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Centris Federal Credit Union Awards Scholarships to Ten Graduating Seniors

OMAHA, Neb – Centris Federal Credit Union has awarded ten \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors across Nebraska and Iowa through its 15th annual scholarship program. The recipients include eight credit union members and two children of credit union employees, each recognized for their academic achievements, community involvement, and thoughtful perspectives on financial well-being.

- Ashlee Cavender – Ralston High School
- Audrey Benson – Papillion La-Vista South High School
- Gage Schaefer – Bellevue West High School
- Hezekiah Stratford – Omaha Central High School
- Jace Windeshausen – Elkhorn South High School
- Jacob Quist – Millard West High School
- Karleigh Didier – Hershey High School (*not pictured*)
- Kason Baker – North Platte Saint Patrick High School (*not pictured*)
- Lauren Kosse – Gross Catholic High School (*not pictured*)
- Tyree Walker – Ralston High School (*not pictured*)



**Centris Federal Credit Union
President/CEO Steve Swanstrom & Scholarship Winners**

To qualify, applicants were required to be graduating seniors residing in Nebraska or Iowa and primary Centris account holders for at least one year prior to applying. The selection process was based on two essay responses exploring the importance of financial health and how the credit union philosophy of *people helping people* has shaped their lives and future goals.

Dawn Gonzales, vice president of community relations at Centris, emphasized the credit union's continued commitment to supporting young members. "Supporting students at this stage in their journey is one of the most



meaningful ways we can invest in the future of our communities. These scholarships reflect our belief that when young people have the tools and confidence to pursue their goals, everyone benefits. We're excited to see this next generation continue their education and make positive impacts in the places they live and work."

Applications for the 2026/2027 academic year scholarship program will open in the fall of 2026. Parents and students can learn more on the Centris Federal Credit Union website at www.centrisfcu.org.

Founded in 1934, Centris Federal Credit Union is Nebraska's largest federally chartered community credit union. With more than a billion dollars in assets, Centris serves Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Lincoln, McPherson, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills, and Pottawattamie counties in Iowa. Centris has 14 branches in Omaha, Grand Island, North Platte, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Iowa. For more information, visit www.centrisfcu.org.