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Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation Awards over \$177,000 in Scholarships and Educational Grants

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA (May 6, 2021) – The Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of over \$177,000 in scholarships and educational grants. Since 2002, Peach State’s scholarship program has awarded more than \$1.7 million to students and members throughout their service area.

“As the credit union celebrates our 60th anniversary of being founded by Gwinnett County educators, we are thrilled to honor that foundation through our support of the educational aspirations of nearly 50 local students and members,” said Peach State’s President/CEO, Marshall Boutwell. “We are proud to honor our past while supporting the growth of future leaders through these scholarships and educational grants.”

Twenty-six **Career Advancement Scholarships** were awarded to members to assist in their continuing education in honor of the credit union’s founders.

- Kiera Arnold
- Charles Bickley
- Niesha Blasingame
- Talisa Clark
- Charissa Collins
- Andrea Fairclough
- Rebecca Frick
- Regina Gamble
- Jennifer Garcia
- Markesha Holt
- Tamika Hurlston
- Barbara Iliff
- Jerri-Ann Jacobs
- Jessica Jones
- Vanessa Lone
- Shaneca Middleton

- Jennifer Mincy
- Cassandra Moon
- Harrison Moskowitz
- Julie Raker
- JoEtta Smith
- Beth Terrell
- Tiara Thomas
- Frankie Wright
- Patricia Young
- **Wilma Widmer Career Advancement Recipient:** Elizabeth Young

The credit union originally planned to award five **Legacy Student Scholarships** to high school seniors who will be attending college to pursue a degree in education. These scholarships were established in honor of past and present board members and employees who have served Peach State for 20 years or more. After reviewing so many outstanding applications, two additional students were awarded a Legacy Student Scholarship.

- Shivani Desai
- Kaylee Fang
- Brinson Hall
- Dawson Jordan
- Olivia Keeter
- Brian Orozco
- Christopher Rhine

Sixteen school system and community honoree scholarships were awarded as a tribute to the following school systems and leaders:

- **Andy Byers Student Scholarship** – Amaya Howard
- **Brian J. Mulherin, Sr. Student Scholarship** – Jayma Holmes
- **Dan Cromer Student Scholarship** – Mallory Fields
- **Dr. Frances Davis Student Scholarship** – Stephanie Olvera
- **Dr. John Jackson Student Scholarship** – Abby Dickens
- **Gary Hobbs Student Scholarship** – Emma Robinson
- **Gracewood Student Scholarship** – Lakira Dunn
- **J. Alvin Wilbanks Student Scholarship** – Kennedy Odiboh
- **Louise Radloff Student Scholarship** – Katie Oglesby
- **Marion Barnes Student Scholarship** – William McClain

- **Peach State FCU Student Scholarship** – Dakota Jones
- **Peach State FCU Student Scholarship** – Stephanie Zaragoza
- **Pomeroy Woods Student Scholarship** – Tykerius Monford
- **Pomeroy Woods Student Scholarship** – Raymond Pan
- **Richmond County Teachers Student Scholarship** – Amber Cooper
- **Rick Cost Student Scholarship** – Joseph Cordova

Peach State is also proud to support the following organizations with scholarships and educational grants:

- Athens Technical College
- Georgia Gwinnett College
- Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)
- Gwinnett Technical College
- REACH Georgia Scholarships | Burke County Schools
- REACH Georgia Scholarships | Franklin County Schools
- REACH Georgia Scholarships | Habersham County Schools
- REACH Georgia Scholarships | Oconee County Schools
- REACH Georgia Scholarships | Trion City Schools
- Toccoa Falls College
- University of North Georgia
- Walker County LAUNCH Program

About the Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation

Peach State Federal Credit Union’s passion for helping their members and community guided them to create the Peach State FCU C.A.R.E.S. Foundation. The Foundation is funded by the credit union’s VISA® Debit Card program and private donors. Since the inception of the Peach State C.A.R.E.S. VISA® Debit Card program in July 2019, Peach State has donated more than \$950,000 to charitable organizations, school systems and the arts in the communities that we serve. The C.A.R.E.S. program was created to put these contributions on a sustainable path for the future. To learn more about how Peach State *cares*, visit <https://www.peachstatefcu.org/Stories/Peach-State-CARES>. Peach State is a \$715 million not-for-profit financial cooperative that serves more than 70,000 members in Georgia and South Carolina with a mission to provide quality financial services that meet the needs and exceed the expectations of its member-owners. For more information about products and services, visit www.peachstatefcu.org.

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