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18 Downriver seniors and two area college students receive scholarships from Education First Credit Union

*More than \$50,000 has been awarded
to deserving students over the past decade*

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JUNE 2007 — Eighteen graduating seniors from 10 Downriver area high schools — and two area students already attending college — have been awarded \$500 scholarships by **Education First Credit Union** — formerly known as *Downriver School Employees Credit Union* — to help fund their college educations.

Receiving \$500 scholarships this spring are:

GIBRALTAR CARLSON HIGH SCHOOL

Sara Kozmor
Elizabeth Browning
Christopher Vilag

GABRIEL RICHARD HIGH SCHOOL (RIVERVIEW)

Giuseppe Palazzolo

GROSSE ILE HIGH SCHOOL

Kelsey Roebke

HURON HIGH SCHOOL (NEW BOSTON)

Joseph Korytkowski

RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Amanda Davison
John Mitroka
John Robert Morgan

SOUTHGATE ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Han Li
Emily Musik

TAYLOR KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

Marissa Kerrigan

TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Dayna Donnelly
Steven Kelley
John Papke

WOODHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Amanda Sayer
Abby Mercatante

WYANDOTTE ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

Thomas Hierlihy

This year, the credit union awarded \$11,000 in scholarships to a total of 20 graduating high school seniors in Wayne and Monroe counties — plus two more \$500 scholarships to area students already in college: **Jenna Powers** of Lincoln Park (Michigan State University) and **Justin Judd** of Grosse Ile (University of Findlay [Ohio]).

Over the past decade, the credit union has awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships to students seeking to further their education.

“We’re delighted to be able to give back to our education community in such a positive way,” said President and CEO Teri Creighton.

“Since the creation of our credit union by nine educators in 1951, one of our commitments has been to future generations — and these scholarships help us fulfill that commitment.”

In addition to awarding college scholarships, the credit union also provides financial lesson plans to teachers and has created student-run credit unions in numerous elementary schools. Currently, the credit union is in the process of contacting school districts and private and charter schools across Western Wayne County to not only alert them to the name change to **Education First Credit Union**, but to also offer its products and services to educators and others working in the education field.

Founded in 1951 as *Wyandotte School Employees Credit Union*, the credit union changed its name in 1974 to *Downriver School Employees Credit Union* after expanding into other areas. This year’s change to the **Education First Credit Union** name, Creighton said, “better reflects the nature of our membership, rather than the boundaries of our service area.

“In fact, we’ve been serving members far beyond the traditional Downriver area for many years — so it was time to reflect that larger community.

“And the name — **Education First** — more accurately conveys that sense of community and our commitment to our members.”

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