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### **Food Recovery Network Introduces New Class of Ten Regional Outreach Coordinators**

COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND — March 2, 2018 — Food Recovery Network (FRN) is excited to introduce the Spring 2018 cohort of the Regional Outreach Coordinators (ROCs) program. ROCs provides FRN student leaders with the opportunity to engage meaningfully with FRN National and FRN chapters in their geographic region through a local summit. Ten ROCs will represent five regions: the West, Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, South, and Northeast.

The ten ROCs and the schools they represent are as follows: **Courtney Christl** (Lipscomb University), **Frida Endinjok** (California State University, Northridge), **Elise Forbes** (Pepperdine University), **Alexandria Higgins** (University of New England), **Daisy Rodriguez** (Cabrini University), **Allie Sklarew** (Goucher College), **Mara Stephan** (University of Minnesota), **Lauren Twele** (University of Tampa), **Luke Vickrey** (University of California, San Diego), and **Zeel Vora** (University of Houston).

Hannah Cather, FRN's Program Manager, said the ROCs program presents a new opportunity to empower student leaders. "The folks we've chosen are already engaged and impacting their communities," Cather said. "We want to see what they can do in the larger region. We hear time and time again, when you are focusing on your campus, you can lose sight of the larger, national movement. To be able to come together and be reminded that this work is being done by thousands of people across the country is really powerful."

This is FRN's second-ever class of ROCs, following the first cohort, which served in the Spring and Fall semesters in 2016.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of the ROC program since it provides us with a really unique opportunity to connect and collaborate with leaders across the country who share our mission of fighting waste and feeding people while organizing summits and building relationships within our own communities," said Mara Stephens, a ROC from the University of Minnesota.

The Spring 2018 cohort of ROCs will coordinate and host one-day summits aimed at bringing together FRNds within a two-hour radius in nine cities across the country. Interfacing with one another will allow student leaders to share skills, generate new ideas, and form long-lasting relationships.

"This one-day summit is designed to provide a platform for idea sharing, problem solving, and networking for schools in your region," said Lauren Twele, a ROC from the University of

Tampa. “So many chapters do amazing work in our own backyard and we don't even realize it, which is why I am excited to host the Florida FRN Regional Summit. It is my goal to make this Summit a collaborative effort to strengthen each other's commitment and passion for FRN, and hope to inspire new schools to get on board with the food recovery movement!”

### **About Food Recovery Network**

Food Recovery Network (FRN) unites and supports college student leaders in the fight against food waste and hunger in America. Since 2011, FRN students have recovered more than 2.4 million pounds of surplus food, that would otherwise go to waste, from their campus cafeterias and local restaurants to donate to hungry Americans. Food Recovery Network has more than 235 college campus chapters in 44 states and the District of Columbia. For more information about Food Recovery Network, visit [www.foodrecoverynetwork.org](http://www.foodrecoverynetwork.org). Follow us on Twitter @FoodRecovery and Instagram @FoodRecovery and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FoodRecoveryNetwork](http://www.facebook.com/FoodRecoveryNetwork).