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Beach Municipal Federal Credit Union Awards \$5,000 in Scholarships to Local High School Standouts

Two Kellam High School graduates receive educational funding; two additional recipients honored with regional Tidewater Chapter awards.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA - JUNE 1, 2026 - Beach Municipal Federal Credit Union is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 Education Scholarships and regional league honors, celebrating exceptional local student leaders as they head to college this fall.

This year, **Karley Boone** and **Gracie Jones**, both recent graduates of Kellam High School, were each awarded a **\$2,500 Beach Municipal Federal Credit Union Education Scholarship**. Recipients were selected based on their stellar academic records, original essays, and deep involvement in both their school and the Virginia Beach community.

Meet the 2026 Scholarship Recipients:

- **Karley Boone (Kellam High School):** Karley is heading to the University of Lynchburg to major in Exercise Physiology, with aspirations of becoming a physical therapist. A dedicated student-athlete, Karley was a four-year starter on the varsity softball team, a member of the National Honor Society, and frequently volunteered her time at Virginia Beach Public Schools elementary events.
- **Gracie Jones (Kellam High School):** Gracie will attend Virginia Tech this fall to major in Interior Design. During her time at Kellam, Gracie was on the Principal's List, a member of the National Honor Society, and played varsity softball. She was actively involved in the "We Are VB" student organization and was recognized with the Arts Aware award.

Regional Honors

Beach Municipal Federal Credit Union is also proud to celebrate **Penny Sikorski** and **Michael Yeatts**. Both have been individually selected as recipients of the prestigious **2026 Leigh Ann Graham Scholarship**, awarded by the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Credit Union League.

"We are incredibly proud to support these outstanding young adults as they take the next step in their academic journeys," said Geri Metzger, CEO]. "Karley, Gracie, Penny, and Michael truly embody the credit union philosophy of 'people helping people' through their hard work, leadership, and community service. We wish them the absolute best of luck."

About Beach Municipal Federal Credit Union

Since 1970, Beach Municipal FCU has served the financial needs of Virginia Beach City and School employees. We are dedicated to the "people helping people" philosophy, combining specialized financial services with deep-rooted community involvement. For more information, visit beachmunicipal.org.

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