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**UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO BERRIEN SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

SAINT JOSEPH, MICHIGAN (May 29, 2008) - United Federal Credit Union recently awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Berrien Springs High School graduate Kearra Vinson. She was selected from a pool of approximately 50 candidates from Ohio, Michigan, Arkansas, North Carolina and North Dakota. Vinson has been an active volunteer for many community organizations, including Curious Kids Museum, the Royalton Manor Nursing Home, New Territory Arts District, and Lakeland Regional Hospital. During her high school career, Vinson served as a teacher's aide, participated in the Upward Bound Trio program, the New Generation Dance Troupe, Del-Teen Sorority, and also participated in the Push Ensemble at her church. She was a member of the 2008 Miss Benton Harbor Court.

In a letter of recommendation for the scholarship award, Academic Programs Coordinator at Lake Michigan College Wendy Morton-Eberhardt stated, "Kearra has shows the same dedication to her community that she has shown to her academic studies. Twice [our program] has been asked to participate in mural projects in downtown Benton Harbor, and Kearra has volunteered many hours to each of these projects. These [murals] are designed to help the community see connections to their past, their education, and their community responsibilities to assure a better future. Kearra's input to these murals was valuable and will have a lasting impact on her community."

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## **UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP**

**KEARRA VINSON**

**May 29, 2008**

Vinson's scholarship was presented to her by John Walker, Branch Manager of United's Berrien Springs facility. The presentation took place during Berrien Springs High School's senior award program on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Her future plans will take her to Grand Valley State University (Allendale, MI) where she will enroll as a freshman for the Fall 2008 term.

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 Matthew Gregory, Saint Joseph, 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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