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Selected Educational Trust Announces Inaugural Chester T. French Memorial Scholarship

LINCOLNSHIRE, IL — January 11, 2022 — The Selected Educational Trust is pleased to announce the inaugural Chester T. French Memorial Scholarship, made possible thanks to a \$150,000 endowment from French Funerals – Cremations.

This annual scholarship will provide the recipient with full two-year tuition plus an annual stipend to participate in the Selected Leadership Academy, a unique and rewarding educational opportunity offered exclusively to members of Selected Independent Funeral Homes. The Academy is a personalized journey for those, regardless of title or position, who believe their leadership matters and choose to become better.

“It is our legacy and our calling to continue to serve families during one of the most difficult milestones in life, and to help them honor their loved ones with dignity, compassion and a deep respect for their needs and unique pathways through grief,” stated Tom Antram, President & CEO of French Funerals – Cremations. “Creating this Memorial Scholarship to the Leadership Academy continues the legacy of Mr. French through giving back to grow others.”

“The Selected Leadership Academy is a signature Selected program,” said Selected CEO and Executive Director Rob Paterkiewicz. “This generous memorial scholarship fund will not only ensure Chester T. French’s legacy, but also help endow the next generation of leaders with the leadership skills necessary to advance the independent funeral service profession.”

The application deadline for the scholarship is January 31. For eligibility requirements and to apply, go to www.selectedtrust.org/selected-leadership-academy-scholarship.

About Selected Educational Trust

The mission of the Selected Educational Trust (www.selectedtrust.org) is to provide the best educational opportunities for the advancement and support of all who work within the independent funeral service profession. To fulfill this mission, the Trust provides programs which offer scholarships to mortuary science students and funeral service professionals, education programs serving to bridge the gap between school and on-the-job training through its Institute for Exceptional Funeral Service (www.funeral-institute.org) and networking and employment opportunities through its Workforce Development Centers.

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