



## Coastal Community Sponsors Eight Vancouver Island Students for Community Initiatives

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017 — Vancouver Island & the Gulf Islands, BC:** The end of the school year has arrived and students in grade 12 will be heading off on their next adventure! Coastal Community Credit Union (CCCU) is awarding financial help to island students so they can reach their post-secondary goals. Since 2005, CCCU has been offering an annual scholarship opportunity to grade 12 students on Vancouver Island, planning to attend undergraduate college or university, trade school or special interest school. To apply, students submit a project plan that outlines their idea to improve their community. Based on these plans, 8 students were selected to receive \$2,000 towards their post-secondary education and two students—selected as the overall winners—will receive up to \$1,000 to implement their community project as well as an additional \$500 scholarship.

This year, 39 applications were received, with a variety of carefully crafted project plans. Madison Cahill from Campbell River and Jaime Cullon from Nanaimo were both selected as scholarship recipients and chosen to implement their projects.

### Madison Cahill of Robron Secondary School

Madison Cahill will be implementing a free store inside Campbell River's youth hub, a newly developed health and wellness center for youth. The free store will provide youth with free clothing, formal wear and household items, similar to a thrift store, and meant for people of all income levels and up to the ages of 24.

### Jaime Cullon of Nanaimo District Secondary School

Jaime Cullon will be hosting a Summer Kick Off Dance Party for people with cognitive challenges at the Beban Social Centre. Jaime recognized that youth with cognitive challenges are rarely able to join in on community events, which is essential for creating inclusivity within our community. The dance will occur this summer and include a DJ, prizes, decorations, food and beverages.

### Congratulations to the 2017 Coastal Community Scholarship Award Recipients:

<b>Marie-Gabrielle Bechard</b>	Carihi Secondary School, Campbell River
<b>Madison Cahill</b>	Robron Secondary School, Campbell River
<b>Jaime Cullon</b>	Nanaimo District Secondary School, Nanaimo
<b>Tianna Hudak</b>	Timberline Secondary School, Campbell River
<b>Kenadii Lasota</b>	North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill
<b>Joshua Mitchell</b>	Dover Bay Secondary School, Nanaimo
<b>Patrick Thompson</b>	Wellington Secondary School, Nanaimo
<b>Meryssa Waite</b>	GP Vanier Secondary School, Comox Valley

Coastal Community Credit Union would like to thank all applicants for their participation and commend these students on their exceptional ideas for improving their communities. Visit [www.cccu.ca](http://www.cccu.ca) or our Facebook page for regular updates on Madison and Jaime's community projects.



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About  
COASTAL COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

***Improving financial health, enriching lives, and building healthier communities...*** These are at the core of who we are and what we do at Coastal Community Credit Union (CCCU). With these as our focus areas, we continued to grow our position as the largest financial services organization based on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, while remaining among the largest credit unions in British Columbia when measured by asset size.

In order to help our members and clients improve their financial health, CCCU's family of companies offers a wide range of products, services and expertise in personal, business and commercial banking, general and commercial insurance\* and wealth management\*\*. Across the Islands, we operate 23 branches, 16 insurance offices, four regional business centres, one centralized contact centre (1.888.741.1010) with extended service hours, plus a team of mobile experts and a full range of online and mobile services. CCCU was the first to bring cutting-edge Interactive Teller Machine technology to the Island and continues to add new innovations to simplify finances—and life. By really listening and understanding, and then providing meaningful solutions, Coastal Community's 600-person-strong team is able to help our members and clients achieve their financial and life goals.

As a 100% Island-based business, we're committed to making meaningful differences in the places we call home. Our Building Healthier Communities Fund has provided hundreds of thousands in seed money to activate dozens of local community betterment initiatives. CCCU is also an award winning organization, having most recently been recognized as one of B.C.'s Top Employers.

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