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Ecolab NRA Show Event Raises More Than \$187,000 for National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Scholarships

Annual event has provided more than \$1.5 million for scholarships since 2003

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ecolab Inc. helped raise more than \$187,000 for the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) during the 14th Annual Ecolab Chairman's Reception, held the evening of Sunday, May 22 in conjunction with the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show in Chicago.

More than 750 leaders from the restaurant and foodservice industry attended the gala event, which supports the NRAEF ProStart[®] program, a nationwide, two-year high school program that unites the classroom and industry to develop students seeking professions in the restaurant and foodservice industry.

"Each year, the NRAEF ProStart program benefits more than 140,000 students across all 50 states, developing the industry's future leaders," said Ecolab Chairman and CEO Douglas M. Baker, Jr. "We take great pride in this annual event, which unites the industry to support NRAEF's work to develop skills and facilitate opportunities for students across the country."

During the event, Baker and Michael Hickey, Ecolab executive vice president and president, Global Institutional, and past-chair of the NRAEF board of trustees, presented Dawn Sweeney, NRA and NRAEF president and CEO, and Rob Gifford, NRA and NRAEF executive vice president of Strategic Operations and Philanthropy, and Lorna C. Donatone, chair of the NRAEF board of trustees, with a check for \$187,464 on behalf of Ecolab and event attendees.

"Ecolab has been a steadfast supporter of the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation and ProStart, both financially and through the commitment of Ecolab employees who meaningfully connect with ProStart programs throughout the nation," said Sweeney. "We are grateful to Ecolab for their investment in the future of the restaurant industry as we seek to interest and educate young people in career pathways that can lead to work and life success."

Through this annual event, Ecolab has helped raise more than \$1.5 million for the NRAEF and ProStart program.

About the NRAEF

As the philanthropic foundation of the National Restaurant Association, the NRAEF exists to enhance the restaurant industry's service to the public through education, community engagement and promotion of career opportunities. The NRAEF works to attract, develop and retain a career-oriented professional workforce for the restaurant industry. The restaurant and foodservice industry comprises 1 million restaurant and foodservice outlets and a workforce of 14 million employees, making it one of the nation's largest employers. For more information on the NRAEF, visit NRAEF.org.

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