

### **Three Fenton Residents Among 15 to Earn \$5,000 Scholarships**

**Farmington Hills, Mich., May 26, 2020** -- The city of Fenton was well-represented when Community Choice Credit Union announced the recipients of its 2020 Scholarships, as graduating seniors Erica Behnfeldt, of Fenton High School, and Sheridan Goss, of Linden High School, were among the 15 winners of \$5,000 academic scholarships.

All the winners were chosen after careful evaluation of their academic success, community/volunteer involvement, and personal interview.

"These are outstanding young people who I'm sure make the city of Fenton, and their families, proud. We're happy that we can help get their college careers started and that we can alleviate some of the financial stress of higher education," said Jeremy Cybulski, Community Engagement Manager at Community Choice.



*Erica Behnfeldt*

According to their applications Behnfeldt and Goss will both attend Saginaw Valley State University. Behnfeldt plans a career in biochemistry and molecular biology, and Goss will pursue forensic psychology.

In total, Community Choice received more than 1,400 applications and awarded \$100,000 in scholarships – 15 for high school seniors, six for continuing education, and four for skilled trade education. This is the 12th year the Foundation has awarded scholarships for high school seniors and the first year for skilled trade and continuing education. The Foundation has now awarded \$1.2 million in scholarships since the state-wide program began in 2009.



*Sheridan Goss*

The Community Choice Foundation found creative ways to honor the students while adhering to social distancing. Scholarship winners were surprised with signs on their front lawns offering congratulations and were encouraged to share photos on their social media pages with the hashtag #CommunityChoiceScholars. Additionally, a video of the winners was posted on the Credit Union's social media pages and is available at MichiganScholarship.com.

"We tried our hardest to congratulate the winners and honor their achievements," said Cybulski. "We couldn't have our usual May celebration, but we're still planning a get-together this summer, as soon as we're able."

#### **About Community Choice Credit Union:**

*Community Choice Credit Union believes in helping its neighbors across the state of Michigan achieve the life they desire. Since 1935, the Credit Union has offered a wide variety of products and services that help consumers and business owners achieve their financial goals. Community Choice's Give Big efforts have resulted in a contribution of more than 25,909 volunteer hours into communities across the state. Their foundation, the Community Choice Foundation, has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to graduating seniors who attend a Michigan college or university. Anyone who lives in the state of Michigan is eligible to become a member. For more information, visit [www.CommunityChoice.com](http://www.CommunityChoice.com).*