

## Coastal Community announces \$20,000 in post-secondary scholarships

Vancouver Island, BC, Canada – June 27, 2024: Since 2005, Coastal Community Credit Union has been helping local grade twelve students with their post-secondary plans. This year, eight high school seniors each received \$2,000 toward a program at an undergraduate college or university, trade school or special interest school.

The application comes with a twist: students submit a plan for a project to improve their community. Based on these plans, eight students are chosen for a \$2,000 scholarship, with two selected as overall winners. This year Rylan Prescesky of Dover Bay Secondary School and Tessa Zimmerman of North Island Secondary School were awarded top place. They will each receive up to \$1,000 to implement their projects, as well as an additional \$1,000 scholarship.

Rylan's plan is to spread awareness through multiple channels of the importance of giving blood. You can look for his information in places like hockey camps, community bulletin boards and social media. He's even designed a t-shirt to reward the first 50 donors through his campaign. The slogan is "Every Drop Counts," and Rylan will also hold a draw for donors to win gift certificates.

Tessa's project is to have two metal benches made and installed along two popular residential routes to the downtown core in Port McNeill. One route will be along McNeill Road, and the other leads to the top of Haddington Crescent. The benches will help those needing a rest from a strenuous uphill climb to their homes.

Congratulations to each of our eight winners! They all sent in creative and thoughtful plans.

Rylan Prescesky	Dover Bay Secondary School, Nanaimo
Orson Myck	Ucluelet Secondary School, Ucluelet
Ella Louie	Wellington Secondary, Nanaimo
Katelyn Putz	John Barsby Secondary School, Nanaimo
Peyton Haslam	Cedar Community Secondary School, Nanaimo
Sarah McDowell	North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill
Tessa Zimmermann	North Island Secondary School, Port McNeill
William Maras-Hilling	Wellington Secondary School, Nanaimo

"As these young leaders have shown, the youth of today are the key to building healthier communities for tomorrow," said Kristin Hocking, Community Experience Specialist with Coastal Community. "Every year our applicants hit the ball out of the park with their caring proposals to give back. Our future is in good hands."

Coastal Community Credit Union acknowledges that we are located on the Lands of the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth and Kwakwaka'wakw ancestors and families, whose historical relationships with the Land continue to this day. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live, learn, work and play in their traditional and unceded territories.

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#### ABOUT COASTAL COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

Improving financial health, enriching lives, and building healthier communities. These are at the core of who we are and what we do at Coastal Community Credit Union (CCCU). As the largest Island-based financial organization, we serve over 120,000 members and clients on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

To help you improve your financial health, we offer a range of personal, business, and commercial banking and insurance\* services, as well as wealth management through Aviso Wealth.\*\* Our Island communities are our homes, so we make decisions based on knowledge of the local market, strengthening local economies. And we never stop looking for ways to improve the way we do business.

As a financial co-operative, we are 100% member owned. Our shareholders are our neighbours and fellow citizens, so we are focused on building strong and vibrant communities by keeping our earnings and our community efforts local. Each year, Coastal Community invests over half a million dollars into communities across the Islands through community funding grants, education awards, sponsorships and fundraising initiatives.

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