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**DCU Announces 2019 Scholarship Recipients
DCU for Kids Distributes \$165,000 in Scholarships**

MARLBOROUGH, MA (May 17, 2019) – Since 1996, Digital Federal Credit Union, better known as DCU, has provided a scholarship program designed to assist students in pursuit of a higher education with over \$900,000 in scholarships being awarded.

This year, DCU for Kids, the credit union's charitable foundation, distributed 90 scholarships totaling \$165,000 to graduating high school seniors judged most likely to excel at a college or university. Funds were distributed through DCU for Kids, the credit union's charitable foundation.

Recipients were chosen by an impartial panel of college educators who based their decisions on scholastic achievement, community involvement, leadership skills, character and integrity, recommendation letters, as well as an essay submitted by the student.

The following students received scholarships:

2019 \$2,500 Scholarship Winners:

- Shrilakkshmi Babu – Nanuet, NY
- Kysten Wei Bao – Edison, NJ
- Lauren Park Blackburn – Corydon, IN
- Benjamin Borchard – Inver Grove Heights, MN
- Anna Carow – Lakeville, MN
- Justin Dong – Cerritos, CA
- Joshua Gordon – Andover, MA
- Sarthak Gupta – Peoria, AZ
- Cindy Keeya – Spring, TX
- Arina Khotimsky – Westborough, MA
- Makenna Lindsay – Rocky Hill, CT
- Celine Anna Maharaj – Norfolk, VA
- Saranya Nistala – Novi, MI
- Rachel Olivia Shepherd – Millers Creek, NC
- Mykyta Solonko – Northbrook, IL
- Janis Song – Collegeville, PA
- Gretchen M. Stemmler – Livonia, MI
- Song-Nhi Vo – Mukilteo, WA
- Samuel Wohlever – Barrington, RI
- Lauren Yang – Sugar Land, TX

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2019 \$2,000 Scholarship Winners:

- Esha Ariyur – Cumming, GA
- Derek Chen – Castle Pines, CO
- Hollie Clifton – Corbin, KY
- Vivian DeRosa – Oakhurst, NJ
- Olivia Gillman – Andover, MA
- Braden Hammond – San Antonio, TX
- Gabriella Iacono – Barrington, NJ
- Katherine Insel – Washington, NJ
- Chandrachur Kesana – Hoffman Estates, IL
- Kilee Willow Knight – Piedmont, SC
- Anantha Akshitha Korrapati – Birmingham, AL
- Emily Liu – Morganville, NJ
- Nicole Liu – San Bruno, CA
- Hailey Martin – Woodstock, GA
- Rajat Mittal – Schaumburg, IL
- Aline Ai Linh Pham – La Mirada, CA
- Mikayla Postma – Thornton, CO
- Nicholas Jon Reed – Sutton, MA
- Kristen Tasselmyer – Dryden, NY
- Cammy Thi Truong – Otsego, MI

2019 \$1,500 Scholarship Winners:

- Jessica Abene – Gaithersburg, MD
- Jibreel Ali – Crofton, MD
- Meghana Avvaru – Nashua, NH
- Chloe Elizabeth Barnes – Jackson, MI
- Puja Batchu – Boise, ID
- Lauren Breach – Austin, TX
- Taylor E. Brown – Many Farms, AZ
- Greta Nicole Buckenberger – Granville, OH
- Tricia Camaya- Portsmouth, VA
- Jonas Cameron – West Deptford, NJ
- Sierra Charles – Baton Rouge, LA
- Sparsh Desai – Avenel, NJ
- Lauren Elser – Kinsman, OH
- Sara Whitney Farnoli – Westbrook, CT
- Michael T. Farrell Jr. – Middletown, MD
- Aravind Ganesan – Morrisville, NC
- Kayla Gunderson – Renton, WA
- Sarah Hammeke – Ellinwood, KS
- Akankshya Jena – Glen Allen, VA
- Anvitha Kachinthaya – Dublin, CA
- Brenna Keaty – Evergreen Park, IL
- Rahul Krishnan – Hopkinton, MA
- Piyusha Kundu – Sudbury, MA

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2019 \$1,500 Scholarship Winners (continued):

- Eva Kuruvilla – Hopkinton, MA
- Ryan LaFrancois – Norton, MA
- Rebecca Lee – Cypress, TX
- Casey Liberty – Alexandria, VA
- Andrew Liu – Missouri City, TX
- Jileena Dilipraj Mehta – Scottsdale, AZ
- Emily Kate Mitchel – Madeira Beach, FL
- An Nguyen – Olney, MD
- Gina Nored – Chantilly, VA
- Joshua Y. Oh – League City, TX
- John Palaia – Littleton, MA
- Jason Peng – Plano, TX
- Daniel John Perille – Barrington, IL
- Sara J. Pross – Mooresville, NC
- Joshua W. Ramirez – Portland, OR
- Jenna C. Schmit – Garnett, KS
- Christian Schuetter – Villa Hills, KY
- Donald Scott – Fort Worth, TX
- Joanne Sienche – Burtonsville, MD
- Katherine Nicole Stevenson – San Diego, CA
- Sudarshan Sundar – Congers, NY
- Neha Surapaneni – Novi, MI
- Akash Sureshkumar – Cary, IL
- Emily Victoria Thurman – Goshen, KY
- Caitlyn Tran – Las Vegas, NV
- Caden Unnasch – Austin, TX
- Andrew Robert Wood – Overland Park, KS

The Annual Scholarship Program will accept applications starting in December of 2019 for the 2020 application process. Please visit DCU's website and the DCU for Kids website in mid-November of 2019 for information.

About DCU:

DCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative serving over 800,000 members across all 50 states and by offering a full range of financial services to consumers and businesses, including banking, lending, financial wealth management, insurance, and realty products. For additional information, visit www.dcu.org.

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About DCU for Kids:

In 2005, recognizing the importance of supporting organizations that make a difference in the communities they are a part of, DCU incorporated DCU for Kids, a non-profit 501(c) 3 charitable foundation that strives to improve the quality of life for children in need. To date, DCU for Kids has made charitable donations that total over \$8,000,000. For additional information, visit www.dcuforkids.org.

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