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### **WFCU Credit Union Announces 2018 Harold Hewitt Scholarship Recipients**

**Windsor, ON** – Today, WFCU Credit Union (WFCU) announced the recipients of their 2018 Harold Hewitt Scholarship (HHS). \$44,700 was awarded to twenty-eight recipients who were selected from amongst the 484 submissions received.

The Harold Hewitt Scholarship, which was inspired by the late Harold Hewitt, a long-term Director on the WFCU Credit Union Board, began in 2001 as part of WFCU Credit Union’s annual community investment program.

“I would like to extend my congratulations to all recipients,” stated Eddie Francis, WFCU Credit Union President and Chief Executive Officer. “WFCU is pleased to be able to support the youth of our community and their educational goals by introducing to them the importance of financial literacy and helping them build their educational savings.”

Since its’ establishment, over \$172,700 in scholarships has been awarded to 269 youth in the region for post-secondary education; each of whom received a scholarship that will have a value of \$2,000 by the time the recipient completes grade 12 (this includes the initial scholarship amount received, plus any interest earned).

“This year’s submission topic was ‘Imagine what our community will look like 20 years from now’,” said Marty Gillis, Chair, WFCU Credit Union Board of Director. “The submissions we received not only from our recipients, but all other applicants, leads me to believe the future of our community is in good hands. The youth in our community are bright, talented, inspired individuals and WFCU is proud to play a role in supporting these future community leaders.”

The following youth were selected as recipients of the 2018 Harold Hewitt Scholarship:

#### **JK - Grade 1 (awarded \$1,200.00 scholarship each)**

Danica Beaulieu	Grade JK	École Catholique Sainte-Antoine
Paisley Klundert	Grade SK	École élémentaire catholique pavillon des jeunes
Deanna Tran	Grade 1	Sandwich West Public School
Taliah Pearce	Grade 1	St. William Catholic Elementary School

#### **Grades 2-3 (awarded \$1,300.00 scholarship each)**

Eva James	Grade 2	St. William Catholic Elementary School
Griffin Hansen	Grade 2	Anderdon Public School
Ryan Riahi	Grade 2	Académie Ste. Cécile International School
Liliane Hussey	Grade 3	Académie Ste. Cécile International School
Gavin Wichlacz	Grade 3	École élémentaire catholique Monseigneur Augustin Caron

#### **Grades 4-6 (awarded \$1,500.00 scholarship each)**

Hannah Hage	Grade 4	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School
Emma Persaud	Grade 4	Académie Ste. Cécile International School
Nathan Tepperman	Grade 4	Académie Ste. Cécile International School
Jack James	Grade 5	St. William Catholic Elementary School
Noah Bradatanu	Grade 6	L.A. Desmarais Catholic Elementary School
Victoria Mikitch	Grade 6	Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School

**Grades 7 - 8 (awarded \$1,700.00 scholarship each)**

Arianne Andary	Grade 8	École élémentaire catholique Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville
Karlee Dusome	Grade 8	Assumption College Catholic Middle School
Samantha DeRose	Grade 8	École élémentaire catholique Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville
Jaimes Lilly	Grade 8	École élémentaire catholique Sainte-Marguerite-d'Youville

**Grades 9 – 10 (awarded \$1,900 00 scholarship each)**

Gurshabd Varaich	Grade 9	Vincent Massey Secondary School
Georgia French	Grade 9	St. Anne Catholic High School
Kyra Lear	Grade 10	Kingsville District High School
Alexis Meloche	Grade 10	Sandwich Secondary School

**Grades 11 - 12 (awarded \$2,000.00 scholarship each)**

Claire Fields	Grade 11	École secondaire catholique E.J. Lajeunesse
Carver MacKinnon	Grade 11	St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic High School
Sylwia Borawski	Grade 12	Holy Names Catholic High School
Sarah Wester	Grade 12	Holy Names Catholic High School
Jamiel Nasser	Grade 12	W.F. Herman Academy Secondary

Funds will be entrusted to WFCU in the name of the recipients to be used towards their post-secondary education.

Congratulations to all recipients.

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**ABOUT WFCU CREDIT UNION**

WFCU Credit Union has been recognized as a leading, progressive financial institution headquartered in Windsor and Essex County since 1941. Proudly serving Ontario residents, community organizations, small businesses, commercial entities and public institution for over 77 years, WFCU Credit Union is the sixth largest credit union in Ontario, operating nine retail locations and one digital entity, Omnia Direct. Through these service channels, in combination with online and mobile banking, telephone banking and ATM services, WFCU Credit Union has become the financial institution of choice for 41,286 Members across Ontario including 37,088 Personal Members in 18,665 households, 2,792 Businesses and 1,406 Organizations. Currently, WFCU Credit Union has \$4.78 Billion in Managed Assets and Member Service Totals of \$6.4 Billion. WFCU Credit Union membership is open to anyone who lives and/or works in Ontario. For more information on WFCU Credit Union please visit [wfcu.ca](http://wfcu.ca).