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Jefferson City, MO — The Clean Fuels Alliance Foundation has awarded the 2022 Beth Calabotta Sustainable Education Grant to Caleb Moellenhoff. Moellenhoff, an undergraduate researcher and chemical engineering honors student at the Missouri University of Science and Technology, is working with a team to develop a novel modular biodiesel plant. This grant provides Moellenhoff with grant money and the opportunity to attend this year's Clean Fuels Sustainability Workshop where he will meet industry and scientific leaders in the field.

"This grant will help me continue in the development of a novel biodiesel process," Mollenhoff said. "I believe biodiesel will revolutionize the industry through its superior sustainability, efficiency and practicality. I am very thankful and excited for this opportunity."

Figure 1:Caleb Mollenhoff

Mollenhoff, originally from Ballwin, Missouri, plans to pursue a Ph.D. in chemical engineering and continue research in alternative fuels.

"I am deeply devoted to continuing in research of biofuels in order to improve the economy, national security, air quality and the environment," Mollenhoff wrote in his grant application. "I am passionate about the future of biodiesel and my future in it. Similar to Beth, I am in the heartland of America and strongly committed to biofuels and sustainability."

The Beth Calabotta Sustainable Education Grant was established to help deserving students interested in clean fuels, science and research. The grant honors scientist and past Foundation director Beth Calabotta. Her legacy and dedication to biodiesel sustainability made a tremendous impact on the industry.

"First offered in 2018, this grant continues Beth's efforts to encourage students in science and research," said Tom Verry, executive director of the Clean Fuels Alliance Foundation. "Beth was an integral part of the Foundation, and we believe she would be very delighted to know that Caleb was receiving this year's award."

About the Beth Calabotta Sustainable Education Grant

Beth had an unquenchable love for agriculture and life-sciences. Later in her career, Calabotta's efforts focused almost solely on the development of biofuels as viable energy alternatives to conventional fuels. Based on Calabotta's work, the Foundation and the Clean Fuels Alliance America Board want to continue building on the idea that adopting innovative technologies and diversifying markets will produce environmental benefits that can be documented through research and data.



About the Clean Fuels Foundation

The Foundation works closely with Clean Fuels Alliance America to address national issues affecting us all -- cleaner air, greater economic development for rural communities and enhanced national security through energy independence. Organized in 1994, the mission of the Foundation is to accomplish outreach, education, research and demonstration activities for the advancement of biodiesel, renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuels. For more information, visit www.cleanfuelsfoundation.org