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Community Choice Announces 25 Scholarship Recipients

Farmington Hills, Mich., May 1, 2022 -- Community Choice Credit Union recently honored its 2022 scholarships winners in a ceremony May 5 at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

In total, \$100,000 in scholarships was awarded by the Community Choice Foundation – 15 scholarships of \$5,000 for high school seniors, while six others earned \$2,500 scholarships for continuing education, and four earned \$2,500 to pursue training for a skilled trade.

Special guests at the ceremony included radio personality Doug Tribou, who hosts *Morning Edition* on Michigan Radio and served as the presenter for the festivities, and Erin Drabicki, a 2014 scholarship recipient. Drabicki went on to graduate from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in business administration and turned her passion for helping others into her chosen profession.



Now in its 14th year of offering scholarships, the Foundation has awarded \$1.4 million to deserving students. Winners are chosen after careful evaluation of their academic success, community/volunteer involvement, and a personal interview.

“Interviewing the applicants and getting to know all these outstanding students and professionals is inspiring,” said Jeremy Cybulski, Community Engagement Manager at Community Choice. “The young people we interviewed for the high

school scholarships are wise beyond their years and so dedicated to giving back to their communities. The future of Michigan is in good hands.

“Our continuing education and skilled trade scholars are equally impressive. Each of our winners has a plan to make their communities stronger and more vibrant. We are so proud to be in a position to help them reach their goals.”

This is the third year the Foundation has included continuing education and skilled trade scholarships. The additions accommodate the changing needs of Michigan's workforce.

Funding for the Community Choice Foundation, which grants the scholarships, comes through donations. Funding for next year's scholarships is already underway.



“Every time someone makes a donation, even if it’s one dollar, it makes a difference,” Cybulski added. “I can’t thank everyone enough for their generosity as we raised money to fund the scholarships totally through donations this past year. Our business partners, our members, team members, community partners, everyone. They understand the importance of keeping Michigan’s outstanding talent at home, as each recipient makes a commitment to help make their home state a better place to live and work.

When you donate to the Foundation, you’re helping a student and you’re investing in the well-being of your own communities.”

High school scholarship recipients, along with the high schools they represent and their colleges of choice are: Grace Cooper, Spring Lake; Ella DeGraw, Stoney Creek; Sanya Gupta, Rochester Hills; Levi Mowers, Royal Oak High; Shlok Patel, Carlson High; Kayden Playford, Jonesville High; Shannon Schulte, International Academy; and Lucy Trapp, Divine Child, are all headed to the University of Michigan; Carly Fraser, Redford Union, Albion; Taylor Toth, Milford High, Michigan State; Abigail Thomas, Fowlerville High, Spring Arbor University; Zoe Nichols, Grosse Pointe North, Oakland University; Sidney Jones, Greenhills School, Wayne State; and Nicole Cantin, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, and Katelyn Gyurich, Dewitt High, are both off to Western Michigan University.

Continuing Education scholarship recipients and their future degree aspirations are: Melinda Brown, Leeanne Buckley, and Maria Green, who are pursuing associate degrees; Brianna Rhoad, master’s degree; and Dasia Ingram and Alexis Rhodes, who are both studying to complete bachelor’s degrees.

Skilled Trade scholarship recipients and their field of study are: Elsa Groenink, culinary arts; Jake Frisch and Stephen McCrary, electrician; Emma-Finesse Felton, esthetics.

For more information on the Foundation, including how to donate, click [here](#).

About Community Choice Credit Union:

The Michigan-based credit union believes in helping its neighbors across the state achieve the life they desire. Established in 1935, Community Choice has 22 locations across the state, serves more than 115,000 members, and has grown its assets to \$1.6 billion. The credit union is committed to helping the community and upholds a Give Big philosophy. Since 2008, team members have given more than 32,969 volunteer hours in communities across the state. Additionally, The Community Choice Foundation, has awarded \$1.4 million in scholarships to Michigan’s students graduating from high school, pursuing continuing education programs, and the skilled trades. To learn more, visit CommunityChoice.com.