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VERMONT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AWARDS SIX \$1,000 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Burlington, VT - Vermont Federal Credit Union announces six 2011 scholarship award recipients. Recipients include; Christopher Hango, Enosburg Falls, Alexander Kolva, Montgomery, Leah Smyth, Milton, Marissa Tessier, Richford, Callan Tracy, Enosburg Falls, and Paige Williams, South Burlington.

Christopher Hango graduated from Richford High School and was accepted for the fall semester as an incoming freshman to Worcester Polytechnic Institute. There, Christopher plans to double major in Chemical Engineering and Music. Throughout high school Christopher held numerous positions in various student and community activities including President of the National Honors Society, Class Council Vice President and Treasurer, Prom Committee Chairperson and a member in the community jazz and town

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band. Christopher was the Valedictorian at Richford High School and is a Worcester Polytechnic Institute Presidential Scholar. In addition to Christopher's educational achievements, he was also the Captain of his Varsity Soccer and Track and Field teams.

Alexander Kolva graduated from Enosburg Falls High School and was accepted for the fall semester as an incoming freshman to Johnson State College. Alexander plans to study Fine Arts with a concentration in Digital Media and Graphic Arts, and would like to one day own his own business. During all four years of high school Alexander was a member of the golf and volleyball team and held the position of Captain of the volleyball team his senior year. Alexander also spent time volunteering with the Montgomery Rescue, and was a member of the National Society of High School Scholars.

Leah Smyth graduated from Bellows Free Academy and was accepted for the fall semester as an incoming freshman to SUNY Plattsburgh. There, Leah plans to study Childhood and Special Education. Throughout high school Leah held many positions in various student and community leadership activities such as volunteering at the Georgia Public Library, a participant of Buddy Walk for Down syndrome, a member of the foreign language club, and Athletic Council which teaches leadership skills and mentors children in the community. Leah was also a Burlington Free Press featured academic all-star, and a three time recipient of the math student of the month. In addition to Leah's educational achievements, Leah was also a member of the Varsity dance team, holding the position as Captain for four seasons.

Marissa Tessier graduated from Richford High School and was accepted for the fall semester as an incoming freshman to Johnson & Wales University. Marissa plans to study

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Culinary Arts. While in high school Marissa participated in several student and community leadership activities such as Student Against Destructive Decision (SADD) and the Youth Advisory Counsel (YAC), helping to bring awareness to fellow classmates about the effects of drinking and driving and bullying. Marissa was chosen to represent her school at the national SADD conference in Orlando, Florida. Marissa also volunteered at Richford High School's after school program.

Callan Tracy graduated from Enosburg Falls High School and was accepted for the fall semester as incoming freshman to Elmira College. Callan successfully completed a class at the Community College of Vermont during her senior year and plans to study Nursing at Castleton State College. Throughout high school Callan held several positions in various student and community leadership activities such as Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Prom Committee, Vermont Kids Against Tobacco, Treasurer of Peers Education Peers, and Editor of Yearbook Club. Callan was also the secretary of the National Honor Society, and a member of the National Technical Honor Society.

Paige William graduated from South Burlington High School and was accepted for the fall semester as an incoming freshman to the University of Vermont. Paige has been admitted to the College of Nursing and Health Science and plans to study Exercise and Movement Science. During high school Paige worked part-time at both a chiropractic office and at a clothing store, while also participating in various clubs which help to raise awareness and money for Haiti and Tibet. Paige also served as a peer leader and the

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President of the Key Club which created a memorial garden, sponsored Talent Night, and prepared food baskets for families in need. Paige is also a member of the National Honors Society.

Recipients were selected by the Scholarship Committee and were chosen based on student and community leadership and activities, as well as enthusiasm for their planned field of study. Vermont Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate all scholarship recipients and wish them the best in all their future endeavors.

Vermont Federal is a \$300 million plus financial institution, currently serving over 30,000 members. Members are part of a cooperative, meaning that they share ownership in the credit union and elect a voluntary board of directors. Vermont Federal Credit Union provides membership to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Chittenden, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Franklin, Washington, or Addison Counties in Vermont. Vermont Federal Credit Union is committed to providing support to the communities that it serves and to make a decided difference in the lives of its members and other Vermonters.
