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**UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

SAINT JOSEPH, MICHIGAN (May 30, 2008) - United Federal Credit Union recently awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Saint Joseph High School graduate Matthew M. Gregory. He was selected from a pool of approximately 50 candidates from Ohio, Michigan, Arkansas, North Carolina and North Dakota. Gregory has been an active volunteer for many community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Saint Joseph Aquatics, Krasl Art Fair, and the Benton Harbor Boys and Girls Club. During his high school career, Gregory was active in the Varsity Swim Team, the Marching & Concert/Symphonic Band, Key Club and National Honor Society.

In his original essay for the scholarship award, Gregory stated, "In the world we live in today, life is too much about 'me' and not enough about each other. Some believe that it is a waste of ...time to participate in something for which they do not get paid. I am not one of them. I believe that giving back to the community is a duty and an obligation. I am proud to be a part of [these efforts.]"

Oldham's scholarship was presented to him by Gary Easterling, President and CEO of United Federal Credit Union. The presentation took place during Saint Joseph High School's senior award program on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Gregory's future plans will take him to Hope College (Holland, MI) where he will enroll as a freshman for the Fall 2008 term.

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## **UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP**

**MATTHEW GREGORY**

**May 30, 2008**

The United Federal Credit Union scholarship is granted to an outstanding graduating high school senior based on academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities, and an original essay. Eligibility for the scholarship includes active membership at United Federal Credit Union for at least one year, demonstration of dedication to community service, and acceptance into an accredited trade school, college or university for the upcoming fall term. Other United Federal Credit Union scholarship recipients included Chad Benton Oldham of Richwood, Ohio (\$3000 award) and Kearra Vinson, Benton Harbor, Michigan (\$1000 award.)

“At United Federal Credit Union, we are committed to the youth in our communities,” stated Gary Easterling, President and CEO. “It is our pleasure to play a small part in encouraging fine young people like Chad as they make efforts toward a successful future.”

United Federal Credit Union has served its members since 1949 by helping them to build a sound financial future. Presently UFCU consists of more than 80,000 member/owners worldwide, and manages assets in excess of \$766,000,000. Its corporate offices and main branch are located in St. Joseph, Michigan with additional Michigan branches located in Buchanan, Holland, Niles, Berrien Springs, Stevensville and Benton Harbor. In addition to our Marion location, branches are located in Ft. Smith AR, Van Buren AR, Gwinner, ND, and Statesville NC, and Fletcher, NC. For more information about United Federal Credit Union, please call toll-free at 1-888-982-1400, or visit the credit union’s web site at [www.unitedfcu.com](http://www.unitedfcu.com).

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