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# BayPort Credit Union Celebrates 60 Years Awarding More Than \$1 Million in Scholarship Assistance

**NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 7, 2021** – For the past 60 years, BayPort Credit Union has supported funding student educational pursuits. And over that time, it has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships. Today, the credit union's philanthropic arm, the BayPort Foundation, continues the focus of educational scholarships by providing over \$90,000 in scholarships annually to member students in surrounding local communities.

The newly launched BayPort Foundation awarded scholarships to 16 college students and working adults and 21 high school seniors. Scholarships this year range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 and are intended to help member students including seniors currently enrolled in BayPort's Student-Run Credit Union program, employee dependents, and full-time undergraduate or graduate students.

This year, the Foundation has partnered with WAVY-TV 10 and FOX 43 TV to honor its 2021 scholarship recipients as part of the BayPort Foundation Scholarship Salute recognition program. The Scholarship Salute airs the entire week of June 7. For more information and to view the entire voluntary Scholarship Salute series, please visit BayPort's YouTube channel.

Eligible scholarship applicants must be a BayPort member. In addition to academic achievement, financial need, and completed essays, applicants should demonstrate service and commitment to extracurricular activities, community, civic or related organizations.

The BayPort Foundation's 2021 scholarship recipients are as follows:

# George R. Dudley Scholarship

Gabriella Castro, King's Fork High School

## **Beard-Bennett Memorial Scholarship**

Akye Johnson, Great Bridge High School Alyssa Cirrincione, Menchville High School Christina White, Hampton High School Jalen Pryor, Gloucester High School Joshua O'Grady, Grafton High School Maggie Nelson, Poquoson High School

#### **Student-Run Credit Union Scholarship**

Adelaide Klotz, Kecoughtan High School
Anaya Eley, Kecoughtan High School
Andrew Lombardi, Poquoson High School
Barrett Ferguson, Smithfield High School
Dylan Conyers, Smithfield High School
Harmoney Tillerson, Kecoughtan High School
Ilaina Miller, Woodside High School



Koleby Miller, Denbigh High School Lindsey Hankins, York High School Madison Haynes, Kecoughtan High School Michael Webb, Heritage High School Micah Carter, Woodside High School Molly Standley, Denbigh High School Rickey Watkins, Gloucester High School

## **Burton P. Hill Scholarship**

Madelyn Wilson, University of Virginia

#### **Directors Scholarship**

Ayanna Millner, University of Virginia
Chakyia Lee, High Point University
Colby Mutter, Bluefield College
Emma Reilly, Washington College
Michelle Veitz, Regent University
Victoria Jarrell, Virginia Commonwealth University
William Richardson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

#### **Tuition Booster Scholarship**

Ashanti Winborne, Winston-Salem State University
Ashley Springer, Thomas Nelson Community College
Cathrine Anthony, College of William & Mary
Kimberly Carter, Thomas Nelson Community College
Kimberly Michie, Tidewater Community College
Patrick Ngabo, Old Dominion University

## **Wiatt Memorial Apprentice School Scholarship**

Elizabeth Parker, *Thomas Nelson Community College* Phenix Sumner, *Thomas Nelson Community College* 

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## **About BayPort Foundation**

BayPort Foundation is the charitable arm of BayPort Credit Union and was established to extend the credit union's philosophy of "people helping people." The BayPort Foundation's mission focuses on four philanthropic efforts: educational scholarships, financial literacy education, promoting family health and wellness, and hardship and emergency assistance in communities where BayPort members live and work. For more information, visit bayportfoundation.com.

# **About BayPort Credit Union**

In 1928, nine shipyard workers from Newport News Shipbuilding formed an organization with a specific purpose as a low-interest source of loans and a trusted place to deposit money. Today, BayPort Credit Union is rated a Superior 5-Star Credit Union by Bauer Financial, managing \$1.9 billion in assets and servicing more than 145,000 individuals and businesses with 25 branch locations across the Virginia Peninsula and Southside communities. Visit us at bayportcu.org.