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Vantage Credit Union Announces *Quest For Education* Scholarship Recipients

ST. LOUIS - Vantage Credit Union proudly congratulates ten local high school seniors selected to receive a 2021 *Quest For Education* Scholarship (*QFE*). Recipients were honored with a reception at Topgolf on May 18. Eric Acree, Vantage President & CEO and Dr. Jerry Eichholz, Board Chairman presented each recipient with their \$1,000 scholarship. The *QFE* Scholarship has supported college-bound high school seniors and their commitment to further their education for over 25 years, and has granted over \$700,000 during that time.

With roots deep in the educational community, Vantage recognizes the importance of higher education for a successful future, and strives to give back to its younger members for all their hard work and dedication. "We're so proud of these outstanding student leaders and grateful for the opportunity to support them on their educational journey," said Jenny Sandifer, *QFE* Scholarship coordinator.

Here are the 2021 *Quest For Education* Scholarship recipients with their high school, listed in alphabetical order: **Wesley Arndt**, Warrenton High School; **Molly Fitzgerald**, Francis Howell High School; **Mary Kate Gillespie**, Hillsboro High School; **Kaleb Jenkins**, Clayton High School; **Aleksandra Levin**, Whitfield School; **Jaxon Luraschi**, Pattonville High School; **Isaiah Thompson**, Westminster Christian Academy; **Faith Wenzel**, Warrenton High School; **Grace Wenzel**, Warrenton High School; and **Symone Woods**, Parkway North High School.

Winners of the *QFE* Scholarship were judged on their essay response to the question, 'If you could have one do-over in your life, what would it be and why?' and a combination of appropriate honors and awards; participation in extracurricular, community and volunteer activities; employment and recommendation letters. Credit Union membership is required. Every year, dedicated volunteers (local educators, Vantage Board and Supervisory Committee members and select employees) serve as *QFE* Selection Committee judges.

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Vantage Credit Union is a leading, full-service financial institution with over \$1 billion in assets and 75,000 member-owners. The credit union's 12 locations serve the City of St. Louis and 19 counties in eastern Missouri and Madison and St. Clair counties in Illinois.