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Peach State Federal Credit Union Gives \$10,000 Donation to Habersham County Schools for REACH Georgia Scholarships



Pictured: Peach State President/CEO, Marshall Boutwell; Peach State Regional Business Executive, Scott Roland; Director of Secondary Schools, Pam Dalton; Habersham County Schools Superintendent, Matthew Cooper; Wilbanks Middle School Principal, Marybeth Thomas; South Habersham Middle School Assistant Principal, B.J. Addison; Peach State Chief of Staff, John Fair

CLARKESVILLE, GA (May 24, 2018) – Peach State Federal Credit Union has committed to donating \$10,000 to Habersham County Schools' REACH Georgia Scholarships over the next five years. The school system will receive \$2,000 each year through 2022 from the credit union.

REACH (Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen) Georgia is the first needs-based mentorship and college scholarship program launched by Governor Nathan Deal as a key component of the state's

Complete College Georgia Initiative. The program, launched in 2012 was created to help ensure that academically talented students from low-income families in Georgia have the academic, social and financial support they need to graduate from high school and complete college.

"We are very grateful for the generosity of Peach State Federal Credit Union. Peach State recognized how beneficial the Georgia REACH Scholarship program is and has donated quite generously for the benefit of our students. We are fortunate to have such a great partner in education," said Matthew Cooper, Superintendent of Habersham County Schools.

"Our commitment to learning and education takes many forms—through the sponsorship of Teacher of the Year banquets, our scholarship program, and supporting impactful programs such as REACH Georgia scholarships," remarked Marshall Boutwell, Peach State's President/CEO. "We were founded by educators more than 55 years ago, and contributions such as this honor and keep that foundation alive."

"We are so thankful to Peach State Federal Credit Union for their support of our students. Their investment in our REACH Scholars will change the lives of these students and their families for years to come," said Pam Dalton, Director of Secondary Schools for Habersham County Schools.

Habersham County Schools educate nearly 7,000 students and employs more than 1,000 staff members.

About Peach State Federal Credit Union

Peach State is a \$462 million credit union that serves more than 55,000 members in Georgia and South Carolina. Operating as a not-for-profit financial cooperative, Peach State's mission is to provide quality financial services that meet the needs and exceed the expectations of its member-owners. For more information, visit www.peachstatefcu.org.

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