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**US Federal Credit Union Honors Members and Scholarship Winner at 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

BURNSVILLE – US Federal Credit Union (USFCU) was pleased to honor scholarship winner at last month’s 85th Annual Meeting at the Royal Cliff banquet hall in Eagan.

The meeting theme was *A Snapshot in Time*. USFCU President/CEO Bill Raker began by addressing the credit union’s recent successes and struggles and announced those elected to three-year terms on the USFCU Board of Directors (incumbents Gary Rippie and Roger Altier, and newly-elected, Sarah Lietz). Raker also took the opportunity honor a young member, Jessica Helfenstein of Burnsville, who recently received a financial scholarship from the Minnesota Family Involvement Council.

Helfenstein’s winning essay noted a variety of strategies that, if manager of a credit union, she would employ to give credit unions a higher profile and help them grow.

“Our annual meetings are a time for reflection as well as a chance to look ahead to the future,” said Raker, “We had the great fortune to spend time with members that have been doing business with US Federal for 40, 50, even 60 years. That kind of loyalty is inspiring, and it challenges us to create that same loyalty with our newest and younger shareholders as well. To see it actualized through Jessica’s essay shows promise that our young members will indeed carry on the tradition and appreciation of credit unions.”

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**PHOTO CAPTION:** USFCU President/CEO Bill Raker, proudly awards MNFIC scholarship winner, Jessica Helfenstein, with a congratulatory plaque at USFCU's 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting.

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