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## **Cascade Community Credit Union Announces Pathfinder Scholarship Winners**



ROSEBURG, Oregon – Cascade Community Credit Union (CCCU) is pleased to announce the selection of Alora Conklin, Alicia Woodring, Lindsay Blankenship, and Jonathan Stone to each receive a \$1,500 Pathfinder Scholarship toward furthering their higher education.

Alora, Alicia, and Jonathan will be graduating from Roseburg High School this June while Lindsay is a 2017 graduate from South Umpqua High School and currently attending both Linn-Benton Community College as well as Oregon State University. Lindsay is studying Civil Engineering while also working as a Student Engineer for ATI Millersburg and is excited to hit the ground running in her career once she graduates with her degree. “I plan to give back to my community and teach students that there are many more opportunities in life than what are presented in our area,” said Lindsay. “I hope to inspire younger students and show them that they can obtain the career of their choice.”

These sentiments of inspiring and leading future generations toward greater success are shared amongst the other recipients as well. Jonathan, who will be pursuing an Engineering degree at George Fox University, agrees that younger generations like his need to step forward. “I want to be an engineer who sees possibilities in change—one that makes ripples which will bring about the calming of fears and the change of greatness,” Jonathan said.



Alora and Alicia also both see their education and future career paths as ways to give back and inspire. At Roseburg High School, Alora was a member of multiple community service-based clubs. She shared her love for giving back to the community and said she “found a sense of fulfillment and purpose by helping those in need.” Alora wants to further that passion for helping those in need through nursing. She will be attending Umpqua Community College in the fall to receive a certification as a Registered Nurse and then plans to transfer to Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) for a Masters in Nursing. Alicia, who plans on studying Graphic Design at the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts at Arizona State University, also values giving back and said, “I have always had a passion for serving and helping others see the best versions of themselves...I am interested in telling inspiring individuals’ stories through photography, journalism, and well-crafted design.”

Lynn Calvert, Interim CEO of CCCU, expressed, “We’re pleased to offer these awards to students who have and will continue to support and benefit their community. We know they will do a fantastic job in their future endeavors.”

This selection is based on academic performance, community involvement, financial need, and the applicant’s potential to succeed in their chosen area of study.



### **About Pathfinder Scholarships**

The Pathfinder Scholarships originally began in 1987 as a \$500 scholarship named Irene Murphy Scholarship in honor of one of the credit union’s first managers: Irene Murphy. In 2019, CCCU renamed the scholarship and expanded the selection from one recipient to three. Over the 32 years since the scholarship began, CCCU has awarded nearly \$100,000, which translates to 35 Douglas County students who have received assistance in continuing their education.

### **About Cascade Community Credit Union**

Cascade Community Credit Union, headquartered in Douglas County, Oregon, is proud to support its community and residents since 1948 through quality financial products and services, exceptional member service, and involvement in local events and organizations. With \$230 million in assets, over 14,500 members, and 3 branches, CCCU is the only local financial institution dedicated to helping our members and community prosper.