

2015 Bob Foster Scholarship Award Recipient

Winning the Bob Foster Scholarship Award and attending the AFP Conference in Denver was an unexpected surprise and such an honor. Many thanks to the MNAFP Board and Education Committee for this recognition.

As a first-time AFP Conference attendee, I wanted to take in as much as I could. There were many sessions to choose from, and the ones I attended were great. They were all very timely with industry changes, and I obtained good information to take back to my bank. The exhibit hall was unbelievable! Vendors who touch our industry were all there equipped with information and demos. I enjoyed visiting with a couple of my bank's vendors and vendors who attend our MNAFP conference, and had the opportunity to meet others. Knowing what vendors can offer our businesses is a huge educational value on its own. I was delighted to hear former President George W. Bush speak who shared interesting and funny stories along with what it was like to witness first-hand America's heartbreak and shock of 911. Anyone who appreciates the lovely sound of a violin was captivated by Itzhak Perlman, who performed a couple of numbers and shared his story of becoming the reigning virtuoso of the violin.

And the networking was second to none! I met new people, connected with many MNAFP members, and enjoyed spending time with them over lunch and dinner.

MNAFP is a terrific educational and networking resource for members. I value my membership, and am excited to Co-Chair the 2016 MNAFP conference. I look forward to seeing you at the St. Paul RiverCentre on April 26 for our 34th annual conference!

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