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## **Extra Credit Union Awards \$5,000 in Continuing Education Scholarships**

Five local college students recently were surprised with an “extra” \$1,000 to put toward their education for the fall.

The scholarship funds make up the \$5,000 that were awarded as Extra Credit Union’s [Continuing Education Scholarships](#) for current college or trade school students or for those who have taken a break from schooling for a while and will be returning in the fall. This is the third year the financial institution has awarded the scholarships.

Members of Extra Credit Union’s marketing team surprised the winners with a congratulatory lawn sign and large check. A video documenting the surprises can be found on the credit union’s [YouTube](#) and social media pages.

“Our Continuing Education Scholarship helps to provide funding for adults, both young and old, who could use a little bit of extra funding to help with their schooling,” said Ruthann Varosi, marketing manager at Extra Credit Union. “Often times, scholarships are made available to graduating high school seniors, but it is harder for current college and trade school students to get some extra funds. We are happy to help fill that gap.”

Extra Credit Union also annually awards \$5,000 in college scholarships to high school seniors through its [Richard J. Spence Scholarship](#).

“We are all about supporting education whether it’s teaching kindergarteners about sharing, saving and spending their money to teaching a high schooler how to write a check to supporting an individual who wants to further their education as an adult,” Varosi said.

**This year’s recipients include:**

- **Jaylynn Jones**, Michigan State University
- **Megan McClellan**, Michigan State University
- **Madeline Oles**, Central Michigan University
- **Nolan Smigel**, Siena Heights University
- **Aubrey Whiteside**, Michigan State University

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**Extra Credit Union** ([www.extracreditunion.org](http://www.extracreditunion.org)) was founded in 1954 by a group of educators with \$856 in assets. Today, with two full-service offices in Warren and Sterling Heights, Mich., Extra Credit Union (ECU) has nearly 20,000 members and \$238 million in assets. Extra Credit Union works with the local community and educators to provide hands-on learning, financial fundamentals, and customized services to help students and educators make good financial decisions. In addition, ECU provides solution-based lending and credit education programs to open lending possibilities to people of all credit backgrounds in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties. Deidra M. Williams serves as President/CEO, leading the credit union in its mission.