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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
EXPEDITION FOUNDATION AWARDS \$5,000 IN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn. (April 26, 2023)—Expedition Foundation is excited to announce the 2023 recipients of the 25th annual Academic Scholarship Award Program.

Penny Christy of Olivia, MN has been awarded the \$2,000 Educator Scholarship. She is currently attending Minnesota State University, Mankato, and is working to complete her tier 3 teaching license.

“My students [are] my cheerleaders and inspiration,” writes Christy in her winning entry, “Hearing them express their appreciation helped me through my college classes and has been the most memorable experience. . . With this Scholarship, I will be transforming students’ lives for the better.”

Additionally, three high school seniors each received \$1,000 scholarships: Tyler Weinberger of Farmington, Benjamin Zupfer of Woodbury and Josie Parks of Big Lake.

“It’s always an honor to work with Minnesota’s educators. On behalf of Expedition Foundation, we wish our scholarship recipients the best in their education and future endeavors,” states Paul Dammann, President of Expedition Foundation and Expedition Credit Union, “Thanks to all who applied for this year’s awards and be sure to watch for our announcement this fall for a chance at next year’s Financial Literacy Grant and Scholarship programs.”

Since its debut 25 years ago by Expedition Credit Union, the Scholarship Award Program has awarded over 90 recipients a total of \$119,000. The Scholarship Program is open to Expedition Credit Union members, their families and those pursuing degrees in education. The 2023 Selection Committee members included: Ramona Springis-Doss – Expedition CU Board Chair, Jordon Ford – Expedition CU Board Member, Rodney Rowe – Education Minnesota Secretary/Treasurer and Dolly Buettner – Expedition Credit Union Member.

About Expedition Foundation

Expedition Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 2008 to help extend the credit union philosophy of 'People Helping People' and provide contributive funding and resources that advance educational initiatives and support charitable causes within the educational communities Expedition Credit Union serves.

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Expedition Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative that was established in 1957 currently serving over 17,000 members with an asset size of \$230 million. Expedition provides 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.

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