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For Immediate Release:

The Advia Foundation Awards \$27,000 in Youth Education Scholarships

27 students receive \$1,000 toward higher education

Parchment, MI—The newly formed Advia Foundation is investing a total of \$27,000 in its future leaders by awarding 27 graduating high school seniors with financial scholarships to help pay for their education. Committed to the promotion of education and financial literacy, the Foundation is providing students in Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois with \$1,000 scholarships to their chosen college or university.

Scholarship criteria included community involvement, leadership traits, academic accomplishments, an essay, and college acceptance for the 2016 fall semester, as well as being an actively participating member of the credit union. Local Advia Credit Union branch managers and their staff have been busy presenting the students with Scholarship Certificates at Award Ceremonies held at 18 high schools in Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois. And while Advia staff are enjoying interacting with the students, the recipients are responding with gratitude and thanks.

“This scholarship means more to me than just simply money,” says Audrey Buma, a graduate of Kalamazoo Christian High School. “I view it as an opportunity and a resource to advance my future. The Advia Scholarship is helping me invest in my career, and that is so important to me.”

“At Advia, we promote and celebrate education that engages, enriches and inspires our young people to develop knowledge and skills for life-long financial competence,” says Advia Foundation President Nancy Loftis. “We are a community-oriented credit union, and we want to encourage, support, and prepare our youth members for the future as they will one day be our business, civic and community leaders.”

The 2016 Youth Education Scholarship Recipients are:

Atalaya Adams, Parchment High School, Parchment, MI
Marilyn Anaya, Beloit Memorial High School, WI
Bryce Anderson, Plainwell High School, Plainwell, MI
Katheryn Bailey, Port Huron Northern High School, Port Huron, MI
Katherine Berels, Cardinal Mooney Catholic School, Marine City, MI
Marcus Berglund, Paw Paw High School, Paw Paw, MI
Amy Bliesener, Parchment High School, Parchment, MI
Audrey Bouma, Kalamazoo Christian High School, Kalamazoo, MI
Bailey Bowns, Marysville High School, Marysville, MI
Zachary Chamberlin, Plainwell High School, Plainwell, MI
Ashley Comstock, Marysville High School, Marysville, MI
Taylor Daniels, Hononegan High School, Roscoe, IL
Brooks Eisenbise, Loy Norris High School, Kalamazoo, MI
Cody Hepinstall, Marysville High School, Marysville, MI

Brett Hulbert, Mattawan High School, Mattawan, MI
Clara Judge, Ostego High School, Ostego, MI
Jewel Konja, Oscar Carlson High School, Gibraltar, MI
Lorraine Kuch, Parchment High School, Parchment, MI
Brendan Macias, Yale High School, Yale, MI
Jamila McKenzie, Portage Northern, Portage, MI
Jack Pokorney, FJ Turner High School, Beloit, WI
Alexis Roberts, Parchment High School, Parchment, MI
Madison Stewart, Southgate Anderson High School, Southgate, MI
Lindsey Switzer, Mattawan High School, Mattawan, MI
Bailey Thomas, Beloit Memorial High School, WI
Marlena Thomas, Port Huron Northern High School, Port Huron, MI
Emily Vernon, Warren Woods High School, Warren, MI

The mission of the Advia Foundation is to provide financial advantages through financial literacy, education and improving the quality of life in the communities it serves. Advia Credit Union, with 24 branch locations and over 400 professionals, announced the formation of the new foundation in January of this year.

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