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NWFCU Foundation Awards a Record \$140,000 in Scholarship Money
26 students recognized for leadership skills, dedication to schools and communities

Herndon, Va. (July 10, 2017) – [Northwest Federal Credit Union's](#) charitable arm, the [NWFCU Foundation](#), recently awarded \$140,000 in scholarships to 26 students and launched its new Higher Education Community College award as part of the Foundation's annual Scholarship Program. On June 21, 2017 the Foundation held a scholarship luncheon at the [Chantilly National Golf and Country Club](#), honoring the recipients' achievements.

"This year's winners represent the values and qualities that this scholarships seeks to promote – leadership, dedication and commitment to the community in which they live, work and play," said Executive Director of the NWFCU Foundation, Alexzandra Shade. "It is with great honor that we recognize the 26 award recipients for the 2017 scholarship year and award them a record \$140,000 which takes us over \$1,000,000 in awarded scholarships to 258 students since our program began 13 years ago."

The full list of recipients includes students from Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., California, Florida, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Washington:

Alissa, Orlando, FL
Evan, Burke, VA
Sarah, Vienna, VA
Andrew, Herndon, VA
Allison, Herndon, VA
Brett, Andover, MA
Victoria, Charleston, SC
Grant, Newport Beach, CA
Andrew, Reston, VA

Ray, Manassas, VA
Sarah, Bluefield, VA
Fred, Richmond, VA
Matthew, Westminster, MD
Kathryn, Sterling, VA
Teisha, Fayetteville, NC
Caroline, Sterling, VA
Matthew, Washington, DC
Camille, Ashburn, VA

Justin, Ashburn, VA
Amanda, Sterling, VA
Charles, Chantilly, VA
Jacob, Potomac, MD
Allison, Washington, DC
Lauren, Middletown, MD
Melvin, Aberdeen, WA
Ashley, South Riding, VA



2017 NWFCU Foundation Scholarship Winners, NWFCU Foundation and CIRA Board of Directors

The NWFCU Foundation continues to grow the scholarship program through donations and fundraising, such as the annual [Drive for the Driven](#) golf tournament and their recent [car raffle](#).

“As our scholarship program grows, it is our privilege to recognize a greater number of deserving students by supporting their continuing education,” said Acting President and CEO of Northwest Federal, Jeff Bentley. “I’m especially pleased that we have expanded our program to include community college students in our area.”

The award luncheon marked the first presentation of the Foundation’s Higher Education Community College Award in conjunction with Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

“Northern Virginia Community College graduates step in to fill thousands of jobs in this region every year,” said Provost of NOVA’s Loudoun Campus Dr. Julie Leidig. “Many of our students are active duty military or veterans. Many are the first in their family to attend college. Many don’t have the resources to pursue their educational dreams without the existence of community colleges and the generosity of local foundations such as NWFCU Foundation.”



(Left to Right: Elizabeth Weatherly, Vice President for Institutional Advancement – Northern Virginia Community College; Dr. Julie Leidig, Provost – Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun & Reston Campus; and Alexandrea N. Shade, NWFCU Foundation Executive Director)

[Click here](#) to learn more about the program and how you can [support the Foundation’s scholarship program](#).

About Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation

The NWFCU Foundation was established in 2004 to promote and manage Northwest Federal Credit Union’s philanthropic activities. The mission of NWFCU Foundation is to empower youth to achieve their goals by helping them learn and celebrate life and supporting their health and well-being. The NWFCU Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent permissible by law for those who itemize deductions. For more information, visit www.nwfcufoundation.org.

About Northwest Federal Credit Union

Northwest Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution ranking among the largest credit unions in Virginia and in the top 50 credit unions in the nation. Established in 1947 and headquartered in Herndon, Va., Northwest Federal is dedicated to providing financial services and education to its members and the community. The Credit Union currently serves more than 220,000 members and has assets in excess of \$3.1 billion. For more information, visit www.nwfcu.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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