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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **West Shore Bank Recognizes Eleven Outstanding Students with “Making a Difference” Scholarship**

**LUDINGTON, MI** – West Shore Bank is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 “Making a Difference” Scholarships, awarding eleven (11) \$1,000 scholarships to outstanding high school seniors across its service area. This marks the fourth consecutive year of the program, which was originally introduced in 2023 as part of the Bank’s 125th anniversary celebration.

This year, the scholarship program expanded to include students from Wayne County for the first time, reflecting West Shore Bank’s continued growth and deep commitment to serving communities across Michigan.

The Bank received applications from students who exemplify leadership, service, and a dedication to making a meaningful impact beyond the classroom. The selected recipients demonstrate what it truly means to “make a difference”—leading by example, giving back through volunteerism, and positively influencing their schools and communities.

<b><i>Name of Recipient</i></b>	<b><i>High School</i></b>
Alexis	Manistee High School (Manistee County)
Amelia Hatch	Ludington High School (Mason County)
Anna	Kingsley High School (Grand Traverse County)
Colin Shelton	Ludington High School (Mason County)
Galeana Mireles	Henry Ford Early College (Wayne County)
Jenna Woller	Montague High School (Muskegon County)
Katelyn Clark	Benzie Central High School (Benzie County)
Katelyn Popp	Traverse City West Senior High School (Grand Traverse County)
Lauren Niedzielski	Mason County Eastern High School (Mason County)
Payton Corey	Mason County Central High School (Mason County)
Renteigh Schiller	Hart High School (Oceana County)

Each scholarship is intended to support tuition and related educational expenses as recipients pursue higher education at a college or university of their choice.

“Supporting students who go above and beyond to strengthen their communities is central to who we are as a community bank,” said Ray Biggs, President and CEO of West Shore Bank. “These individuals inspire us with their

leadership, compassion, and commitment to others. We are proud to invest in their futures and celebrate the difference they are already making.”

West Shore Bank representatives presented scholarships in person at each recipient’s high school awards ceremony throughout the month of May, recognizing their achievements alongside family members, educators, and peers.

The “Making a Difference” Scholarship program continues to reflect West Shore Bank’s long-standing mission of strengthening the communities it serves. Since its founding in 1898, the Bank has remained committed to supporting initiatives that empower individuals, encourage education, and create lasting, positive impact across generations.

For more information about West Shore Bank’s scholarship program and community initiatives, please visit [westshorebank.com](http://westshorebank.com).

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*Founded in 1898, West Shore Bank is here to help make a real difference in your life. Offering valuable banking services and community support, we remain committed to helping the people and businesses in Michigan improve their financial well-being.*