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

BURLINGTON, VT – Vermont Federal Credit Union is pleased to award *Jamie Cousineau* a \$1,000 educational scholarship for having a history of strong academic achievement and service to the community.

Jamie graduated from Mt. Abraham Union High School and was accepted for the Fall semester as an incoming freshman to Elmira College. During high school she held numerous positions in various student and community activities such as, National Honors Society, in addition to volunteering at her local Community Library and Teen Group. She plans to study Nursing and hopes to start her clinicals during her sophomore year. Vermont Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate Jamie on her achievements and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

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BURLINGTON, VT – Vermont Federal Credit Union is pleased to award *Dylan Loller* a \$1,000 educational scholarship for having a history of strong academic achievement and service to the community.

Dylan graduated from Bellows Free Academy and was accepted for the Fall semester as an incoming freshman to Daniel Webster College. Dylan plans to study Aviation and Air Traffic Management. During high school Dylan held several positions in various student and community leadership activities; such as, Principal Baritone Saxophone Player in the High School Band and Wind Ensemble at the District Music Festival and Editor of the Yearbook Journalism team. Dylan also successfully completed three classes at the Community College of Vermont and is currently enrolled in a fourth course. In addition to Dylan's educational achievements, he has also gotten involved in the JV and Varsity baseball teams as a catcher. Along with Dylan's educational and athletic activities, he has also volunteered a great deal of time in his local community.

Dylan was a volunteer saxophone player for the Fairfax Fletcher Westford Community Band and Milton Community Band. He was an archery instructor for the Junior Olympic Archery Program at Pelkey's Archery Shop, volunteer waiter at St. Luke's Church fundraising dinners and a horse caretaker and stable hand at Smelstor's Horse Barn. In Dylan's spare time he has completed numerous other extracurricular activities including flying lessons in which he has completed his solo flight and is working towards obtaining his Private Pilot License. He also currently holds a Silver Olympian Archer Rank through the National Archery Association and was the Archery Activity Leader at the University of Vermont 2008 Adventure Day Camp. Vermont Federal

Credit Union would like to congratulate Dylan on his achievements and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

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BURLINGTON, VT – Vermont Federal Credit Union is pleased to award *Reid Lumbra* a \$1,000 educational scholarship for having a history of strong academic achievement and service to the community.

Reid graduated from Vergennes Union High School and was accepted for the Fall semester as an incoming freshman to Vermont Technical College. Reid plans to study Fire Science and become a professional firefighter. During high school Reid worked part-time for the Vergennes Fire Department. Reid has been a member of the Vergennes Fire Department Cadet program since the age of 15. He attends weekly training meetings, monthly department meetings, fire calls and county trainings and meetings. Reid's dedication to Vergennes Fire Department has allowed him to learn various aspects of fire service. Reid plans to continue working in Vermont and serve his community. Vermont Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate Reid on his achievements and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

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BURLINGTON, VT – Vermont Federal Credit Union is pleased to award *Madeline Delaney* a \$1,000 educational scholarship for holding a history of strong academic achievement and service to the community.

Madeline graduated from Vergennes Union High School and was accepted for the Fall semester as an incoming freshman to the University of Vermont. She plans to study Community and International Development. During high school she held many positions in various student and community leadership activities such as, the annual Peace One Day Ceremonies, Project Graduation committee, the Science Club and was an active member of the Gay Straight Alliance. In addition to these activities, Madeline has also been involved in her schools Choir and Varsity Cross Country team. Along with her educational community, Madeline has applied much of the same level of dedication to her neighboring community through the United States Pony Club, teaching responsibility and safety in horsemanship to children, co-leading hands on conflict resolution sessions for high-risk middle school students and she grew and harvested food for a local Food Shelf.

Madeline has maintained high honors throughout her high school career and was accepted her junior year into the National Honors Society. Throughout high school Madeline was honored with an English Achievement Award, Health Achievement Award, Spanish Achievement Award and the Williams College Book Award. Madeline nourished her love for writing by participating in the New England Young Writer's Conference both her junior and senior year and furthermore she participated in an alternative education program through the Walden Project. Vermont Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate Madeline on her achievements and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

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BURLINGTON, VT – Vermont Federal Credit Union is pleased to award *Christopher Parfitt* a \$1,000 educational scholarship for having a history of strong academic achievement and service to the community.

Christopher graduated from Vergennes Union High School and was accepted for the Fall semester as an incoming freshman to Northeastern University. He plans to study Engineering

and work towards getting his Masters through Northeastern's five year Masters Program. During high school he held many positions in various student and community leadership activities such as, the National Honors Society, Boys State, Governor's Institute, New England Young Writer's Conference, Competitive Math Club, Rotary Speech Competition, Vermont History Day and the Gay Straight Alliance. In addition to his educational achievements, Christopher has also been heavily involved with his high school athletics program, participating in Cross Country, Track and Swimming and was appointed as Captain for each activity

Christopher has also been involved in several other volunteer activities; which include, assisting in earthquake relief efforts in Costa Rica, a Relay for Life participant, a Walk-a-thon for Diabetes participant and Blood Drive volunteer. Christopher has been awarded for many of his accomplishments including being voted most valuable athlete and receiving the Coaches Award for Cross Country. Vermont Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate Christopher on his achievements and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

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BURLINGTON, VT – Vermont Federal Credit Union is pleased to award *Jacob Steponaitis* a \$1,000 educational scholarship for having a history of strong academic achievement and service to the community.

Jacob graduated from Vergennes Union High School and was accepted for the Fall semester as an incoming freshman to Norwich University. Jacob plans to study Biology and Pre-med and take part in the Cadet Program that Norwich University has to offer. During high school he held several positions and received numerous honors in various student and community leadership activities such as; Norwich Future Leader Camp, Veterans of Foreign War Voice of Democracy Winner, International Eagles National Speech Runner Up, Lions Club Speak out Speech Winner and School Memorial Day Speaker. In addition to Jacob's educational accomplishments, he has also been involved in a number of community volunteer activities which includes, People to People Student Ambassador, student volunteer for elderly care, town cleaning, Walk for Cancer and Vermont History Demonstrations. Vermont Federal Credit Union would like to congratulate Jacob on his achievements and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

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