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# Vantage Credit Union Awards 25 *Quest For Education* Scholarships to Area High School Seniors

ST. LOUIS – As area high school seniors prepare for graduation ceremonies, Hubert Hoosman, Jr., President and CEO of Vantage Credit Union, along with members of the Vantage Senior Team, are preparing to visit area high schools to award twenty-five seniors a combined $37,500 in scholarships.

Vantage Credit Union recognizes that the cost for a college education continues to rise. That's why the credit union has committed to supporting higher education throughout the years. In the past 25 years, Vantage has awarded over $450,000 in scholarships to area high school seniors.

"Our credit union was founded on education. Today, we devote a full-time employee to financial education in the schools and are proud to support higher education by awarding these scholarships," said President and CEO Hubert Hoosman.

Each 2008 *Quest For Education* scholarship winner was chosen based on a combination of a student-written essay; appropriate honors and awards; participation in extra curricular, community and volunteer activities; employment; recommendation letters; and credit union membership. Volunteer scholarship judges consisted of local educators, Vantage Board and Supervisory Committee members, and employees.

Students from 21 public school districts and 4 private schools, in both Missouri and Illinois, applied for the scholarships this year. The winners, listed in alphabetical order by school name, include:

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**Columbia High School**, Daniel Everding; **Duchesne High School**, Alexander Ewing; **Fort Zumwalt West High**, Leah Kniffen and Rachel Mamroth; **Francis Howell North High**, Weston Gordon; **Hazelwood West High School**, Andrew Higgins and Joanna Joye; **Ladue Horton Watkins High School**, Marjorie Powers; **Lafayette High School**, Taryn Shipley and Leanne Tracy; **Lindbergh High School**, Justin Wenk; **Marquette High School**, Sarah Spieler; **Mehlville Senior High**, Ravi Nemani; **Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Computing**, Niharika Rath; **Parkway North High School**, Rebecca Fels; **Pattonville High School**, Laura Beard; **Rockwood Summit High School**, Daniel Nolan and Tricia Stoll; **Roxana High School**, Timothy Witthoft; **St. Dominic High School**, Kelsey Ryan; **Triad High School**, Amy West; **Ursuline Academy**, Margaret Mary Brueggen; **Warrenton Senior High School**, Daniel Dreyer and Lily Kleeschulte; and **Webster Groves High School**, Judith Mazdra.

Vantage Credit Union raises a portion of the scholarship funds through an annual golf tournament. This year's golf tournament fund-raiser will be held on Thursday, June 12, at Innsbrook Estates Golf Course in Wright City. The public is invited to play in or sponsor the tournament. For more information call our Marketing Department at 314.264.5150. (The credit union contributes the remaining difference.)

Vantage and its employees demonstrate their commitment to the credit union philosophy of *People Helping People* by contributing money, time and knowledge to people who need it most. Each year, in addition to scholarships, Vantage gives back to the communities in which it operates by donating to worthwhile charities, as well as by providing free financial education presentations to area schools and community groups.

Vantage Credit Union is a progressive, full-service financial institution with over $500 million in assets, more than 96,000 member-owners, and fifteen locations serving 19 counties in eastern Missouri, and Madison and St. Clair Counties in Illinois.

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