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**Philadelphia Federal Credit Union Rewards Two Local Residents for** **Creative Financial Literacy Contest Submissions**

**Philadelphia, PA, January 27, 2021** – Two Philadelphians with ties to local non-profit organizations received some holiday cheer thanks to a contest held by [Philadelphia Federal Credit Union](https://www.pfcu.com/) (PFCU), a member-owned institution that invests profits back into the Greater Philadelphia community.

Lillian Holt from Episcopal Community Services (ECS) and Patricia Edwards from Gaudenzia House of Passage were awarded a total of $1,500 for their entries in PFCU’s virtual Financial Literacy Contest, which encouraged individuals to submit a creative essay, poem, or piece of artwork about what financial security means to them for a chance to win first-place prize ($1,000) or second-place prize ($500).

The first-place prize went to Lillian, who submitted a short poem, "The Dreams We Can Afford," in which she elegantly illustrated the struggles to make financial choices and the relief as well as the sense of accomplishment she would feel once she reached her goal. Patricia, the second-place winner, submitted a short essay in which she shared personal struggles for shelter and food and what accomplishing financial security meant to her. Both winners will receive a financial counseling session as part of their award – a way for PFCU to reinforce best practices for personal financial well-being.

"We're impressed with the talented individuals who participated, but Lillian and Patricia set the standard for creativity,” said Erin Ellis, Accredited Financial Counselor at PFCU. "Our member’s financial well-being is at the heart of what we do at PFCU, and we hope the prize money can further help them reach their personal financial goals.”

All participants were also surprised with $25 Amazon gift cards for participating in the contest.

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