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**WFCU Credit Union's  
2016 Harold Hewitt Scholarship Recipients Announced  
\$55,000 Awarded to 33 Individuals**

On Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>, WFCU Credit Union announced the recipients of the 2016 Harold Hewitt Scholarship (HHS). Thirty-three recipients were chosen, from over 360 submissions, to receive the special scholarship inspired by the late Harold Hewitt, WFCU's long term Director on its Board whose dedication to the community was an integral part of the credit union.

This year WFCU Credit Union was excited to announce a significant increase in the number of recipients as well as the total amount of funds awarded for this scholarship. Today, WFCU Credit Union awarded a total of \$55,000 to thirty-three successful scholarship recipients. Students were awarded scholarships that will have a value of \$2,000 each by the time the scholar begins their post-secondary education. WFCU Credit Union CEO Marty Komsa stated, "As a financial institution committed to our community, this newly enhanced program truly shows how WFCU invests in our youth."

The Harold Hewitt Scholarship program is one of WFCU's annual contributions to post-secondary education for youth in the Windsor-Essex community. Over the past 14 years, WFCU has presented over 240 youth in the community with post-secondary school scholarships, totaling \$128,000, through the Harold Hewitt Scholarship program. "Each year we are inspired by our recipients and WFCU Credit Union is very proud to be playing such a key role in the development of our future community leaders," said Marty Gillis, Chair, WFCU Credit Union Board of Directors.

The scholarship submissions are reviewed by a judging panel comprised of WFCU Credit Union employee volunteers. "There is always an outpouring of support to volunteer for this initiative," commented Komsa. "The support speaks loudly to the caring and giving nature of our employees and to the culture of our organization."

The following youth were selected as recipients of the 2016 Harold Hewitt Scholarship:

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

Carter Kipping	Grade 1	Academie Ste. Cecile
Connor Goulet	JK	Essex Public School
Micayla Azzura Vitella	Grade 1	St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School
Stella Seguin	JK	Holy Cross Elementary School

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

Shree Patel	Grade 3	Glenwood Public School
Austin Kohuch	Grade 2	Southwood Public School
Paisley Rachel Koekstat	Grade 3	St. Jules Elementary School
Matthew Hanaka	Grade 2	Academie Ste. Cecile
Chloe Wu	Grade 2	Academie

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

Noah Cherian	Grade 6	Academie
Avery Nosella	Grade 5	Bellewood Public School
Nihaal Dhaliwal	Grade 6	Academie
Riya Nair	Grade 6	Academie
Darian Dufour	Grade 5	Stella Maris
Xavier Durocher	Grade 5	M.A. Caron

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

Hannah Malus	Grade 7	Academie
Jaxon Nosella	Grade 7	Bellewood Public School
Ava Ryan-Soderlund	Grade 8	Sandwich West Public School
Olla Hilal	Grade 8	Academie

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

Matthew Randazzo	Grade 10	St. Thomas of Villanova High School
Breton MacDougall	Grade 10	St. Thomas of Villanova High School
David Hewitt	Grade 10	St. Anne's High School
Liliana DiGesù	Grade 10	Holy Names Catholic School

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

Nathan Leili	Grade 12	Kingsville District High School
Abigail Slack-Neves	Grade 11	Walkerville Collegiate Institute
Andrew Drury	Grade 12	St. Thomas of Villanova High School
Kristen Swaitoschik	Grade 11	St. Thomas of Villanova High School
Jeremy John Matthews	Grade 12	Vincent Massey Secondary School

**2016 Graduates (awarded this year only) (awarded \$2,000.00 scholarship each)**

Maria Miceli	Graduate of Vincent Massey Secondary School
Mackenzey Metcalfe	Graduate of Walkerville Collegiate Institute
Emma Atkin	Graduate of Brennan
Laureen Provost	Graduate of Holy Names High School
Mikala Malkoun	Graduate of Cardinal Carter

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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To request photographs from the ceremony, please contact Beth Ann Prince at [bprince@wfcu.ca](mailto:bprince@wfcu.ca) or call 519-974-3100.

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