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Altra Foundation selects a \$10,000 Financial Education Scholarship Winner from Onalaska High School

May 27, 2021 – The Altra Foundation is dedicated to providing financial literacy education for youth and adults in the communities they serve. The Foundation’s definition of financial literacy is having the skills to develop financial goals, budget, manage debt, invest, and maintain good credit.

That is why they created a Financial Education scholarship – to reward a teen by giving them \$10,000 to use towards their higher education.

The Altra Foundation Financial Education scholarship was available to high school students (grades 9-12), ages 13+. To be eligible, applicants needed to complete various modules through their partnered *Banzai* program, which is offered on Altra’s website or through teacher’s classrooms. Applicants did not need to be members of Altra Federal Credit Union to participate or win.

“This is the first time we’ve offered a scholarship like this and we are so excited to be able to do it,” says Danielle Anderson, Altra’s Youth Services Manager. “The *Banzai!* program has received several compliments from students over the years that have completed the modules”.

The Altra Foundation selected the first-ever winner of the Financial Education scholarship, Katherine Dahlke from Onalaska High School. Dahlke says “I am beyond grateful for this opportunity to put this money towards my education at the University of La Crosse in my field of Business Finance and using the money to further my education.”

When asked if she thought others should go through the Banzai program, she said “Everyone should take advantage of the Banzai program and take away as much as they can as it is a really good program. I know I learned a lot from it.”

A check presentation will be held for Katherine Dahlke at the Altra Federal Credit Union Operations Center, located at 1700 Oak Forest Drive, Onalaska, WI 54650 on Tuesday, June 1st at 4:00pm.

It is important to remember that it is never too late to learn how to handle your finances. If you are interested in learning more or donating to the Altra Foundation, visit www.altrafoundation.org.



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ABOUT BANZAI

Banzai! is a national financial literacy program, available online. It immerses teens in a game-like atmosphere to teach how to save, manage, and spend money wisely. This program can help parents create opportunities for meaningful conversations that instill healthy attitudes towards finances at any age.

Middle and High School Teachers interested in using the Banzai program can visit altra.teachbanzai.com or by calling 888-8-BANZAI.

Banzai! also offers an online curriculum for teachers to provide their students. Through the Altra Foundation, the Banzai curriculum has been made available for free to middle and high school classrooms in the communities they serve. Teachers that utilize the program can monitor students' progress through each of the modules.

ABOUT ALTRA

Altra Federal Credit Union has made members a fundamental part of its vision since 1931. Over the years that focus has seen the credit union grow into a leading financial institution with over \$2 billion in assets and more than 120,000 members worldwide. Both not-for-profit and member-owned, Altra's mission is to create member loyalty by providing products, services and guidance that enable our members, staff, and communities to prosper. In addition to banking services conveniently available through online, chat, mobile, or phone options, Altra offers a full range of financial services, from personal and business to lending and investments. By offering several eligibility options for membership based on where you live, work, worship, or attend school, Altra is Helping You Live Your Best Life!

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