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## NEWS RELEASE

### **CREDIT UNION OF COLORADO FOUNDATION AWARDS \$50,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### ***Two Students from Denver Awarded Scholarships***

DENVER – July 2024 – Credit Union of Colorado Foundation is proud to announce the 2024 winners of its annual college scholarship program. The Foundation awarded 10 students with a \$5,000 annual scholarship totaling \$50,000 in tuition assistance for the 2024/2025 school year. Caleb Merson and Mia Portillo from Denver were awarded scholarships and will use the scholarships to help pay for their educations at Colorado State University and George Washington University, respectively.

“We are honored to provide financial support to college students from communities throughout Colorado,” says Phil Smith, board chair of the Credit Union of Colorado Foundation and President and CEO of Credit Union of Colorado. “This year’s recipients are not only accomplished academically but also dedicated volunteers who serve their schools and communities. The future is bright with these students who will no doubt make lasting impacts in both their careers and communities.”

Scholarship eligibility was extended to students who are Colorado residents enrolled in, or scheduled to enter, an accredited college or university as an undergraduate taking at least 12 credit hours per semester. Candidates were required to maintain a minimum 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale in high school or during the previous 12 months as a college undergraduate and demonstrate an active commitment to volunteer activities and community service at their school or in their local community.

This year’s scholarship winners include:

- Grace Evans, Parker - attending Colorado State University
- Mary Hollyn Knorr, Lafayette - attending Miami University, Oxford Ohio
- Ariella Maroni, Fort Collins - attending Duke University
- Isabella Mastreno, Castle Rock - attending San Diego State University



- Caleb Merson, Denver - attending Colorado State University
- Megan Neton, Craig - attending Colorado College
- Mia Portillo, Denver - attending George Washington University
- Ellie Roadifer, Littleton - attending Purdue University
- Payton TerEick, Lone Tree - attending University of Florida
- Abigail Umbenhouer, Erie - attending Purdue University

#### **About Credit Union of Colorado Foundation**

Founded in 2012, [Credit Union of Colorado Foundation](#) supports education through college scholarships and educator grants. The Foundation reflects and honors Credit Union of Colorado's legacy of philanthropic commitment to its members and the communities where they reside.

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