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**Credit Union of Colorado Foundation Awards \$50,000 in College Scholarships**

DENVER- Ten students from throughout Colorado received a total of \$50,000 in scholarships from the Credit Union of Colorado Foundation. Each student received a \$5,000 scholarship for the 2017-18 school year.

The scholarship recipients are:

Melissa Bower, Mosca, Colorado Mesa University

Matt Erickson, Boulder, Yale University

Trina Fernandez, Denver, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical School

Lisa Fertman, Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Lindsey Hand, Pueblo West, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Kelly Knez, Craig, Regis University

Ryan Martinez, Alamosa, Colorado State University

Kylie McCrory, Loveland, Creighton University

Joshua Smith, Loveland, Colorado State University

Amber Thorne, Colorado Springs, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Scholarship eligibility was extended to students who are Colorado residents and enrolled in, or scheduled to enter, an accredited college or university as an undergraduate. Scholarship award criteria included maintaining a minimum 3.5 grade-point average in high school or during the previous 12 months as a college undergraduate. Applicants had to demonstrate active involvement in community service and also describe in an essay why they need the scholarship and their goals for their education.

“We are very pleased to support these outstanding students,” said Doug Schneider, chairman of the Credit Union of Colorado Foundation. “They have shown a commitment to their education and to creating a better future for Colorado communities.”

**About the Credit Union of Colorado Foundation**

The Credit Union of Colorado Foundation was founded in 2012 to build upon Credit Union of Colorado’s long history of philanthropic commitment to its members and the communities where they reside. The foundation primarily focuses on two areas of interest: human services and education.