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Brady Long Crowned Ohio's Best Bagger

(Wooster, OH)--- Brady Long representing Buehler's Food Markets in Wooster, OH repeated as champion and claimed Ohio's Best Bagger title at the 2016 Ohio Best Bagger Contest on Tuesday, August 9. Grocery baggers from five (5) Ohio companies participated in the contest held at the Buehler's Milltown Store in Wooster, OH.

Brady was one of four baggers representing Buehler's, and he beat 14 other competitors to win the title. The award comes with \$1,000 cash and a trip to Las Vegas to compete in the National Grocers Association Best Bagger Championship in February 2017.

"We are thrilled to showcase Ohio's best baggers in this contest," said Kristin Mullins, President/CEO of the Ohio Grocers Association. "Baggers play a vital role in the success of the business. They are valuable team members who are on the frontline of the customer's grocery experience."

Contestants filled three (3) reusable bags and were judged on speed, weight distribution between the bags, technique, and style/attitude of the bagger. The top five (5) qualifiers advanced to a final round to determine the winner. "The clincher is always the weight distribution between the bags," Mullins said. "It's hard to fill three (3) bags of groceries and have their weights come out the same, but Brady was unbelievably consistent for the second year in a row."

In addition to Long, top scores went to Bette Kiggins from Giant Eagle in Rocky River; Amy Jordan from Giant Eagle in Warren; Trey Watson from Kroger in Toledo; and Aaron Delroy from Kroger in Beavercreek. Each of the top five (5) won cash prizes.

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