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Spencer Miller and Gunnar Aune selected as Washington's Wheat Ambassadors

(Ritzville, WA November 4, 2019) Two high school seniors have been selected to represent Washington wheat farmers and will serve as the Washington Wheat Ambassadors for the upcoming year. Spencer Miller of Ritzville and Gunnar Aune of LaCrosse were selected after an initial written application process that also included submitting a short introductory video.

Miller and Aune will each be giving a speech at the upcoming Washington Association of Wheat Growers Annual Awards Banquet on November 14 during the Tri-State Grain Growers Convention in Spokane. The seniors will be judged on the quality of their presentation, and at the conclusion of the banquet, scholarships funded by the Washington Wheat Foundation of \$2,500 and \$2,000 will be awarded. Miller and Aune will represent Washington wheat farmers at various civic and community events and will also participate in an advocacy trip to Olympia with WAWG leaders.

Spencer is the son of Mike and Marci Miller. The multi-generational family farm is located outside of Ritzville. Spencer has maintained a high scholastic achievement throughout high school and has been active in numerous school and community activities. In addition to being a varsity athlete in football and baseball, Spencer is active in FFA, Honor Society, and is a Link Crew volunteer and a Washington Aerospace Scholar. Spencer plans to continue his education at a university to study mechanical engineering and to eventually serve in the United States Army before possibly returning to the family farm.

Gunnar is the son of Leonard and Stacy Aune and their multi-generation family farm is near LaCrosse. Gunnar has maintained a strong grade point average at Colfax High School. He also excels out of the classroom by being very active in school and community activities. His interests include being involved in three varsity sports, FFA, ASB President, Honor Society member, and serves on the WIAA LEAP Committee. Gunnar has a passion for the agriculture industry, both in its diversity and advancing technology, and plans on attending a university to eventually become an Agriculture/BioSystems Engineer.

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About WAWG: Education and outreach are the heart of Washington Association of Wheat Growers activity, all of which is aimed at helping Washington wheat families. Since 1954, WAWG has been dedicated to the enrichment of the Washington wheat industry as a nonprofit trade association, which depends on volunteers, membership dues and donations to carry out activities as representatives on the state and national levels. WAWG monitors state, transportation, research and natural resources policy and partners with the National Association of Wheat Growers to monitor national farm policy. Visit wawg.org for more information. For more information on this or other related issues, please contact Michelle Hennings, Executive Director of Washington Association of Wheat Growers at, 509-659-0610, michelle@wawg.org Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Washington-Association-of-Wheat-Growers-194847140538562> Twitter: @WAWheatGrowers