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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

2023 Jump Start Your Life Award Winners

We are proud to announce the winners of our Tongass FCU Jump Start Your Life Award for 2023! Each of the recipients showed tremendous perseverance and grit as they navigated difficult obstacles on their path to High School graduation. The award provides up to $1,500 which can be used for college, technical school or even to help the student purchase professional clothing to help them as they begin applying for jobs; whatever they need for their jump start!

Congratulations to: Maime Crookes (Kake); Desiree Dunn (Ketchikan); Brodie Gardner (Wrangell); Cameron Gaube (Metlakatkla); Annaliese Hiatt (Ketchikan); Gavan Johnson (Sitka); and Alexis Lawnicki (Craig)!

Additional Scholarships & Sponsorships Available

We have two other year-round scholarships that are still available while funds last!

SOARING STUDENT ACTIVITIES SPONSORSHIP: To encourage our Youth Members to participate in extracurricular activities, Tongass FCU offers the Soaring Students Activities Sponsorship! The sponsorship is available to individual students and/or organizes groups of students to help with travel expenses, registration fees, school fees, uniforms, equipment, etc.

THE ALPS AWARD (available to resident members in Sitka & Petersburg): To provide adult students financial assistance to attend a trade school, college, or certified training program that will help them further their careers and improve their financial well-being. The ALPS Award will be awarded to qualifying adult students in the amount of $1,500 per award per applicant per calendar year.

From left: Gavan Johnson, Brodie Gardner, Desiree Dunn, Cameron Gaube, Alexis Lawnicki, Annaliese Hiatt. Not pictured: Maime Crookes.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY!

Be sure to save the date for our annual Member Appreciation Day. This year we will be celebrating on August 25th in Ketchikan, Sitka, Metlakatla, Klawock, Petersburg, Wrangell, Juneau, Thorne Bay, Hydaburg and Hoonah; on August 18th in Haines; and in Kake on July 29th as part of the Dog Salmon Fest.

All festivities will be held from 11:30am to 2:00pm and we'll have food, fun and giveaways! Watch your email, follow us on Facebook or check our website for more details coming soon!

ALPS & TONGASS CONVERSION AND MERGER STATUS

We are fast approaching August 1, 2023 when our conversion to the Tongass FCU system will be complete and our merger will be finished. Our team has been hard at work preparing for our conversion and ensuring that we have done everything we can to make it as seamless as possible for our ALPS members to transition into our Tongass systems.

There will be changes and adjustments, and we want you to be informed, so we have multiple ways to get updates and information. If you are a current ALPS member, you will receive a mailing in the coming weeks that gives you all the most important information. You can also find realtime updates and/or sign up for email updates on our conversion website (alpsfcu.org). And we invite you to follow us on Facebook (@TongassFCU) for all credit union updates!

WELCOME TINA MCPHERSON!

We're so excited to welcome Tina McPherson to the Tongass FCU family! Tina is the new Branch Manager in Ketchikan and comes to us from the Ted Ferry Civic Center where she was the Administrative Secretary. Tina and her husband were the longtime owners of McPherson Music in Ketchikan, winning several awards for their longtime work with the young people in our community.

And technically this is a welcome back to Tina because she worked for us in the early 1980s when we were just one small downtown location. Welcome Tina, we're so glad you're here!

CLOSURES THIS QUARTER

July 4, Tuesday, Independence Day

September 4, Monday, Labor Day

TONGASS FCU HOSTS THE ALASKA CREDIT UNION LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Tongass Federal Credit Union hosted the 2023 Alaska Credit Union League Conference in Ketchikan in May. The ACUL Conference is where Alaska's credit union leaders and visionaries come for big ideas, insights, inspiration and fun. This year's conference did not disappoint. The combination of powerful speakers such as Gigi Hyland, the Executive Director of the National Credit Union Foundation, Susan Mitchell, a founding member of the Global Women's Leadership Network, and Michael Dyer, Regional Director for the NCUA, and adventurous evening activities drew nearly 150 attendees to this year's event. Attendees included leadership team members and board members from the 10 Alaskan credit unions, credit union industry representatives, sponsors, vendors, speakers and guests. The Alaska Credit Union League is a volunteer organization and the annual conference is it's only annual fundraising event. And we were so excited that our Silent Auction raised $35,000 for the First City Council on Cancer.

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