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

SAINT JOSEPH, MICHIGAN (June 5, 2009) - United Federal Credit Union recently awarded a \$1000 scholarship to Saint Joseph High School graduate Kirsten M. Kortebein. She was selected from a pool of approximately 30 candidates from Ohio, Michigan, Arkansas, and North Carolina. Kortebein has been an active volunteer for many community organizations, including Key Club where she served as Secretary, National Honor Society, Habitat for Humanity, and The Pittsburg Project – a missions project through The Chapel. While in high school, Kortebein participated in Marching Band, Women’s Tennis, Latin Club, Track & Field, and served as a senior class officer.

In her original essay for the scholarship award, Kortebein stated, “Volunteering means so much more than just ‘work.’ It’s about the people we meet, the smiles we bring, and the tiny things we can do to impact other peoples’ lives. It’s about community, and it’s about passion. But most of all volunteering is about love...by giving your time, you’re doing more than just spending a couple of hours away from work. You’re changing someone’s life.”

Kortebein’s scholarship was presented to her by Gary Easterling, President and CEO of United Federal Credit Union. The presentation took place during Saint Joseph High School’s senior award program. Kortebein’s future plans will take her to the University of Michigan where she will enroll as a freshman for the Fall 2009 term.

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## **UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP**

**KIRSTEN KORTEBEIN**

**June 5, 2009**

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 Jayme Marie O’Bryant of Buchanan (\$3000 award) and Alexa Kroonblawd of St. Joseph (\$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 Kirsten 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](http://www.unitedfcu.com).

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