

Coastal Community awards over \$17,000 in scholarships

Eight Vancouver Island students receive financial aid for post-secondary study

Vancouver Island, BC, Canada – June 24, 2020: Grade twelve students across the islands are wrapping up a challenging school year and looking ahead to their next step. Eight of those young people will get \$2,000 each toward their post-secondary education through Coastal Community Credit Union's scholarship program.

The credit union has been offering annual scholarships since 2005 to local students who plan to attend undergraduate college or university, trade school or special interest school. The twist? Students apply by submitting a plan for a project to improve their community.

Based on these plans, 8 students are selected to receive \$2,000 towards their post-secondary education. This year, Reese Beadall and MacKenna Jardine were the overall winners. They will receive up to \$1,000 to implement their projects as well as an additional \$500 scholarship.

Reese is a Nanaimo District Secondary School student with a plan to develop a painting workshop for seniors in retirement communities. Hailing from Bellenas Secondary School in Parksville, MacKenna's vision is to upgrade the outdoor spaces of Munchkinland, an early education organization.

All eight winners sent in a thoughtful and creative plan to improve their community. Congratulations to each of them!

Reese Beadall	Nanaimo District Secondary School, Nanaimo
MacKenna Jardine	Bellenas Secondary School, Parksville
Alma Perreault	Belmont Secondary School, Victoria
Connor Loch-Labelle	Duncan Christian School, Duncan
Julia Morris	Dover Bay Secondary School, Nanaimo
Megan Duifhuis	Wellington Secondary School, Nanaimo
Rachel McDonald	Kwalicum Secondary School, Qualicum
Abigail Bowering	Glenlyon Norfolk School, Victoria

"Building healthier communities is part of our DNA, and what better way than to support Island young people with a dream of giving back while looking ahead to the future," said Allyson Prescesky, Senior Manager, Community and Communications for Coastal Community.

"Even in difficult times, these young people are thinking of others. We're proud to give them a helping hand with their educational goals."

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, the CCCU family of companies continues to grow our position as the largest Island-based financial organization, and third largest in B.C. when measured by membership. We serve over 120,000 members and clients and close to 9,000 community organizations and businesses on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

To help our members and clients improve their financial health, our business lines offer a full range of products and services for personal, business and commercial banking, insurance and wealth management. Our Island communities are our homes, so we make decisions based on knowledge of the local market, strengthening local economies. And we never stop looking for ways to improve the way we do business.

As a financial co-operative, we are 100% member-owned. Our shareholders are our neighbours and fellow citizens, so we are focused on building strong and vibrant communities by keeping our jobs, our earnings, and our community efforts local. Each year, Coastal Community invests over half a million dollars into communities across the Islands through community funding grants, education awards, sponsorships and fundraising initiatives.

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