

## **Twenty-First Annual Joseph M. Carrigan Memorial Scholarship Recipients Named**

McKenzi Bell, Alexis Smith and Tanner Zink have been named recipients of the Joseph M. Carrigan Memorial Scholarship sponsored by River Cities Community Credit Union. Each of these recipients will receive \$1000 towards their college education. This is the twenty-first year for the scholarship. River Cities has given over \$33,000 in scholarships over the past twenty-one years.

Joe Carrigan was well known for his involvement in the community. He was instrumental in the formation of River Cities Community Credit Union, formerly known as McCormick Midwest Employees Credit Union, and it is an honor to award scholarships in his memory. A number of factors are taken into consideration in the choice of the recipients: involvement in school, grades, citizenship, involvement in the community and an essay on credit unions. All applicants, either themselves or their parents, must be a member of the credit union. In the essay, applicants have a chance to tell how the credit union has benefited either themselves or their families.

McKenzi is the daughter of Tim and Stacey Bell of Atchison, Kansas and attends Atchison High School. She has been active in Band, Volleyball, Softball, Swimming and Basketball. McKenzie served as Class Vice-President her freshman and junior years. Color Guard and School Ambassador have been her senior year commitments. She has been active in DECA and the St. Louis Church Youth Group several years. McKenzie was honored as Homecoming Queen fall 2016 and as Sunflower Girls' State Attorney General summer 2016. Her volunteer work includes Humane Society, Chamber of Commerce Events and the AES school carnival. Lifeguarding at the Lions' Pool and Cedar Ridge Catering have been her employment experience. She enjoys learning new languages and spending time outdoors with her dog. McKenzie plans to attend Morningside College or the University of Kansas.

Alexis Smith is the daughter of Brandi Boldridge Smith and Jeffrey Smith of Atchison, Kansas. She attends Atchison High School. Alexis has been active in Yearbook, working in all capacities, Newspaper, Prom Committee as an Officer and Student Ambassadors. She has attended Lunch of Champions ten to twelve times over her high school career. Alexis' part-time employment has been at Subway. Her volunteer work has been with Clean Up Atchison Days and selling yearbooks for two years. In her free time she enjoys sketching, painting, reading, writing freely and listening to music. Alexis plans to attend Kansas State University.

Tanner Zink is the son of Andrew & Jeannette Zink. He attends McClouth High School. His activities include Student Council, Entrepreneurship, Future Business Leaders of America. He has served as Treasurer in each organization. Tanner has lettered and served as co-captain while participating in Football, Basketball and Baseball all four years. Honors include National Honor Society, Scholar Athlete, Brammel Alumni Leadership Award, NEK League First Team All League, Wichita Eagle All State Honorable Mention and Homecoming King. Volunteer work has been with the Kiwanis fireworks stand, Easter Egg hunt, Patriot's Day parade, Youth football and baseball camps and volunteering as a Dale Williams baseball coach. Employment has been with Country Harvest, Walbridge Angus and Zule Farms as a farmhand and McLouth Parks and Recreation. Tanner enjoys chess, foreign languages and supporting state and local sports teams. Tanner plans to attend Kansas State University.

The scholarship winners' experience has been that the credit union is truly a "Local People Helping Local People" financial cooperative. River Cities Community Credit Union is pleased and proud to honor these accomplished students.

The Joe M. Carrigan Golf Tournament is held each year to fund the scholarship. This year it will be held at Bellevue Golf Club on June 10th. If you are interested in participating in the golf tournament, please call the Credit Union at 367-1488.