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WFCU Credit Union Announces Recipients of their 2019 Harold Hewitt Scholarship

Windsor, ON – On Thursday, December 5, WFCU Credit Union (WFCU) announced the recipients of their 2019 Harold Hewitt Scholarship (HHS). \$44,700 was awarded to twenty-eight recipients who were selected from amongst the 552 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.

“This year’s submission topic was ‘You are a superhero and you have to use your powers to make a positive change in the world. What powers do you have and how would you use them?’,” explained Marty Gillis, Chair, WFCU Credit Union Board of Director. “The submissions we received from our recipients, and all applicants, assures me that our community is going to be in good hands for years to come. The youth in our community are inspired, empathetic, driven individuals and WFCU is proud to play a role in supporting these future role-models and leaders.

Superhero: *Starbright*
Superhero Power: *Help people who are hurt and sick with touch. Starbright’s magic touch would take away the pain and make them feel better.*
-Declan, Grade 1

Superhero: *Tina the Tree Maker*
Superhero Power: *Ability to fly around the world and plant trees to help the environment.*
-Jenna, Grade 5

Superhero Power: *My superhero power may not be as flashy or obvious as super strength or web-slinging, but it is just as helpful. My superpower makes the world a better place by breaking down language barriers, allowing me to teach others new languages and ultimately create a more inclusive society.*
-Alexandria, Grade 12

“I would like to extend my congratulations to all recipients,” said Eddie Francis, President and CEO, WFCU Credit Union. “WFCU is committed to supporting the youth of our community and their educational goals by introducing them to the importance of financial literacy and helping them build their educational savings.”

Since its’ establishment, over \$262,950 in scholarships has been awarded to 325 youth in the region for post-secondary education; each of whom received a scholarship that will value \$2,000 by the time the recipient completes grade 12 (this includes the initial scholarship amount received, plus any interest earned).

The following youth were selected as recipients of the 2019 Harold Hewitt Scholarship:

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

Carina Grace Ying Ing	SK	Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School
Yasmeeen Zaieter	Grade 1	St. Rose Catholic Elementary School
Declan Anderson	Grade 1	École Ste. Therese
Charlotte DiDomenico	Grade 1	St. Joseph’s Catholic Elementary School

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

Deanna Tran	Grade 2	Sandwich West Public School
Bianca Adan	Grade 2	Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Elementary School
McCallum Anderson	Grade 3	École Ste. Therese
Eva James	Grade 3	St. William’s Catholic Elementary School
Ruby Conlon	Grade 3	Maranatha Christian Academy

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

Jhanvi Maraj	Grade 4	Academie Ste. Cecile
Jenna Magda	Grade 5	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School
Simren Chopra	Grade 5	St. Pius X Catholic School
Austin Kohuch	Grade 5	Southwood Public School
Daniela DeThomasis	Grade 5	Monseigneur Augustin Caron Catholic Elementary School
Taya Okwudire	Grade 6	Academie Ste. Cecile

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

Addasyn Taylor	Grade 7	Stella Maris Catholic Elementary School
Ashley Froese	Grade 7	Queen Elizabeth Public School
Gianluca Paola Villella	Grade 7	St. Pius X Catholic School
Jupleen Varaich	Grade 8	Bellewood Public School

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

Madalyn Gillis	Grade 9	L’Essor Catholic High School
Burke Koekstat	Grade 9	F.J. Brennan Catholic High School
Joelle April	Grade 10	EJ Lajeunesse Catholic High School
Avery Beneteau	Grade 10	Sandwich Secondary School

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

Kyra Lear	Grade 11	Kingsville District High School
Panav Sharma	Grade 11	Assumption College Catholic High School
Chloe Crep	Grade 12	St. Anne Catholic High School
Ler Lar Hay	Grade 12	Honourable W.C. Kennedy Collegiate
Alexandria MacLellan	Grade 12	St. Joseph’s Catholic High School

Funds will be entrusted to WFCU Credit Union 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 institutions for over 77 years, WFCU Credit Union is the sixth largest credit union in Ontario, and twenty-fifth largest credit union in Canada, 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 45,455 members across Ontario including 41,295 personal members in 19,320 households, 2,800 businesses and 1,360 organizations. Currently, WFCU Credit Union has \$5.019 billion in Managed Assets and Member Service Totals of \$6.8 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.

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