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#### **Citizens Bank Announces Scholarship Recipients**

CORVALLIS, Ore – Citizens Bank has announced the winners of this year’s Citizens Bank Community Bank Week Scholarship. Five outstanding local high school seniors have each been awarded \$1,000 to support their respective college educations. All applicants participated in a hosted visit with a local Citizens Bank Branch and the winners were selected based on their essays describing what they learned about community banks and their benefit to local economies. Below are this year’s scholarship awardees:

- Vega Baker – Lakeridge High School
- Kennedy Koller – Gladstone High School
- Lindsey Larsen – Santiam Christian School
- Avery Lord – Silverton High School
- Pahlychai Thao – Oregon City High School

This is the seventh consecutive year Citizens Bank has offered its Community Bank Week Scholarship and has awarded a total of \$33,000 to Oregon high school seniors. “Citizens Bank is extremely proud to offer the Community Bank Week Scholarship to these amazing students from our communities,” said Gordon Zimmerman, President & CEO. “Once again, the quality of the pool of applicants and their essays on community banking made selecting winners a challenging task. We feel honored to have helped so many young people in our communities learn more about community banking.”

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