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ALLIANCE CATHOLIC CREDIT UNION AWARDS \$20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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The 5th Annual Live It. Show It. Share It. Scholarship Contest was open to local 8th – 11th grade students pursuing a Catholic high school education. The Scholarship was designed as part of the Alliance Catholic Credit Union sponsorship with the Catholic High School League. The contest was open to any student planning to attend a Catholic High School League affiliated school in the 2021-2022 academic school year.

Eligible students were asked to write and submit a modern-day parable that illustrates a universal truth or moral lesson. This assignment challenged the students by having them reflect on parables from the Bible as well as modern-day problems to create a parable their peers could relate to. A total of 114 eligible entries from 46 schools across the Archdiocese of Detroit were judged and narrowed down to 10 Finalists.

"This year, we tasked students with reflecting on their faith and life as a modern-day teenager to create a relatable parable," said Rob Grech, President/CEO of Alliance Catholic Credit Union, "and as always, the students rose to the challenge. Selecting just ten winners was difficult as we had so many wonderful entries."

Each of the 10 Finalists received a minimum \$1,000 scholarship and were invited to participate in a brief interview with leaders from the Credit Union and the Catholic community to potentially increase the scholarship to \$2,500, \$4,500, or \$6,000. Interviews took place via Zoom on Friday, January 22.

The results of the contest are as follows:

Grand Prize Winner (\$6,000)

Isabella Robinson, St. Catherine of Siena Academy

2nd Place Winner (\$4,500)

Isaak Brook, Holy Family Regional School – undecided on which High School he will be attending

3rd Place Winner (\$2,500)

Gianna Switalski, Regina High School

(7) Finalists (\$1,000 each)

Katie Kurtinaitis, Divine Child Elementary School – planning to attend Divine Child High School

Faith Sterling, Holy Redeemer Grade School – planning to attend Cabrini High School

Tess Tillman, Shrine Catholic Academy – planning to attend Shrine Catholic High School

Luke Kiley, St. Mary's Preparatory High School

Josh Bisdorf, Detroit Catholic Central

Joseph Coleman, Cabrini High School

Ava DeVeney, Holy Cross Catholic School – planning to attend

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School

About Alliance Catholic Credit Union:

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