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PREMIER MEMBERS CREDIT UNION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Broomfield, Colo. (May 17, 2021) Each year, Premier Members Credit Union recognizes high school seniors with proven academic, community involvement, and extracurricular activities, by providing higher-education scholarships. The credit union awards \$35,000 in scholarships annually, directly to individuals, and through local school foundations and nonprofits within our communities.

Through its direct Premier Members scholarship program, the credit union awards two, \$5,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are continuing to technical school, or onto a two or four year college or university.

Premier Members received fifty applications this year and its scholarship committee had a tough time choosing who to award the scholarships. The two students chosen were Elizabeth (Lizzie) Schmidt and William Bensler.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Schmidt will attend Colorado State University to major in Human Development and Family Studies. Following that, she plans to complete graduate school and become a licensed occupational therapist. Lizzie was born and raised in Colorado and is graduating from Frederick High School. Throughout her high school career, Lizzie has participated and led in Student Council, National Honor Society, and the volleyball and swim teams. Outside of school, when volunteering and her job at a local restaurant are not occupying her time, Lizzie cherishes her time spent with those she cares about. She enjoys baking, dancing and singing carelessly, creative writing, ice skating, hiking, biking, paddleboarding, and stargazing while thinking about how crazy it is to be alive.

William (Will) Bensler will attend Colorado School of Mines in Golden and will be studying mechanical engineering with a minor in biochemistry. Will is graduating from Fairview High School in Boulder. In high school, Will has played the oboe and saxophone in the Fairview marching band and would like to continue to play music in college and be part of the marching band there as well. He also played baseball, having just finished his high school baseball season. His family has lived in Colorado for 18 years and Will is the oldest of three children and the first to attend college. His house is filled with two sisters, two dogs, two cats, one bird, and a hamster. Will is looking forward to college this Fall.

About Premier Members: Premier Members Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial institution dedicated to providing financial solutions to individuals and businesses in Colorado's Front Range. With more than 77,000 members, \$1.5 billion in assets, 15 retail branch locations and four locations in area high schools, Premier Members is a leader in the credit union industry. In addition to being at the forefront of the industry in sustainable business practices, Premier Members takes pride in giving back to the communities it serves, supporting a wide variety of partnerships with charitable and sustainable organizations like Community Foundation Boulder County, Eco Cycle, Impact on Education, Jack's Solar Garden, United Way, Westminster Public Schools Foundation, and others. In 2021, Premier Members Credit Union was awarded first place in the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award, and was also recognized as a Civic 50 Honoree, where the credit union was recognized as one of the 50 most community-minded companies in Colorado. To learn more, visit pmcu.org

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