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## **Unitus Community Credit Union Announces 2016 student Scholarship Recipients** *\$11,000 awarded to eleven students seeking higher education*

**Portland, Ore., August 1, 2016**– Carrying on its commitment to helping members achieve a higher education, [Unitus Community Credit Union](#), a Portland-based credit union, is pleased to announce that they awarded eleven scholarships to graduating high school, undergraduate and graduate students.

Each scholarship recipient will receive \$1,000 toward his or her tuition for the 2016-2017 academic year. Awards were based on a combination of financial need, academic achievement, community involvement and essay.

The 2016 winners are:

- Joshua Snellgrove, from Clackamas, will be studying Computer Science at George Fox University (Newberg, OR). He aspires to become a game designer and software engineer.
- Tatum Garrison, from Newberg, will be studying Family and Child Development at Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA). She aspires to become an international adoption coordinator.
- Gregory Wilson II, from Portland, will be studying Environmental Science/Engineering at Western Oregon University (Monmouth, OR). He aspires to become an environmental engineer.
- Maya Aguilar, from Hillsboro, will be studying Journalism/Communications at University of Oregon (Eugene, OR). She aspires to become a mediator and help people resolve conflicts.
- Charlotte Newsom from Portland, is studying Film Production at Azusa Pacific University (Azusa, CA). Her goal is a career in film production & directing so she can get important issues across through storytelling.
- Kearsten Friedrich, from Newberg, is studying Animal Science and Biotechnology at Montana State University (Bozeman, MT). She aspires to be a veterinarian.
- Jennifer Brockman, from Denver, is studying BFA Musical Theater at The New School (New York, NY). She aspires to launch a career as a performer, director, writer, and producer of musical theater.

- Rosalyn Gasbarro, from Salem, is studying Music at Northwest University (Salem, OR). She aspires to be a music producer and artist.
- Kendra Pittman Quiroz, from Portland, is pursuing her Master of Social Work at Portland State University (Portland, OR). She aspires to become a social worker and dedicate her career to supporting and advocating for youth and families.
- Miriam Saucedo, from Portland, is pursuing her Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health and Counseling at George Fox University (Newberg, OR). She aspires to become a counselor so she can impact the lives of others in a positive and meaningful way.
- Yesenia Higuera, from Portland, is studying Nursing at Linfield College (McMinnville, OR). She aspires to be a registered maternity nurse.

Unitus' scholarship program has awarded more than \$127,000 in scholarships to student members since 2004.

The online application for the 2017-2018 school year will be open mid-January.

**About Unitus Community Credit Union**

Unitus Community Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution serving people living or working in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Benton, Columbia, Deschutes, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Linn and Lane counties in Oregon and the state of Washington. Additional information about Unitus is available at [www.unitusccu.com](http://www.unitusccu.com) or by calling (800) 452-0900.

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