**Partnership Financial Credit Union**

**Awards Scholarships & Donates to Charity**

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(*Franklin Park, IL, June 30, 2021*) On Friday, June 25, 2021, Partnership Financial Credit Union (PFCU) awarded $500 scholarships to two of its members: Thomas Parisi and Alen Salkic. Both young men received their scholarships at PFCU’s Member Appreciation Day at the Franklin Park office. The scholarship and funds that were awarded came from Leyden Credit Union, which merged with PFCU on June 1st.

Thomas Parisi graduated from Bartlett High School where he was very active as a Peer Leader, captain of the Track & Field and Soccer teams, and a member of various bands—Pep Band, Winter Band, Graduation Band, Marching Band, and Concert Band. He was also a member of the National Honor Society. He will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall and will be majoring in Biomedical Engineering. “People around the world are in need of prosthetics, pacemakers, and all types of other medical devices. I want to pursue Biomedical Engineering to help these people and make their lives so much better,” said Mr. Parisi.

Alen Salkic is a continuing education student at Elmhurst University where he holds an impressive Grade Point Average of 3.675/4.0. He is pursuing an education in Criminal Justice. “I’m inspired to make a difference within our community and keep it safe for the residents,” said Mr. Salkic. He wants to start his career as a Police Officer so he can “bond with individuals in the neighborhoods and better understand how crime starts and how to deter it.” However, becoming a Police Officer will be just a start as he hopes to work his way up the justice system to serve equality for all lives.

Also taking place at the event was the Unity in Community Foundation’s car wash fundraiser. The charity organization raised nearly $500 for their scholarship fund and PFCU matched their income and presented them a check for $500. The Unity In Community Foundation’s mission is to help those in need in Leyden Township. Please visit [www.TheUnityInCommunity.org](http://www.TheUnityInCommunity.org) for more information.

Partnership Financial Credit Union is a member-owned financial institution that is open to the community with offices in Barrington, Des Plaines, Evanston, Franklin Park, Glenview and Morton Grove. PFCU was established in 2014 when four Chicago-area credit unions, whose origins date back to the 1950’s, partnered together. PFCU remains dedicated to maintaining close, amiable relationships with members while delivering the best possible products and services. Along with CEO Mary Ann Pusateri’s long tenure of over 32 years, PFCU has many team members with 20 plus years of service with the credit union. To learn more about PFCU, please visit [www.mypfcu.org](http://www.mypfcu.org).

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