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## **Merrimack Valley Credit Union Awards \$10,000 in Scholarships to Local High School Seniors**

**Lawrence, Mass.** (May 24, 2019) – [Merrimack Valley Credit Union](#) (MVCU) recently awarded a total of \$10,000 in scholarships to nine local high school seniors. Samuel Acquaviva, of Newburyport, Mass., received a \$2,000 scholarship, while six Massachusetts students and two New Hampshire students received \$1,000 scholarships.

“Our annual scholarship fund is one of the ways we give back to the community,” said John Howard, President and CEO of Merrimack Valley Credit Union. “We had so many impressive applicants this year, choosing the scholarship recipients was a difficult task. The scholarship recipients were selected because of their commitment to education, their community both in and out of school, and the lessons they’ve learned about managing their money today and in the future.”

MVCU received 178 applications from students at 24 different high schools located across the Merrimack Valley. Students were scored on their academic performance, school and community involvement, work experience, letters of recommendation and their essays about the best lessons they’ve learned about money.

**Samuel Acquaviva**, of Newburyport, Mass., received a \$2,000 scholarship; MVCU contributed half of the scholarship, while MVCU’s student loan partner, Credit Union Student Choice (CUSC), contributed the other half. Acquaviva will graduate from Newburyport High School and attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology, majoring in chemical engineering.

The seniors who received \$1,000 scholarships from MVCU are:

**Thomas Barry**, of Methuen, Mass., will graduate from Methuen High School and attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in computer science.

**Patrick Dillon**, of Merrimac, Mass., will graduate from Pentucket Regional High School and attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst – Isenberg School of Management, majoring in finance.

**Elizabeth Ezekiel**, of Tewksbury, Mass., will graduate from Tewksbury Memorial High School and attend Bridgewater State University, majoring in English and secondary education.

**Ana Gonzalez**, of Lawrence, Mass., will graduate from the Abbott Lawrence Academy at Lawrence High School and attend Tufts University, majoring in biomedical sciences.

**Devin Goodwin**, of Middleton, Mass., will graduate from Masconomet Regional High School and attend Boston University, majoring in electrical engineering.

**Ryan Marotta**, of Windham, N.H., will graduate from Windham High School and attend Kent State University, majoring in aeronautics with a concentration in flight technology.

**Joshua Parker**, of Windham, N.H., will graduate from Windham High School and attend the University of Massachusetts Lowell, majoring in mechanical engineering.

**Katelyn Quinlan**, of Haverhill, Mass., will graduate from Haverhill High School and attend Simmons University, participating in the honors program and majoring in nursing.

For more information about Merrimack Valley Credit Union, visit <http://www.mvcu.com>.



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### **About Merrimack Valley Credit Union**

Merrimack Valley Credit Union (MVCU) is a state-chartered community credit union with \$1 billion in assets. MVCU serves anyone who lives, works, volunteers, or attends school in the Merrimack Valley region, and through its Bridgewater Credit Union division, Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk or Plymouth counties. MVCU offers a wide range of savings and loan products to meet the financial needs of its members, and has 10 branch locations in Bridgewater, Fairhaven, Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, North Andover, Plymouth, and Quincy, Mass., and Plaistow and Seabrook, N.H.

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