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MAC hosts youth conference to teach about cooperatives, youth leadership, and problem solving

ROSEVILLE, Minn. (March 17, 2008) – Jacob Brandt of Gaylord, Brent Farber of Arlington, Chas Prahl of LeSueur who all attend Sibley East High



School and Anna Hayes and Andy Maidl of Lafayette, Jenny Griebel and Jamie Gieseke of New Ulm, who all attend New Ulm Schools were sponsored by United Farmers Cooperative to participate in The Big MAC Youth Co-op Leadership Conference hosted by the Minnesota Association of Cooperatives (MAC) in Roseville, Minnesota, on March 17 and 18, 2008.

Over 60 Minnesota high school students attended the two-day conference designed to help high school students gain a better understanding of the role and operation of cooperatives. They were also taught to develop leadership skills, discover a problem-solving process they can use, and adjust to the teen issues that they face.

The conference included a session on maximizing students' potential, and participants also learned about credit unions, electric co-ops, and how to manage a cooperative in today's business environment. The highlight of the conference was "Breakthrough Leadership Skills", a hands-on leadership workshop presented by Craig Hillier, CSP, Winning Edge Seminars, Lakeville, Minnesota.

MAC serves Minnesota's cooperatives owned by more than 3.4 million residents by providing lobbying, education, public relations, and technical services for a wide variety of cooperatives including farm supply, health, dairy marketing, consumer, credit, livestock marketing, telephone, electric, housing, insurance, cable communications, worker-owned cooperatives, and more. The Minnesota Association of Cooperatives is headquartered in St. Paul, Minn. For more information about MAC, visit www.wfcmac.coop.