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State Department Federal Credit Union
Awards \$20,000 to Fifteen Scholarship Winners

Alexandria, Virginia -- State Department Federal Credit Union's Board of Directors announced the winners of their Twenty-fifth Annual Scholarship Competition. Since the competition's inception in 1976, SDFCU has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships. This year's \$20,000 award fund was divided among fifteen recipients.

SDFCU's 2001 Scholarship Competition winners are:

● **Rick J. Bair**

Washington State University
Mechanical Engineering

● **Audrey L. Brunson**

Illinois Institute of Art at Chicago
Media Arts and Animation

● **Raphael Denbow**

Hampton University
Biology/Physical Therapy

● **Fredric Donaldson**

Brigham Young University
Geography

● **Neil A. Hanson**

University of Virginia
Biology

● **Madjimbaye C. Namde**

Wake Forest University
Biology (Pre-med)

● **Tiye C. Ray**

University of Maryland University College
Business Management

● **Michelle A. West**

University of Maryland University College
Criminal Justice Technology

● **David R.C. Berry**

William and Mary
English

● **LoreLee Christensen**

University of Washington
Physician Assistant

● **Walter A. Diaz**

George Mason University
Computer Science

● **Carmen C. Figueroa**

George Mason University
Biology

● **Marcella D. Jones**

Strayer University
Business Administration

● **Ruth S. Osborne**

University of Maryland University College
Communication Studies

● **Gregory Wang**

University of Maryland
Medicine

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"We are pleased to award \$20,000 in scholarships to our academically outstanding members," said John C. Adkin, President/CEO of SDFCU. "We value education and assist our members by providing scholarships and education loans."

To qualify for the scholarship competition, students must be SDFCU members and have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at an accredited college or university. The competition is open to both graduates and undergraduates who meet certain GPA and financial criteria.

The Scholarship Competition was established in 1976. Since then, the annual award fund has increased from \$2,000 to \$20,000. Each year in February, scholarship applications are available by mail and at the Credit Union's five branches. All applications and transcripts must be received by mid-April for consideration.

In addition to scholarship funds, SDFCU offers education loans for students and their parents to finance college tuition -- Federal Stafford Loans (both subsidized and unsubsidized) and Federal Parent Loans to Undergraduate Students (PLUS).

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Agency worldwide. The Credit Union also serves National Credit Union Administration employees. SDFCU has assets exceeding \$480 million with more than 56,000 members.

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