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## **Coastal Community Credit Union Awards \$27,500 in Scholarships to Next Generation of Community Leaders**

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**Vancouver Island, June 21, 2006** -- Eleven of Vancouver Island's best and brightest students are being presented with individual awards of \$2,500 from Coastal Community Credit Union's Scholarship program.

The scholarship program asks grade 11 and 12 students from all over Vancouver Island to look closely at their community to identify how they can make a difference, and create a project plan that addresses a social, economic or environmental need. The program is an important part of Coastal community's ongoing commitment to the Island communities in which we live, work and play.

"We received entries from across Vancouver Island and were thoroughly impressed with the quality of the plans presented, as well as the originality of the ideas", says Dean Rathwell, Vice President of Community Investment at Coastal Community. "We are thrilled to be able to assist these deserving young people by contributing financially to their future success."

As part of the Scholarship program, the project selected as the best overall will receive \$3,000 in funding from Coastal Community to aid in its implementation. The winner will be announced later this month.

Coastal Community Credit Union congratulates the following Scholarship award recipients:

- ★ Stephanie Rombough, North Island Secondary – Town Cleanup and Mentoring Program
- ★ Tribesty Nguyen, Timberline Secondary – Sunshine Lodge Residents Garden
- ★ Evan Zvonko Culo, Timberline Secondary – Early Literacy Program
- ★ Caitlin Bracken, Mark R. Isfeld Secondary – Extended Care Resident Reader Program
- ★ Jeremy Schmidt, G.P. Vanier Secondary – Cutting Corners project to benefit the Boy's & Girl's Clubs
- ★ Brett Forman, Kwalikum Secondary – Rotary Cupboard program
- ★ Kyle Heinz, Kwalikum Secondary – Anti-drinking and driving film
- ★ Cassandra Forrest, Dover Bay Secondary – Vitality Program for tween and teenage girls
- ★ Kymberly Sywak, Woodlands Secondary – Special Needs Athletic and Social Networking Event
- ★ Lynn Dempsey, John Barsby Community – Colliery Dam Park Rehabilitation Project

★ Jared Sutfin, Cowichan Secondary – Cooperative Community Garden

Coastal Community Credit Union would like to thank all students who applied and wish each every success in their future endeavours.

Coastal Community Credit Union is the largest credit union based on Vancouver Island serving communities from Victoria to Port Hardy through community branches, financial planning, business and insurance offices. 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) to review more detailed information about the student's projects.

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