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FOUNDATION AWARDS INDIVIDUALS WORKING TO IMPROVE U.S. FOOD SYSTEMS

SAN FRANCISCO– Farmworkers' dignity and agency, environmental sustainability, and cultural traditions are priorities of the five individuals receiving this year's Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation Awards in Food, announced today.

The Foundation celebrates five individuals who are working across the US to build farmworker dignity, support and connect rural communities, put technology resources in farmers' hands, preserve Indigenous foodways, and reimagine food transportation systems.

- **Anita Adalja** works directly with farmworkers to build power by celebrating their stories, co-creating resources to support their dignity and agency, and working to increase public visibility of challenges and abuses on farms.
- **Carlton Turner** is an artist, researcher, agriculturalist and co-founder of the Mississippi Center for Cultural Production (Sipp Culture), supporting rural community, culture and economic development in his hometown of Utica, Miss.
- **Michael Stenta** founded [farmOS], a free and open source record-keeping platform for farmers, ranchers and researchers that he has stewarded openly and collaboratively since 2014 to help growers make better decisions in service of sustainable food systems.
- **Rebecca Webster**, whose Oneida name is KanyΛhtake·lu, is a farmer, seed-keeper and instructor who preserves seeds, culture and knowledge as an assertion of self-determination for her people — with a focus on the importance of the white corn.
- **Tianna Kennedy** is co-founder and farmer at Star Route Farm, founder and executive director of Catskills Agrarian Alliance, and co-owner of Schooner Apollonia— all of which support her efforts to build a decentralized network moving food from small farms to New York City and demonstrating the potential of low-carbon transportation.

This cohort of awardees marks the Foundation's fourth year supporting individuals whose hands-on work demonstrates impact, creativity and the potential to substantially advance the field and the broader food ecosystem. The awardees are at critical points in their careers when the awards can be catalytic. Maxwell/Hanrahan sought nominees committed to nutrition, education and access; environmental sustainability; and/or craft, cultural knowledge and tradition. Awardees build and celebrate community collaborations as they connect people with land and water, food systems, and the cultures around specific approaches to food harvesting and cooking. These one-time, unrestricted awards provide both

recognition and monetary support for the work of these food systems leaders, researchers, farmers, teachers and change-makers.

The Awards in Food is one of several Foundation programs that support innovative individuals. Maxwell/Hanrahan supports people who explore and ask through fieldwork in natural sciences, create and captivate as they promote mastery in craft, teach and try as they support students in public education, and conserve and connect as they encourage care for our food systems and natural world. Learn more at www.maxwell-hanrahan.org.

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