## Credit union awards five scholarships

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Five local students received \$1,000 college scholarships from Monroe Community Credit Union.

Recipients were: Grace Morin, a student at Central Michigan University; Alexis Cowell, Eastern Michigan University; Erika Bressler, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre graduate program; Kyle Pafford, a Monroe High School senior who plans to attend Liberty University; and Emily Worden, a Mason High School senior who plans to attend the University of Toledo.

"We are thrilled to support the education of these outstanding students," Kristine Brenner, CEO of MCCU, said. "By investing in their futures, we are investing in the future of our community." A scholarship award ceremony took place on April 19 at MCCU's board room.

"The winners were recognized for their achievements and received their scholarships in front of an audience of the MCCU board of directors, scholarship committee and executive leadership team," MCCU said in a news release.

The annual scholarship program honors local students who demonstrated academic excellence and community involvement. This year, the program was opened to college students, in addition to high school seniors.

Applicants submitted an essay answering one of three prompts.

"The scholarship committee was impressed with the quality of the submissions and the passion that students expressed in their essays," MCCU said.



Kyle Pafford (left) was among five local students who received a college scholarship from Monroe Community Credit Union. Not pictured are scholarship recipients Grace Morin, Alexis Cowell, Erika Bressler and Emily Worden. PROVIDED BY MONROE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION