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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AWARDS 85 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE 2019 ICCFA UNIVERSITY

STERLING, VA (April 30, 2019) – Thanks to generous donors who believe that professional development is important to the well-being of the profession, the Educational Foundation awarded a record of 85 scholarships to the 2019 session of ICCFAU. Scholarship recipients represent ICCFA members from 28 states and Brazil, Canada, Colombia, El Salvador, Guam, and Uruguay, who hold many different positions at 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 85 scholarships to the 2019 session of ICCFAU. (The foundation also awards scholarships to ICCFA's Wide World of Sales Conference.) Below are this year's recipients:

- Felipe Badotti, Memorial Cemiterio e Crematorio LTDA, Passo Fundo, RS, Brazil
- Ray Baldonado, Daniels Family Funeral Services, Rio Rancho, New Mexico
- Susan Barney, Greenleaf Memorial Park, Inc., New Bern, North Carolina
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- Emily Biersdorf, Green Hills Mortuary and Memorial Chapel, Rancho Palos Verdes, California
- Fred Billups, G.A.R. Cemetery City of Miami, Miami, Oklahoma
- Cinnamon Bombard, Flanner Buchanan/Washington Park Cemetery, Indianapolis,
 Indiana
- David Boyle, Town of Chelmsford Cemeteries, Chelmsford, Massachusetts
- Ryan Brooke, Oakwood Memorial Park, Ottawa, Illinois
- Pamela Brown, Hillside Cemetery, Wilton, Connecticut
- Amanda Butler, Smith Family Funeral Home, North Little Rock, Arkansas
- Carlos Camara, Cemiterio Recanto Da Paz LTDA, Iranduba, AM, Brazil
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- Carlos Camargo, Universal Empreedimentos LTDA, Curitiba, PR, Brazil
- Emily Christopherson, Professional Cemetery Services, Dundee, Illinois
- Chris Clements, Oliver's Funeral Home & Crematorium, Grand Prairie, AB,
 Canada
- Carlos Colon, US Chemical & Funeral Supplies, Miami, Florida
- Michael Conti, Albany Diocesan Cemeteries, Albany, New York
- Ethan Crawford, Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio
- Michelle Cregor, Larkin Mortuary, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Judith Cruz, LMS Guam, Tumon, Guam
- Colin Cumberworth, Gethsemane Cemetery and Memorial Gardens, Charlotte,
 North Carolina
- Jennifer Danko, LETUM, Inc., Belton, Texas

- Rafael Domenciano, Parque Memorial De Goiânia, Goiânia, GO, Brazil
- Brian Dresang, St. Joseph Cemetery, Appleton, Wisconsin
- Stanley Eastep, Williams Funeral Homes & Crematory, Columbia, Tennessee
- Mary Ferwerda, Graham-Hitch Mortuary, Pleasanton, California
- Evan Frew, Biondan North America Inc., Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
- Danny Funchess, Citadel Management LLC, Forest City, North Carolina
- **Deborah Gagnon**, Knollwood Cemetery Corp., Sharon, Massachusetts
- Floyd Garcia, Stegenga Funeral Chapel, Belmont, Michigan
- Porscha Gay, Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service Decatur, Georgia
- Sandra Goldman, Hebrew Cemetery Association of Greater Charlotte, Charlotte,
 North Carolina
- Jolena Grande, Cypress College Mortuary Science, Cypress, California
- Steven Harris, Curlew Hills Funeral Home, Palm Harbor, Florida
- Veronica Van Hof, Baltimore Humane Society Memorial Park, Reisterstown,
 Maryland
- **Kim Horn,** G.A.R. Cemetery City of Miami, Miami, Oklahoma
- Katey Houston, Weeks' Enumclaw Funeral Home, Enumclaw, Washington
- Cynthia Hulsey, Bulloch Memorial Gardens, Statesboro, Georgia
- William Hussar, The Gardens at Gethsemane, Boston, Massachusetts
- Linda Jankowski, WebCemeteries.com, Virginville, Pennsylvania
- Marq Jeffrey, Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home, Edmonton, AB, Canada
- Ashley Johnson, St Petersburg College Funeral Service, Orlando, Florida

- David Jones, Holmes Community College Funeral Services Technology, Ridgeland,
 Mississippi
- Katy Justice, Rest Haven Funeral Home and Memorial Park, Rockwall, Texas
- Samuel Keasler, Williams Funeral Home, Columbia, Tennessee
- Thomas Kiley, Kirby & Family Funeral and Cremation Services, Mountain Home,
 Arkansas
- Paula Lindsey, Williams Funeral Home, Columbia, Tennessee
- Heather Long, Arizona Funeral Cemetery and Cremation Association, Gilbert,
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- Dan Mariner, Green Hills Mortuary, Rancho Palos Verdes, California
- Emory Martin, Smith Family Funeral Homes, North Little Rock, Arkansas
- Maria de los Angeles Martinelli, Concesionaria Martinelli S.A., Montevideo,
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- Andrei Matzenbacher, Grupo Jardim da Saudade, Curitiba, PR, Brazil
- Lisa McClain, The Arlington Memorial Gardens, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Heather McCorkle, East Lawn Memorial Park, Sacramento, California
- Tracy McFee, Oliver's Funeral Home & Crematorium, Grand Prairie, AB, Canada
- Christine Mickelson, Cress Funeral & Cremation Service, Madison, Wisconsin
- Alex Mildenberger, Memorial Parque das Araucárias, Curitiba, PR, Brazil
- Donald Mill, Greenhaven Memorial Gardens, Elgin, South Carolina
- Stephen Mulder, Einan's at Sunset Funeral Home, Richland, Washington
- Troy O'Brien, Edmonds & Evans Funeral Homes, Chesterton, Indiana
- Frank Oldani, Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association, Clinton Township, Michigan

- Diego Oliveira, Urbapi Urbanizadora do Piaui Ltda, Teresina, PI, Brazil
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- Cheryl Pellow, Mission Hills Memorial Gardens and Crematory, Niles, Michigan
- Lorraine Piller, Western Canada Cemetery Association, Saskatoon, SK, Canada
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- Mike Sanchez, Green Hills Memorial Park (Coastal Funeral Center), Lomita,
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- **Dustin Seog**, Mt. Elliott Cemetery Association, Clinton Township, Michigan
- Alesia Skinner, Paxtang Cemetery, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Anne Marie St George, Cooperative Funeral Fund, Madison, Connecticut
- Leon Stevenson, Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, Westland, Michigan
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- Ron Swanson, Einan's at Sunset Funeral Home, Richland, Washington
- Juan Tavera, Funeraria La Esperanza, Medellin, Antioquia, Colombia
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- Evelyn Torres, Grupo La Resurreccion/Funerales Las Flores, San Salvador, El Salvador
- Monica Torres, NXT Generation Mortuary Support, LLC, Phoenix, Arizona
- Gretchen Varnell, Greenoaks Memorial Park and Funeral Home, Baton Rouge,
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- Santiago Tavera Velez, Funeraria La Esperanza, Medellin, Colombia

- **Heather Welborn,** Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise, Idaho
- Benjamin Wilson, Evergreen Memorial Trust/Evergreen Burial Park, Roanoke,
 Virginia
- Christopher Zerebeski, City of Saskatoon Woodlawn Cemetery, Saskatoon, SK,
 Canada
- Stephanie Zimmerman, Global Atlantic Financial Group, Batesville, Indiana
- Becky Zoch, City of Evansville Cemeteries, Evansville, Indiana

Scholarship applications to attend the 2020 ICCFA University will be available in Fall of 2019 at www.iccfa.com. For more information about the Educational Foundation, contact ICCFA General Counsel Bob Fells, robertfells@iccfa.com; or ICCFA Educational Foundation President Jim Price, CCFE, CCrE, jprice@parklawncorp.com, 248.290.0338.

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