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### Rhode Island Food Dealers Association Awards Scholarships

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The Rhode Island Food Dealers Association was honored to award the 2012-2013 Scholarships at their Annual Meeting and Holiday Gala on December 1, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Newport, RI. This year we awarded four \$1,000 scholarships. The winners were Juan Roldan, Dave's Marketplace; Justin Gaffney, Brigido's Fresh Market; Rebecca Pacheco, Eastside Marketplace; and Allison Perrin, Dunn's Corner Market. The recipients were all deserving students who qualified for the scholarship by virtue of their employment in the greater RI food industry. They were required to meet the criteria outlined by the RIFDA including interviews with the scholarship committee. The program has been established as a form of economic support and a value-added benefit to our members and their employees.

This year's Annual Meeting and Holiday Gala included a transition of the Board. Our former Chairperson Tracy Anthony, Clements' Marketplace stepped down and Jim Murphy of Stop & Shop accepted the role of Chairman of the Board.

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The RIFDA represents over 300 food organizations throughout the state including grocery and specialty retailers, wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, suppliers and brokers. Combined the food industry in RI represents the largest source of revenue generators within the state and with exception employs more people than other industries in the region.

With its size and scope the food industry in Rhode Island has developed and evolved over time to be a large complex and diverse group of organizations. The RI Food Dealers Association has and will continue to provide the services and functions needed that help its members successfully compete and grow by acting as a resource that understands their needs and provides them with information, education, representation and other efficient and effective programs.

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