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**UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

SAINT JOSEPH, MICHIGAN (June 5, 2009June 17, 2009) - United Federal Credit Union recently awarded the \$1000 UFCU Employee/Family scholarship to Southside High School graduate Zachary Dedmon. Zachary is the son of Tanya Dedmon, Assistant Branch Manager at United's Roger's Avenue branch in Fort Smith.

While in high school, Dedmon has been involved in the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, orchestra, cross country, astronomy, and was the 2006 U.S. Men's Novice Champion for wakeboarding.

In his original essay for the scholarship award, Dedmon stated, "As I walk into the doors of my high school, I am greeted by a young man who has inspired me so much by simply holding the door open. His name is unknown to me, as well as his disability, but all I see in this young man is something that every other person should take note of. For him there is no reward at the end of the day for his service. No big thank you or honoring for his help. He is simply giving what he has to help other people. This young man has helped [me see] that the small things in this world really do count if they are done for the right reasons. He will never know what he has done for me."

Dedmon's future plans will take him to the University of Arkansas (Little Rock) where he will enroll as a freshman for the Fall 2009 term.

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ZACHARY DEDMON
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The United Federal Credit Union scholarship is granted to a son or daughter of a United employee or board member who is an outstanding graduating high school senior. Selection is 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. United Federal Credit Union also sponsors a scholarship program for members of the credit union.

“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 Zachary 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 76,000 member/owners worldwide, and manages assets in excess of \$917,000,000. 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, 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.
