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Align Credit Union Awards \$13,000 in Scholarships to 15 Local Students

Lowell, MA, June 10, 2016 - Align Credit Union is proud to announce the winners of its 23rd annual scholarship program. Since the program's inception in 1994, Align has awarded scholarships to 255 students to assist them with their pursuit of higher education.

This year's Member Scholarship winners are:

Molly Burke of Westborough, MA (Bentley University)
Alexander Corcoran of Dracut, MA (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Andrew Dunn of Westford, MA (University of Maryland)
John Hughes III of Tewksbury, MA (Fitchburg State University)
Chantz Mello of Lowell, MA (Middlesex Community College)
Cameron Murray of South Hampton, NH (University of New Hampshire)
Nicole Raphael of Boxford, MA (University of Maine)
Kayla Rich of Billerica, MA (Clark University)
Madeline Scovotti of Haverhill, MA (Suffolk University)

This year's High School Scholarship winners are:

Erin Dixon, Lowell High School
Melissa Freed, Danvers High School
Melissa Marchetti, Framingham High School
Coleen Noonan, Amesbury High School
Julia Norton, Haverhill High School
Nyomi White, Methuen High School



“The continued support of Align over the last two years, and now continuing into the future, allowed me to build my professional credentials with unpaid internships at the *Lowell Sun* last summer and the political newspaper *The Hill* in the spring, finally allowing me to leverage those experiences into a paid full-time reporting internship at *The Baltimore Sun* this summer”, said Member Scholarship winner, Andrew Dunn. “If Align didn’t provide me the financial support to pursue those amazing experiences, I would not be sitting in one of the best newsrooms in the nation right now, reporting on a major city that I also live in. As I return to the University of Maryland in the fall

for my junior year, I will continue to chase my interests wherever they lead, and can do so knowing I have had the fortunate, invaluable long-term support of Align Credit Union.”

“One of the best investments a person can make is in his or her education,” stated Align President and CEO Ken Del Rossi. “With the cost of a college education escalating each year, it’s also becoming one of the largest investments. With Align’s scholarship program, we’re able to help students achieve their goal of a college degree and help them go on to be successful in their professional lives. It’s an honor to have a small part in their success.”

Photo Caption

Photo (from L-R): John Hughes (Tewksbury); Align President and CEO, Ken Del Rossi; Melissa Marchetti (Framingham); Nicole Raphael (Boxford); Collen Noonan (Amesbury); Nyomi White (Methuen); Chantz Mello (Lowell); Alex Corcoran (Dracut); and Align Board Member and Scholarship Committee Chairman, Rick Pieciewicz.

About Align Credit Union

Since 1922, Align Credit Union has provided customized banking solutions to individuals and families throughout Northeastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. Align offers a full suite of products and services including Personal and Business Banking, Mortgages, Financial Planning and Insurance. Founded as the Northern Massachusetts Telephone Workers Credit Union (NMTW), the Credit Union changed its name to Align in 2013. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works or attends school in many communities throughout Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. For additional information, stop by one of six branches in Amesbury, Danvers, Framingham, Haverhill and Lowell or visit www.AlignCU.com.

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