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

WOODBURY, Minn. - United Educators Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of its annual academic scholarship awards.

Kyra Christopherson of Fridley has been awarded the \$2,000 Educator Scholarship. Christopherson currently teaches Kindergarten at Bancroft Elementary in Minneapolis and will be working toward her Master of Arts, Major in Holistic Health Studies at St. Catherine's University.

Theodore "Ted" Cullen of Andover received the \$1,500 Education Major Scholarship Award. Currently attending Winona State University, Cullen is pursuing a double major in Special Education: Learning Disabilities and Communication Arts & Literature Teaching.

Three high school seniors received \$1,000 scholarships: Madelyn Hessian of Northfield, John Hulet of Jordan, and Anna Prchal of Montgomery.

The United Educators Foundation Scholarship Award program, held annually, is open to United Educators Credit Union members, their families, and those pursuing degrees in education. Collectively the foundation awarded \$6,500 in scholarships this year. The 2019 Selection Committee members included: Valerie Holthus - Anoka Hennepin Education Minnesota President, Dolly Buettner - Credit Union Supervisory Committee Chair, Rodney Rowe - Education Minnesota Secretary-Treasurer, Ramona Springis-Doss, UECU Board Member and teacher at Eagan High School, and Andre Thibault, United Educators Credit Union Vice President of Marketing and Foundation Board Secretary.

The United Educators 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 United Educators Credit Union cooperative serves.

United Educators Credit Union was established in 1957, providing a full line of financial services to the Minnesota education community, their families, and those who support education by being a part of the United Educators Foundation. The credit union currently operates branch locations in Apple Valley, Coon Rapids, Minnetonka, and Woodbury.

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