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Two Gwinnett students earn top credit union scholarships

Two **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** students are this year's winners of Georgia United Credit Union's (formerly Georgia Federal Credit Union) top scholarships, the organization recently announced. This year, the credit union awarded a total of \$12,500 through the organization's Vernon E. Carne Scholarship program and the Archbishop John F. Donoghue Catholic Scholarship program disbursed to thirteen high school seniors. The two GCPS members of the Class of 2012 were among the top recipients. They are:

Karl-Mary Akre – Peachtree Ridge High
First-Place Winner, \$3,000

Karl-Mary Akre of Peachtree Ridge High is this year's first place winner of the Vernon E. Carne Scholarship essay competition and the recipient of a \$3,000 scholarship. Planning to attend Vanderbilt University and major in International Relations, Karl-Mary is an AP Scholar with Honors, the Vice President of the National English Honor Society, a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, a Governor's Honors participant, the Co-President of the National History Club, the President of the Readers Rally Team, the Treasurer of DECA, a Next Generation Venture Fund Scholar, and a volunteer at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church. Karl-Mary is the daughter of Felicite Nguessan of Lawrenceville, GA.

Shakori Danielle Fletcher
First Runner-up, \$2,000

Shakori Danielle Fletcher of South Gwinnett High is the first runner-up in the Vernon E. Carne Scholarship and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Shakori has been accepted at Elon University. She is a member of the Varsity Tennis team, President of FBLA, Vice-President of the Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Senior Cabinet, a Peer Mentor, and Miss South Gwinnett High. Shakori is the daughter of James and Charlene Fletcher of Grayson.

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This is the 18th year that Georgia United Credit Union has awarded the Vernon E. Carne Scholarship and the 5th year for the John F. Donoghue Catholic Scholarship. A total of approximately \$200,000 has been awarded to high school seniors during the tenure of both programs. The annual selection is based on academic accomplishments, leadership and participation in both school and community activities, and an essay competition.

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