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East Texas Professional Credit Union Names 2016 Scholarship Recipients

(Longview, Texas) --- The Board of Directors and management staff of East Texas Professional Credit Union recently awarded \$20,000 in scholarship funds to 16 deserving seniors from area public high schools.

Scholarships were awarded in two categories. The East Texas Professional Credit Union McLaughlin Scholarship is a \$2,000 honor for graduating high school seniors who wish to pursue an education degree. The East Texas Professional Credit Union Presidential Scholarship is a \$1,000 honor available to graduating high school seniors who wish to pursue a degree in any field.

Recipients were selected anonymously based on their involvement in school and community activities, the content and completeness of their applications, as well as their all-around achievements.

“Education holds a special place in the history of East Texas Professional Credit Union,” said Byron Norton, ETPCU President and Chief Executive Officer. “Our institution was founded in 1953 by educators and although our field of membership has expanded, education remains at the heart of our organization.”

East Texas Professional Credit Union has awarded a total of \$318,000 in scholarships since the implementation of the program in 2001. Applications for the 2017 scholarship program will be available in September 2016.

2016 ETPCU McLaughlin Scholarship Recipients:

Karlee Burnaman – Martinsville High School
Donelle Fryman – Mt. Enterprise High School
Lexie Hamilton – Gilmer High School
Madelyn Thomsett – White Oak High School

2016 ETPCU Presidential Scholarship Recipients:

Nikki Acayan – Pine Tree High School
Morgan Arst – Marshall High School
Courtney Bremmer – Harmony High School
Sheldon McCown – Central Heights High School
James McNaney – Pine Tree High School
Trevor O’Connor – Longview High School
Tori Self – Henderson High School

James Rice – Central Heights High School
Bailey Skinner – Tatum High School
Hannah Smith – Henderson High School
Jessica Soltau – Longview High School
Brent Thomas – Central Heights High School

East Texas Professional Credit Union is a full service financial institution with ten offices located throughout East Texas and a membership base of more than 60,000. Membership is available to anyone who lives or works in Anderson, Angelina, northern Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rusk, Smith and Upshur counties. Visit etpcu.org for membership information.

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Not Pictured: Sheldon McCown, James Rice, Brent Thomas