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## **Guardian Credit Union Awards \$5,000 in Scholarships for Members**

West Milwaukee, WI – June 28, 2013: Guardian Credit Union is proud to announce that five local student members have been chosen to receive scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Guardian awarded the scholarships to the individuals based on a specific aspect that they were named for. The Bob Gibbons Scholarship awards students who excel in community service; the Warren Sladky Scholarship awards students who excel with their academics; the Al Kraus Scholarship awards students who are pursuing a degree in finance; and the two Employees of Guardian Scholarships awards students who have high achievement across a spectrum of activities.

All five of the Guardian Credit Union scholarships are open to current Guardian Credit Union members in good standing who are planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year college or technical school. Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and provide at least one letter of recommendation. Scholarship candidates are evaluated based on written essays, financial need, GPA, extra-curricular activities, community involvement, and career plans.

### **The 2013 winners are:**



**Jacob Ebben (The Bob Gibbons Scholarship Recipient):** Jacob volunteers for the Salvation Army, MACC Fund, and various church festivals. He will attend the University of Wisconsin – Madison majoring in journalism and political science. Jacob was a member of the running club and was a writer for the school paper, *The Badger Herald*.

**Lauren Lamach (The Employees of Guardian Scholarship Recipient):** Lauren plans to attend Bradley University in the fall where she will pursue a degree in chemistry. While at Mukwonago High School, Lauren was a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M, M-Club and Ecology Club. She played drums in the marching band and in her church youth band. She earned varsity letters in both track and cross country.





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**Laura Schroeder (The Employees of Guardian Scholarship Recipient):**

Laura plans to attend Wheaton College in the fall where she will work towards her bachelor's degree in early education. For eight years, Laura has volunteered at her County's intermission program working with people who have Alzheimer's and their caregivers. She is a Sunday school teacher, takes piano and flute lessons, and participates in a band and music ensembles.

**Brianna Sutherland (The Al Kraus Scholarship Recipient):**

Brianna will be attending Milwaukee School of Engineering in the fall where she will pursue a degree in electrical engineering and international business. While at Oak Creek High School, Brianna received many leadership awards and even co-founded the Alliance of Aspiring Engineering Club.



**Emily Zelten (The Warren Sladky Scholarship Recipient):** Emily will be headed to the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire this fall. Emily recently graduated from Nathan Hale High School in West Allis where she participated in volleyball, basketball, soccer, track and cross country. Emily has also served more than 80 volunteer hours at community service events, fundraisers and social activities.

In order to fund the scholarships, many Guardian employees elect to participate in the Dollars-for-Scholars Program. The program was created to raise money for Guardian members who are graduating from high school and planning to attend college. Guardian employees either donate \$2.00 or \$4.00 every payday and 100% of their contributions go directly to the scholarship fund.

Guardian Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member owned financial cooperative open to anyone living or working in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties. Family members are also eligible for membership, regardless of where they live. For more information on Guardian Credit Union membership, contact the member service line at 414.546.7450 or visit [guardiancu.org](http://guardiancu.org).

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