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**Dubuque Farmer Wins \$2,500 for Aquin School
in Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM Project**

ST. LOUIS (April 16) – Lester Manternach of Cascade, Iowa has been selected as a winner in Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM Project, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local non-profit organizations in each of Iowa's 99 counties. Manternach has designated the Aquin Educational System, also located in Cascade, to receive the award.

Manternach says he is very excited to have been selected as the winner for Dubuque County. "We selected the Aquin Educational System because it's a really good school, and we want to keep it going. The America's Farmers Grow Communities Project is a great idea to help worthy organization's like this one."

Mary Yamoah, principal of Aquin Educational System, says "We are continuously trying to stay ahead of the game by updating our technology. Grants like this help so much, and we are very appreciative of Monsanto's help to foster educational opportunities for our students."

The \$2,500 donation was awarded at a ceremony held on April 16 at the Aquin School. The America's Farmers Grow Communities Project was offered throughout Iowa and in parts of Missouri and Arkansas. It is part of a broad commitment by Monsanto Company to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society by helping them grow their local communities. More than 7,500 farmers participated in the program, which is designed to benefit non-profit groups such as

ag youth, schools and other civic organizations. The program is currently in the process of being expanded to include additional states. Visit www.growcommunities.com to see a complete list of winners.

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