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### Coastal Community Credit Union Awards \$28,000 in Scholarships to Young Community Leaders

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**Vancouver Island, June 4, 2007** – Eleven deserving Vancouver Island teens are sharing in a total of \$28,000 in Scholarship awards from Coastal Community Credit Union.

To be eligible for this unique award, grade 11 and 12 Vancouver Island students must create a project plan that addresses a social, economic or environmental need in their community. The program demonstrates the Credit Union's continuing commitment to making Vancouver Island communities better places to live, work and play.

Ten of the students are being presented with awards of \$2,500 each. One student, whose project was deemed to be the best overall, will receive an award of \$3,000, and an additional \$3,000 grant to implement his/her community project.

Daniel Pearse's project for a "Men's Night" at St. Joseph's Extended Care Facility in Comox was deemed the best project overall. Daniel's research revealed that because only 29% of the seniors in the facility are men, the majority of activities are geared toward women. The monthly 'Guy's Night' will be open to male relatives and youth volunteers, giving the resident's an opportunity to interact with men of all ages in the community. Activities will range from Sports nights, to card and shuffle board tournaments, to live musical jams – whatever activities engage the residents mentally and socially. "Offering an activity night especially for men, will help these mostly single men to socialize and find common interests", says Daniel. "This project addresses a social need and improves the health of our community."

"Young people have the energy and ideas to make positive changes in their communities", says Joe Cristiano, Coastal's Senior Vice President of Marketing. "We are thrilled to be able to assist them in making those ideas a reality and to contribute to their future success."

Coastal Community Credit Union congratulates all Scholarship award recipients:

- ★ Francesca Champagne, Shawnigan Lake School - Pedal Power to the People
- ★ Kristina Cisnero, Carihi Secondary - Water system in Schools
- ★ Meris Colby, Highland Senior Secondary - Clip, Cut, Saw that Broom Down
- ★ Shyla Colton, John Barsby - Christmas for the Homeless
- ★ Daniel Fortin, Dover Bay Secondary - COB Bench
- ★ Jarrad Horne, Qualicum Secondary - Youth Skate Park
- ★ Rachelle Jones, Cowichan Secondary - Scared Straight Tour
- ★ Daniel Pearse, Highland Senior Secondary - "Men's Night" at St. Joseph's Extended Care Facility
- ★ Nicole Pineda, North Island Secondary School - Port McNeill Teen Music Nights
- ★ Chris Rybski, Mark R Isfeld - Goose Spit Wheelchair Ramp
- ★ Kulveer Singh Parhar, NDSS - Youth Summer Camp

Coastal Community Credit Union thanks all of the students who applied and wishes each of them every success in their future endeavours.

**About Coastal Community Credit Union**

Coastal Community Credit Union is the largest Vancouver Island-based Credit Union. From Victoria to Port Hardy, Coastal Community offers financial services and solutions through twenty three branches, eighteen insurance offices, and several business and financial planning centres across Vancouver Island. Passionate about our communities, the Credit Union provides financial, in-kind and other resources to support charity and non-profit groups through its Community Investment program. Visit Coastal Community on the web at [www.cccu.ca](http://www.cccu.ca).

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