Congratulations to our outstanding Golden Opportunity (GO) and Greenfield Scholars! The GO Scholar and Mentor Selection Committee selected these students from a large pool of applicants based on their career goals, academics, and interest in agronomy, crop science, or soil science. These scholars will have the opportunity to network with their mentor over the coming year and meet in person at the Annual Meeting.

A special thank you goes out to our members and Certified Crop Advisers who have volunteered to mentor the 2018 class of scholars. This year, we were fortunate enough to have far more mentor volunteers than we have scholars! Mentor and scholars are paired by the selection committee based on the scholar’s career goals and interests.

To learn more about the Golden Opportunity Institute, visit goldenopportunityscholars.org.

GO Scholars

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Mentor: Ajeinder Kaler

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Mentor: Stephanie Wedryk

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