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**LOCAL CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn. - Expedition Foundation (formerly United Educators Foundation) is proud to announce the 2022 recipients of its annual academic scholarship awards. Congratulations to each of our winners - we had so many amazing applications once again this year!

Penny Christy of Olivia has been awarded the \$2,000 Educator Scholarship. Penny is a Family and Consumer Science Teacher in Olivia, MN. She currently teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade Living Skills, 10<sup>th</sup> grade Career/Family, and High School, Culinary Baking I & II, Child Development, and Foreign Foods. She is currently attending Minnesota State University, Mankato, and is enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching for 5-12 Family Consumer Science. She is working to complete her tier 3 teaching license.

Hannah Zywicki of Duluth received the \$1,500 Education Major Scholarship Award. Hannah is currently attending the College of St. Scholastica, studying for a major in Elementary Education.

Three high school seniors received \$1,000 scholarships:

- Solenne Bideau of Minneapolis
- Kaylee Dehncke of Inver Grove Heights
- Logan Onken of Stillwater

Good luck to our five awards recipients in their education and future endeavors. Thanks to all who applied for this year's awards! Applications are released each fall for our Financial Literacy Grant and Scholarship programs.

The Expedition Foundation (formerly United Educators Foundation) Scholarship Award program, held annually, is open to Expedition Credit Union (formerly United Educators Credit Union) members, their families, and those pursuing degrees in education. Collectively the foundation awarded \$6,500 in scholarships this year. The 2022 Selection Committee members included: Dolly Buettner – Expedition Credit Union Member, Jordon Ford – Expedition CU Supervisory Committee Member, Rodney Rowe - Education Minnesota Secretary-Treasurer, Ramona Springis-Doss, Expedition CU Board Member and teacher at Eagan High School, and Andre Thibault, Expedition Credit Union – Chief Experience Officer and Foundation Board Secretary.

The Expedition Foundation was established in 2008 to generate and provide contributive funding and resources that advance educational initiatives and support charitable causes within the educational communities Expedition Credit Union cooperative serves.

Expedition Credit Union (formerly United Educators Credit Union) was established in 1957, providing a full line of financial services to Minnesota's education community & their families; those who live, work, worship, go to school or do business in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey or Washington Counties; those who support education through membership in the Expedition Foundation; as well as other select employee groups. The credit union currently operates branch locations in Apple Valley and Coon Rapids.

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