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Member Insights

MERCK EMPLOYEES
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

2024 Scholarship Winners Announced

Merck Employees Federal Credit Union continued its long tradition of supporting the continuing education of high-school seniors by awarding a $5,000 scholarship to six high school seniors. This year's winners were selected from hundreds of excellent applicants from throughout the country.

Each of the students were assessed on their academic abilities, volunteer commit¬ments, work and extra-curricular activities, as well as an essay. This year's essay topic focused on the economy and smart financial habits.

"In a world filled with challenges, the dedication of our youth shines bright. The turnout for this year's scholarship program is a testament to their commitment to making a difference. It was truly inspiring to hear their hopes and dreams for the future at our Annual Meeting," remarked Paul Gentile, president/CEO of Merck Employees FCU.

The credit union wishes every applicant success in the coming year and throughout their educational journey.

This year, the following students were awarded scholarships:



Akshay Krishnan

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Lansdale, PA
North Penn High School
College Plans: Penn State Schreyer Honors College
Major: Chemical Engineering
"Ultimately, my choice of major in Chemical Engineering is not just about academic pursuit; it symbolizes a pathway to connect humanity with science, with the overarching goal of improving patients' lives and making a positive impact on society."

Joshua Kwasnik
Metuchen, NJ
Union Catholic Regional High School
College Plans: Miami University, Xavior University, Seton Hall University or Rutgers University
Major: Biology and Chemistry
"My main goal is to help others and give back as much as I can. I want to research and create new things that can benefit the world."



Joshua Kwasnik



Henry Szumigala

Henry Szumigala
Somerville, NJ
Somerville High School
College Plans: US Air Force Academy
"Honing and developing my piloting skills while also learning about flight and airpower as a student will greatly prepare me to become a pilot in the United States Air Force, fulfilling my dream to find a job in the skies."

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Hayley Thompson
Deptford, NJ
Gloucester County Institute of Technology
College Plans: Rutgers University - New Brunswick
Major: Nursing
"My ideal future career is to become a labor and delivery nurse or a nurse midwife. A college education will allow me to pursue this career pathway by gaining valuable knowledge and experience in the medical field."


Hayley Thompson


Ellyn Wong

Ellyn Wong
Nazareth, PA
Nazareth Area High School
College Plans: Undecided
Major: Materials Science & Engineering
"In the future, I would like to do research on polymer recycling, biopolymers inspired by nature, or even material life cycle assessments to bring us a step closer to a circular economy (where manufacturing outputs become inputs elsewhere)."

Jerome Zhang
Edison, NJ
John P Stevens High School
College Plans: Undecided
Major: Computer Science/Engineering
"A college education will help me obtain a holistic understanding of the implications of joining together the fields of AI and medicine in a way that will be both financially feasible and ethically favorable for society as a whole."


Jerome Zhang

Merck Employees FCU Celebrates Administrative Professionals

The credit union recently supported Merck's Administrative Professionals Day on the Merck Rahway campus with special offers for administrative professionals! Shown here is Senior Loan Officer Alex Szydlowski and IRA Specialist Pam Zepka.







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