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TEWAARATON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2015 NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS, PRESENTED BY US LACROSSE

WASHINGTON, May 18 — The Tewaaraton Foundation has announced the recipients of the ninth annual Tewaaraton Native American Scholarships, presented by US Lacrosse. Awarded to one male and one female student each year, the scholarship honors high school students of Haudenosaunee / Iroquois heritage who exemplify high character, leadership, and academics both on and off the lacrosse field. Applicants are asked to submit an essay describing what the sport of lacrosse means to them as a Native American, as well as two letters of recommendation and a high school transcript.

The 2015 scholarship winners are Lynnzee Miller, Mohawk Nation, Wolf Clan, and Chaunce Hill, Six Nations Seneca, Turtle Clan.

Lynnzee is a senior at The Hill Academy in Concord, Ontario, and will graduate in June. From there, Lynnzee will compete this summer in the FIL Under-19 Women's World Championship in Edinburgh, Scotland, for the Haudenosaunee. She will attend and play lacrosse at Siena College this fall. Lynnzee embraces the challenges of both playing and educating teammates about the cultural importance of lacrosse. Her dedication to teaching the spiritual significance of the game and her distinguished career, as evidenced by her numerous accolades on the local, regional and national level, make Lynnzee an inspiration for native youth everywhere.

Chaunce Hill hails from Tonawanda Seneca and will graduate from Akron (N.Y.) High School with a 3.7 GPA in June 2015. Before his senior year, Chaunce took part in the Two Row Wampum canoe trip down the Hudson River from Upstate New York to Manhattan to honor the ongoing significance of the Two Row Wampum Treaty of 1613. Chaunce was also captain of his varsity basketball and lacrosse teams during his senior year. After high school, he will go on to play lacrosse at University of Albany. Chaunce is a dedicated part of his community and an outstanding student who exemplifies all that the Foundation and US Lacrosse strive to honor with this scholarship.

"We are proud to continue our commitment to helping Native American youth achieve their dreams on the lacrosse field and in the classroom through our partnership with the Tewaaraton Foundation," said Steve Stenersen, President and CEO of US Lacrosse. "We encourage young Iroquois student-athletes to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity in the years to come."

Each scholarship recipient is awarded $10,000 for education — $5,000 for each of their

first and second years in college. The Tewaaraton Foundation also covers travel expenses for winners and parents to attend the Tewaaraton Award Ceremony, which will take place on May 28 in Washington, D.C.

More information on the Tewaaraton Award and previous scholarship winners can be found at **www.Tewaaraton.com**.

For more information on the Tewaaraton Award, how to donate to this non-profit or to attend this exciting event, visit Tewaaraton.com. Like and follow The Tewaaraton Foundation at Facebook.com/Tewaaraton, Twitter.com/Tewaaraton and Instagram.com/Tewaaraton.

About The Tewaaraton Foundation
The Tewaaraton Award is recognized as the pre-eminent lacrosse award, annually honoring the top male and female college lacrosse player in the United States. The Award symbolizes lacrosse's centuries-old roots in Native American heritage and is endorsed by the Mohawk Nation Council of Elders and US Lacrosse. The Tewaaraton Foundation is a non-profit that defines the mission and upholds the integrity of The Tewaaraton Award. Each year, the Tewaaraton Award celebrates one of the six tribal nations of the Iroquois Confederacy – the Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora – and presents two scholarships to students of Native American descent. To learn more about The Tewaaraton Foundation, visit Tewaaraton.com.

About US Lacrosse
US Lacrosse, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, is the national governing body for men's and women's lacrosse. US Lacrosse has more than 450,000 members in 68 regional chapters around the country. Through responsive and effective leadership, US Lacrosse strives to provide programs and services to inspire participation while protecting the integrity of the game. To learn more about US Lacrosse, please visit **www.uslacrosse.org**.

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