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FirstOntario Credit Union reaches out to young students through \$12,000 in Education Awards

Local credit union provides support for post-secondary education

Hamilton, ON, July 10, 2017– The idea of paying for post-secondary education is frightening to say the least, but a special group of students are getting some relief after they were chosen as one of eight Education Award winners from FirstOntario Credit Union.

FirstOntario continues to support young Members and their post-secondary goals, providing annual \$1,500 awards to students entering college and/or university. This year, the credit union has upped the ante and opened up the opportunity to a broader group in all of the communities they serve. In the past, six awards were given out to the students who best expressed their leadership skills, volunteer activities, educational goals and their contributions to their local community. This year, eight students received the monetary gift, two from each of the regions where FirstOntario is located. Winners stood out from a large pool of applicants as the award program was open to everyone this year, including non-Members, who were first or second year students under the age of 25.

All applications were reviewed by FirstOntario's Education Award Committee. The achievements were very impressive making the process a difficult one - there are so many dedicated people who remain committed to helping their communities while taking on the responsibilities of post-secondary life. FirstOntario would like to congratulate the following Education Award winners;

Halton

Amy Ramzy Oakville
Grace Angkasa Oakville

Hamilton

Aaron Parry Stoney Creek
Kevin Zhang Dundas

Niagara

Ben Johnson Fourth Avenue
Adam Maunsell Welland

West

Henrietta Den Dekker Ingersoll
Kyra McDiarmid Brantford

Visit www.FirstOntario.com to watch for 2018 Education Award application dates!

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About FirstOntario Credit Union

FirstOntario has been serving Members in the Golden Horseshoe, including Hamilton, Halton, the Niagara Region and Southwestern regions of Ontario since 1939.



FirstOntario is the province's second largest credit union with more than 115,000 Members and \$4.7 billion in assets under management. Everyone is welcome to be part of FirstOntario for financial services including daily transactions, mortgages, lines of credit, loans and investments. FirstOntario profits are invested into the communities we serve through support for entrepreneurs, competitive rates and charitable pursuits including our award winning student nutrition program. Learn more about us today at [FirstOntario.com](https://www.firstontario.com).