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STATE DEPARTMENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AWARDS 22 SCHOLARSHIPS

Alexandria, Va. – The 2008 SDFCU Scholarship winners were selected out of over 80 applicants. A selection committee comprised of members of the Board of Directors, reviewed applications consisting of personal statements, academic achievements and financial need. Since 1976, the annual scholarship award fund has increased from \$2,000 to \$50,000.

“We are so thrilled to be able to give back to our membership in this kind of way,” says SDFCU CEO Jan N.Roche. “We have continuously increased the award amount to further encourage and reward education in our membership.”

SDFCU is proud to announce the following winners of the 2008 SDFCU Scholarship Competition. The total 50,000 was distributed evenly among the winners:

2008 Scholarship Winners (22 in total)

Brandi Alston
English
Ohio Wesleyan University

Shelise Blakeney
Elementary Education
Morgan State University

Jessica Bryant
Business Administration
Morgan State University

Tenzin Choden
Biomedical Engineering/Religious Studies

University of Virginia

Daniel Cioffi
Computer Engineering
University Of New Hampshire

Robin Cooke
Human Resource Management
University of Maryland Univ. College

Sinan Denny-Brown
Medical Sciences
Boston University School of Medicine

Terra Gaines
Pre-Pharmacy
Texas Southern University

Lauren Gaston-Hawkins
Biomedical Engineering
Yale University

Kristin Gates
Medicine
George Washington School of Medicine

Angela Johnson
Social Work
The Catholic University of America

Josh Lyons
Accounting
College of Charleston

Roberta Onuma
Criminal Justice
University of Baltimore

Christina Pierre
Human Resources
St. Leo University

Susanne Roberts
Medicine
Penn State University

Matthew Siller
Public Policy - Economic & Political Dev.
Harvard University

Teandra Stewart
Electronics Engineering Technology
Capitol College

Precious Wallace
Psychology

University of the District of Columbia

Eric Washington
Chemistry
Virginia Commonwealth University

Teresa Wojtasiewicz
Medicine
University of Rochester

Nathalia Veale
Physical Therapy
Marymount University

Jennifer Young
Occupational Therapy
James Madison University

The 2009 Scholarship applications will be available on February 1, 2009. To learn more please visit www.sdfcu.org/youth or call SDFCU at 800.296.8882.

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