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

SAINT JOSEPH, MICHIGAN (June 5, 2009) - United Federal Credit Union recently awarded a \$3000 scholarship to Buchanan High School graduate Jayme Marie O’Bryant. She was selected from a pool of approximately 30 candidates from Ohio, Michigan, Arkansas, and North Carolina. O’Bryant has been an active volunteer for many community organizations, including S.A.D.D. where she served as Secretary, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Counselor at Five Pines Ministries, All-Star Mentor for Buchanan Elementary students, and as a McCoy Creek Trail Volunteer. While in high school, O’Bryant participated in varsity softball, volleyball, and basketball. She also served as a MHSAA volleyball referee and a floor hockey referee.

In her original essay for the scholarship award, O’Bryant stated, “My parents have raised me to always respect and be courteous to everyone. The day after September 11, 2001, my mom organized a ‘Red, White, and Blue’ fundraising campaign....I remember how volunteers gathered at City Hall, watched the news and cried together as everyone made thousands of ribbons to sell. I believe this fundraiser helped our community to heal their broken heart and in return demonstrated that Buchanan is a generous community that has enormous pride for our country.”

O’Bryant’s scholarship was presented to her by Cheryl Layman, branch manager of United Federal Credit Union’s Buchanan branch. The presentation took place during Buchanan High School’s senior award program. O’Bryant’s future plans will take her to the Michigan State University where she will enroll as a freshman for the Fall 2009 term.

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**UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP**

**JAYME MARIE O'BRYANT**

**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 Kirsten Kortebein of St. Joseph (\$1000 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 Jayme 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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