

UMassFive News

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UMassFive Helps Award \$4,000 in Scholarships



L-R: Rich Kump (CEO-UMassFive), Cait Murray (Community Outreach Manager-UMassFive) Firas Hashmi (awardee), Jim Wage (VP of Retail- UMassFive), and Megan Lagoy (AVP of Lending,-UMassFive)

Hadley, MA – UMassFive College Federal Credit Union (UMassFive) is excited to announce that two high school seniors, Firas Hashmi, and Jack Wagner, were each awarded a \$2,000 scholarship on behalf of the Credit Union by the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Credit Unions. Applicants receive scholarships based on academic achievements, community involvement, and a written essay. Both awardees had the highest level of academic achievement of all applicants.

Recent Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter School graduate, Firas Hashmi, was president of his class and its National Honors Society chapter. His extracurricular activities included Eagle Scouts, Varsity Ultimate Frisbee, Mock Trial Competition Team, Civil Air Patrol, and founding his own internet services business. Firas plans to attend the University of Chicago in Illinois in the fall, and study Astrophysics.

St. John's Preparatory School graduate, Jack Wagner, was a student leader in his school community. A Member of Spire Society, he assisted new and prospective students learn about the school. He participated in Mock Trial team and Varsity Rowing Team, and found time to volunteer at My Brother's Table. Jack plans to begin liberal arts studies at Williams College this fall.

The awardees were celebrated at a dinner with Credit Union employees in May. We are so proud of Firas, Jack, and the other impressive 42 local high school seniors who submitted their applications for consideration.

UMassFive College Federal Credit Union (UMassFive) was established in 1967 and serves the University of Massachusetts, as well as the Five College System and over 50 other local organizations that share their community-based values and vision for a sustainable local economy. As a non-profit financial cooperative, UMassFive's earnings are returned to their membership in the form of better rates, lower fees, and improved services and banking technology. The Credit Union offers a full range of financial products, including personal and business banking and lending, retirement planning and investments, and insurance. UMassFive has over 46,000 members, six branches, and assets of over \$649 million. For more information about UMassFive, please visit www.umassfive.coop.