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**INTERNATIONAL CEMETERY, CREMATION AND FUNERAL ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCES 2018 UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

STERLING, VA (May 29, 2018) – This year’s recipients of the ICCFA

Educational Foundation scholarships for ICCFA University come from 19 states, including Brazil, Canada and Colombia. The 31 recipients include people who hold many different positions at ICCFA-member funeral homes, cemeteries and industry suppliers.

Thanks to generous donors who believe that professional development is important to the well-being of the profession, the Educational Foundation was able to award a total of 31 scholarships to the 2018 session of ICCFAU. (The foundation also awards scholarships to ICCFA’s Wide World of Sales and Fall conferences.) Below are this year’s recipients:

- Keith Babbitt, City of Miami, Miami, OK: Merendino Veterans Scholarship, made possible by *Merendino Cemetery Care*
- Felipe Alves Badotti, Memoria Cemiterio e Crematorio Ltda, Passo Fundo, Brazil: Made possible by *ASD*
- Zachary Blotter, Green Hills Mortuary, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA: Made possible by *Service Corporation International*
- Troy O’Brien, Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, Chesterton, IN: Made possible by *Park Lawn Corporation*
- Pamela Brown, Hillside Cemetery, Wilton, CT: Made possible by *Memorial Classic Golf Tournament*

- Sherri Campbell, The Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, PA: Made possible by *Live Oak Bank*
- Deborah Gagnon, Knollwood Cemetery, Canton, MA: Sustainability Scholarship, made possible by *Laurel Hills Cemetery*
- Denise Goodwin, Curlew Hills Memorial Gardens, Palm Harbor, FL: Made possible by *Park Lawn Corporation*
- Dora Guereca, Miller-Jones Mortuary & Cemetery, Murrieta, CA: Made possible by *Women In Leadership Committee*
- Tyeme Woods-Harris, Gregory B Levitt & Sons Funeral Home, Lawrenceville, GA: Made possible by *Trigard*
- Larry Hawkins, Fort Park Cemeteries, Shreveport, LA: Made possible by *ASD*
- Heidi Hickman, Forest Park Funeral Home, Shreveport, LA: Made possible by *Batesville*
- Cindy Hulse, Bulloch Memorial Gardens, Statesboro, GA: Made possible by *Memorial Classic Golf Tournament*
- Tom Kiley, Kirby & Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Mountain Home, AR: Central States Endowment Fund Award, made possible by *Central States Endowment Fund*
- Heather Leigh, Greenhaven Memorial Gardens, Elgin, SC: Made possible by *Regions Bank*
- Diego Molina Lopes, Grupo Primavera, Guarulhos, BR: Made possible by *Cypress Lawn/Kenneth Edward Varner Memorial Scholarship*
- Bradley Mason, Evans Funeral Home, Richland, WA: Made possible by *ASD*
- Andrei Matzenbacher, Grupo Jardim Da Saudade Curitiba, Brazil: Made possible by *Memorial Classic Golf Tournament*
- Angela McCracken, Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, OH: Made possible by *Park Lawn Corporation*
- Tracy McFee, Oliver's Funeral Home, Grande Prairie, AB Canada: Made possible by *Batesville*
- Frank Oldani, Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association, Clinton Township, MI: Made possible by *Matthews Aurora*
- Colleen Rafferty, Rose Hills Cemetery, Hagerstown, MD: Made possible by *Matthews Aurora*
- Lori Salberg, Johnson Consulting Group, Scottsdale, AZ: Made possible by *Memorial Classic Golf Tournament*
- Alesia Skinner, Paxtang Cemetery, Harrisburg, PA: Made possible by *Women In Leadership Committee*
- Michelle Slusher, Green Hills Mortuary, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA: Made possible by *Park Lawn Corporation*

- Ron Swanson, Einar's at Sunset, Richland, WA: Made possible by *Eagles Wings Air*
- Santiago Tavera, Funeraria La Esperanza S.A., Carrera: Made possible by *Service Corporation International*
- Monica Torres, Next Generation Mortuary Support, Phoenix, AZ: Made possible by *Memorial Classic Golf Tournament*
- Gretchen Varnell, Greenoaks Funeral Home & Memorial Park, Baton Rouge, LA: Made possible by *Service Corporation International*
- Stephanie Zimmerman, Global Atlantic Financial Group, Batesville, IN: Made possible by *Batesville*
- Becky Zoch, City of Evansville Cemeteries, Evansville, IN: Made possible by *Batesville*

ICCFAU will be held July 20-25, 2018, at the Fogelman Executive Center, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. Spots in the eight colleges are still available. For more information, go to www.iccfa.com/university or you can call 1.800.645.7700. Scholarship applications to attend the July 2019 session of ICCFAU will be available late this year at www.iccfa.com and are generally due in February. For more information about the Educational Foundation, contact ICCFA General Counsel Bob Fells, robertfells@iccfa.com; or ICCFA Educational Foundation President Jim Price, jprice@midwestmemorialgroup.com, 248.290.0338.

Founded in 1887, the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association is the only international trade association representing all segments of the cemetery, cremation, funeral and memorialization profession. Its membership is composed of more than 9,100 rooftop locations and 20,000 professionals in the cemetery, funeral home and crematory industries, as well as supplier and related businesses worldwide.

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