

CALIFORNIA CENTER CREDIT UNION GIVES OUT \$1,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

Upland High School Graduate Timothy Brock Receives \$800 for College

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Timothy Brock

Upland, CA resident Timothy Brock is the recipient of Ontario, CA-based California Center Credit Union's 2009 Thomas L. Wagner \$800 Scholarship.

Allyson Rybicki of Corona and Lucas Sandoval of Highland each received \$100 scholarships for their college education.

Brock, a recent Upland High School graduate, plans to attend Williams College, where he will major in economics, astrophysics, and Chinese. He is the son of Nancy Brock, who handles operations/accounting duties for Cal Center Credit Union.

Brock not only graduated in the top ten of his class, he was a National Merit finalist and the sole AP National Scholar from Upland. While in high school, he founded the school's speech and debate team, and was selected for the prestigious National Honor Society. In November 2009, Brock was invited to an international debate tournament in Doha, Qatar, and took third place against 11 other countries. He also has a black belt in Taekwondo.

"We commend Timothy on his many impressive achievements, and are pleased to be able to help him fulfill his dream of a college education," said Linda Pettit, CEO of California Center Credit Union. "We look forward to being able to continue to help more of our members in this way."

As part of the application, 18-year-old Brock had to write an essay of 2,000 words or less explaining his educational goals and why credit unions are unique. He said credit unions command a respected and important position in the market for savings, investments, and more.

"I should know. I've studied economics since my sophomore year of high school, and plan to major in economics of developing nations at Williams College," he wrote, adding that credit union have had a positive effect for those living in developing nations. "I plan to study this positive spiral effect in college; developmental economics is a field with great potential for improving lives. Micro-finance, as credit unions are often referred to in the developing world because of their local scale, is key to savings lives from hunger, disease, and poverty."

Since 1992, Cal Center Credit Union has been investing in the future of the credit union movement through its Thomas L. Wagner \$1,000 scholarship program. The award is weighted with 65 percent based on the content of the essay and 35 percent based on the GPA of the student. In addition to the essay, applicants must be a member or child of a member of the credit union; be a high-school senior or full-time student of a higher learning institution; and submit school transcripts. The scholarship was named after long-time California Center Credit Union board member/treasurer Thomas L. Wagner, who recently retired from the board after more than 30 years of service.