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Kristin Safran College Scholarship Awarded to Madison Sas

Alexandria, VA - Penn State University freshman Madison “Maddie” Sas is the 2017 recipient of the Drinking Water Research Foundation's (DWRf) Kristin Safran College Scholarship. Maddie, whose father James works at Creekside Springs in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, began her studies at Penn State this fall with plans to study engineering. She graduated from Ambridge Area High School, and while she excelled academically, she also participated in numerous extracurricular activities. Maddie was active in sports, including varsity soccer and track, and was a member in many clubs, including the National Honor Society and Young Women’s Leader Club. Maddie graduated in the top 10 percent of her class with a 4.0 grade point average—an impressive achievement considering the majority of her coursework consisted of honors or AP classes. Maddie received many awards for her achievements, including the Society of Women’s Engineers Award, and she was heavily involved in community service and volunteering efforts at her high school and in her community.

During the judging process, the Kristin Safran College Scholarship Selection Committee—made up of DWRf Trustees Jack West, Stew Allen, and Kristin’s widower, Russ Safran—blindly reviewed applications from children or grandchildren of IBWA members (i.e., judges did not know the names of the children or parents, or the company the parents worked for when reviewing applications). DWRf created the Kristin Safran College Scholarship Fund in February 2010 in honor of former IBWA Board of Directors member Kristin Safran (ARK Specialty Services), who passed away in 2009. The scholarship was established to help high school seniors pursue their college studies. For more on DWRf, visit www.thefactsaboutwater.org.

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- To conduct research and disseminate information regarding the sources, evaluation and production of safe and affordable drinking water, including bottled water, tap water and filtered water, and the associated health benefits related thereto.
- To evaluate alternative techniques for production and delivery of drinking water under emergency conditions.
- To educate the public and provide information regarding effective means for complying with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and related state and international laws and regulations.
- To provide education to the public regarding drinking water quality, production and delivery.

DWRF remains dedicated to the continuous development of scientific research in areas of interest to consumers and the drinking water industry, including bottled water, tap water and filtered water. Co-located with and partially supported by the International Bottled Water Association in Alexandria, VA, the Foundation strongly supports tap water infrastructure and quality improvements: measures that may directly impact manufacturing process waters as well as the finished product quality of some utility-sourced bottled waters. Scientific results obtained through DWRF-sponsored research projects are recognized nationally and internationally as important reference tools by which to make better informed policy decisions regarding drinking water. These sponsored projects and other scientific works, articles, and related news items are cited in this DWRF website to promote a better understanding of *The Facts about Water*.

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