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HEIMERDINGER AWARDED 2018 ADKINS ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP

LENA, IL, May 21, 2018 — Adkins Energy LLC is proud to continue its tradition of helping a promising area student pay for higher education. Gwen Heimerdinger has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from Adkins.

Gwen is the daughter of James and Leann Heimerdinger and is a 2018 graduate of Pearl City High School. She plans to seek a master's degree in animal science, ag communications or ag economics.

Entries were judged on academic achievement and an essay: **Why is Ethanol Important to Agriculture?**

Gwen's essay outlined the benefits of ethanol to the local and national economy, from providing nutritious animal feed from byproducts of the ethanol process to the export of 1 billion gallons of ethanol to 34 nations around the world.

She concluded her essay by predicting, "the production of ethanol is a thriving source that has and will continue (to) strengthen the agricultural industry."

Adkins Energy congratulates Gwen and all area graduates, and wishes them good luck in their next endeavors, whether it is school or work (or a combination of both).

Adkins Energy is a dry mill corn-to-ethanol and biodiesel facility located in northwest Illinois. It is owned by over 275 local investors and Pearl City Elevator, and employs 40 people.

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Since it started production in 2002, Adkins has processed over 225 million bushels of corn to produce over 625 million gallons of ethanol and over 3.1 million tons of wet and dried distillers' grains. Since 2015, Adkins Energy is currently operating a 2 million gallon per year biodiesel facility that is fully integrated into its ethanol operations. For more information contact Adkins Energy (1-888-ETHANOL) or visit www.adkinsenergy.com.

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A downloadable photo of Gwen and Adkins Board Member Jay Butson is available here:
<http://www.adkinsenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/adkins-scholarship-winner-2018-min.jpeg>