic Development Corporation – South Dakota**

The Mid-America Economic Development Council is a multi-state association dedicated to being the leading resource for education, making connections, and sharing best practices for economic development professionals.

Ady Advantage is a specialized site selection and economic development consultancy that has helped more than 500 economic development organizations grow and diversify their economies by providing a suite of integrated research, marketing, and planning services.

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