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Selected Educational Trust Announces Two Leadership Academy Scholarship Recipients

LINCOLNSHIRE, IL — May 5, 2022 — The Selected Educational Trust announced two scholarship recipients for the 2022-2024 class of the Selected Leadership Academy:

- Jason Smith, Lindquist Mortuaries, Ogden, UT, recipient of the 2022 Leadership Academy Scholarship sponsored by Homesteaders Life Company
- Ryan Hughes, Hughes Family Tribute Center, Dallas, TX, recipient of the inaugural Chester T. French Memorial Scholarship

These scholarships, valued at more than \$5,000 each, provide the recipient with full two-year tuition plus an annual stipend to participate in the Selected's 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, no matter title or position, who believe their leadership matters and choose to become better.

"It's a big commitment on the part of the participant," stated Stefanie Favia, the Trust's Senior Director of Development, "not only financially, but particularly with regard to the amount of time each class member must commit. But the reward is equally great. We are honored to be able to assist these dynamic professionals with this opportunity to grow and lead."

For more information about the Selected Educational Trust, visit www.selectedtrust.org or contact Stefanie Favia, Senior Director of Development, at stefanie@selectedtrust.org.

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About the Selected Educational Trust

The mission of the [Selected Educational Trust](http://www.selectedtrust.org) (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](http://www.funeral-institute.org) (www.funeral-institute.org) and networking and employment opportunities through its *Workforce Development Centers*.

Image included: Left to right, Jamie Locke (2021 scholarship recipient), Wes Elmes (2020 scholarship recipient), Ryan Hughes (2022 scholarship recipient), Jason Smith (2021 scholarship recipient), at the 2022 Leadership Conference in Denver, CO in April 2022.