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THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF ENVISION CREDIT UNION

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# SUPPORTING EDUCATION SINCE 1954

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 2015 TALLY AWARDS ~ WE'RE TALLAHASSEE'S FAVORITE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION



The citizens of Tallahassee and surrounding areas have spoken and we have officially been named Tallahassee's Favorite Financial Institution for 2015 by Capital City Youth Services' Tally Awards! Thank you to our members for voting for us!

Each fall, Capital City Youth Services allows the citizens of Tallahassee and the surrounding areas to nominate their TALLY AWARDS favorite businesses in a variety of categories. After all of the nominees are tallied, the top three businesses are announced and the citizens vote for their favorite business in each category. Our members and community recognize the value and service we provide each and every day and we are honored to be selected as Tallahassee's Favorite Financial Institution.

Thank you to all of our members and the community for recognizing Envision Credit Union. We look forward to continuing to provide the products and services that our community needs along with excellent service and great value.

#### CELEBRATING INEZ HOLT

Inez Holt is a lifelong resident of Gadsden County and has been a member of Envision Credit Union since 1978. This year, she celebrated her 80th birthday by giving back to the children in her community instead of receiving aifts for herself.

As a retired educator, Ms. Holt understands the importance of a good education and how it can have a lasting impact on the individual. She has a passion for teaching children and a passion for reading. To celebrate her milestone birthday, and to bring her love for children and books together, she asked local citizens and businesses to donate books to a Gadsden County School or a local library.

Envision has been supporting education since 1954 and when we heard about Ms. Holt's birthday celebration, we knew we had to get involved. We celebrated Ms. Holt's birthday with her at our Quincy Financial Center in early April by presenting her with a contribution to the Delta Service and Education Foundation, Inc. Her appreciation was heartfelt and her passion for education was inspiring. We would like to thank Ms. Holt, a lifelong educator, for her dedication to education and for allowing us to support such a worthwhile cause. Happy Birthday!



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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER "COMMITTED TO EDUCATION"

Envision Credit Union was founded in 1954 as an educator's credit union created by educators, for educators. In the years since, we have undergone many changes, opened new locations and expanded our membership to include anyone living in six counties – but the values we were founded on have never changed and we remain committed to education.

We have a website devoted solely to educators - www.SuccessForEducators.com - where educators can take advantage of special educator-exclusive financial offers, see what's going on in the education community and keep up to date with what our Envisioneer is doing. We also offer classroom grants four times a year - awarding \$12,000 to teachers to support their efforts in providing a superior learning environment.

Through our Swipe for Schools program, every member of Envision plays a part in helping our schools. In 2014, Envision donated over \$10,000 just from our members swiping their cards and we are looking forward to being able to do that again this year.

We have been a proud sponsor of The Best & Brightest Awards for 10 years. 2015 also marks the second year of Envision's School Involvement Program where we adopt a Title1 school in Leon County for a school year and support them through employee mentoring, along with volunteering in the classroom and helping with school events throughout the year.

As we have always done, we will continue to work hard to bring our teachers, and our entire membership, the products, services and tools they need to make their lives easier. Thank you for your support and your valued membership. Sincerely,

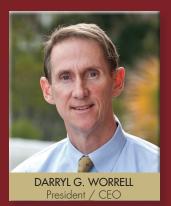
Darryl G. Worrell President/CEO

#### 2015 LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS BRAIN BOWL

around the county were invited to compete in an all-day academic tournament.



Congratulations to all of the teams who competed in the 2015 Brain Bowl.



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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#### In March of this year, Envision, along with Leon County Schools and The Foundation for Leon County Schools sponsored the 2015 Brain Bowl held at Tallahassee Community College. High school brain bowl teams from

For the final round of the day, we saw Chiles compete against Maclay's Blue Team. The competition was fierce and both teams represented their schools well, but Maclay's Blue Team came out on top as the 2015 Brain Bowl Champions.

Ruthellen Caldwell, Vice President of Retail Centers, and our Envisioneer, Dr. Christopher Small, were onsite to present the winning team with a check for \$1,250. By sponsoring the event, Envision hopes to promote academic excellence through friendly, local competition.

## AUTO LOANS EDUCATOR EXCLUSIVE SAVINGS

#### Each year, teachers and school administrators are challenged to become even more resourceful with their finances. Have you ever spent hours digging in car seats and couch cushions for spare change in hopes of one day finally having enough savings to purchase a new vehicle? Scrounge no more—Envision is here to help!

We offer a solution that can help educators save money with not only low interest rates, but also discounted payment options. When educators finance an auto loan with us, they can opt to make no payments for six months. Pair this deal with our low interest rates and save more money than those couch cushions ever had to offer!



Both our website and new mobile app feature a quick and convenient online application process that takes only moments to complete. Visit our website at **www.envisioncu.com** or download our mobile app to complete an online application.

#### HOME ADVANTAGE<sup>™</sup> PROGRAM



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We are proud to be partnered with CU Realty Services to bring you the HomeAdvantage™ Program. Through our Home Lending Center, HomeWorks<sup>®</sup>, we have many available options to suit your home lending needs. The HomeAdvantage™ program walks you through the home buying process, helping you every step of the way.

When you register for the HomeAdvantage<sup>™</sup> Program, you will have instant access to a home Multiple Listing Service database similar to those that realtors use. This database will allow you to search for your new home at your leisure, whether you're in the classroom or lounging at home. You will also be able to find a reliable real-estate agent through our network of realtor partners located in the Leon County area. This network of agents has been picked with a commitment to deliver the same level of outstanding service that you expect from your credit union.

The best part about this program is the cost—it's FREE! Not only are we committed to bringing you the best products and services at little or no cost, but through the HomeAdvantage<sup>™</sup> Program you will earn money back! When you register and use the program to find your perfect home, you will earn a 20% rebate on your real-estate agent's commission.

The HomeAdvantage<sup>™</sup> Program is great for all of our members—especially educators looking to pinch an extra penny with little to no leg-work required. Visit our website at www.envisioncu.com to find out more information and enroll in our HomeAdvantage<sup>™</sup> Program.



## SuccessForEducators GETS A NEW WEBSITE

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly redesigned SuccessForEducators site. Along with our new design, readers also have the ability to add comments, imbed videos and photos within comments, and search for specific topics throughout our new site. Educators are also able to submit their applications for one of our 2015 Summer Classroom Grants through the site as well.

Our 2015 Envisioneer, Dr. Christopher Small, will be posting blogs throughout the year to share his experiences as Envision's Success for Educators spokesperson. Check the site often to see the different events and meetings Dr. Small attends and for any financial literacy updates.

As a major supporter of education since 1954, we take pride in every event we are involved in. Envision Credit Union sponsors many educational events in the community. Members can read more about each of these events at www.SuccessForEducators.com.

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The Mobile Deposit functionality is an additional time saver—anywhere you are, you can make a deposit. The app will prompt you to take a picture of the front and back of the check, enter the amount, and you're done! Funds will become available in your account by the following business day. Other features within the app include making a transfer, Bill Payer access, and Multiple Account access—just as if you were in eBranch. Visit our website at www.envisioncu.com to learn more about the features within our mobile app!

## EDUCATION 2015 NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

On April 16th, Leon County Schools celebrated the achievements of their educators during the annual Night of Celebration and Envision was there to congratulate and award the nominees and winners from each school.

During the Night of Celebration, Leon County Schools honor school employees in three separate categories: Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator of the Year, Florida School Related Employee, and Teacher of the Year. Hundreds of people attend the event each year,

including fellow educators, administrators, community sponsors and board members. The continued support of education is very strong in our community.

The winners of each category are given time to share their thoughts and messages with the audience through a prepared speech. Their passion for education comes through with every word and inspires their fellow educators to continue to strive for success in education. This year the winners were:

**BETSY PENN** 

Kate Sullivan Elementary School

Teacher of the Year

#### **GISELLE MARSH**

Raa Middle School Arts Magnet Program Glenn-Howell Distinguished Educator of the Year



TABITHA BRADWELL Springwood Elementary School Florida School-Related Employee of the Year





Envision is proud to support the great work that these individuals are doing in our school system and is excited about the caliber of educators in the community.

#### ENVISION SUPPORTS 10 YEARS OF THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST

This year marked the 10th anniversary of The Best and Brightest. Through a partnership with World Class Schools of Leon County and local Leon County area private and public schools, Envision has been honored to help award over \$450,000 in scholarships to more than 1,344 students in the program's 10 year history.



Celebrating 10 years of Student Service & Academic Excellence

High school seniors from around the county are offered the

chance to be recognized for their academic achievement in a particular area, as well as their service to their community and school. Each student submits a packet outlining their achievements for both academics and service. Then, category winners from each school are interviewed to contend for the top place in their category.

Help us congratulate the winners of The Best and Brightest, not only this year, but for the past ten years!

## CONGRATULATIONS 2015 ENVISIONEER CHRISTOPHER SMALL, Ph.D.

We are very happy to announce that the community has voted and the 2015 Envisioneer is Christopher Small, Ph.D. of Springwood Elementary School! Thank you to Tina Austin, Springwood Elementary Assistant Principal, along with the students and staff at Springwood for helping us make this a great surprise for a very deserving Principal! We look forward to all that you will accomplish this year.

With a passion for educational administration and the academic success of at-risk youth, Dr. Christopher Small has made it his personal goal to build self-esteem, character, leadership and integrity in all students he encounters.

In 2006, Dr. Small began his work in the public school system as a 5th grade Science teacher and Dean of Students at Jefferson Elementary School in Monticello, FL. His time and dedication while at Jefferson Elementary School resulted in the school moving from an "F" to a "C" in one year. Subsequently, he was hired in the Leon County School District where he worked as the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction at R. Frank Nims Middle School. His work with the teachers, students, and parents while at Nims also resulted in moving the only "F" rated school in Leon County to a "C" in one year.

His current position as the proud Principal of Springwood Elementary School in Tallahassee, FL has taken him to new heights in vision and leadership as he aspires to dedicate his talents to seeing Springwood move to an "A" school.

Dr. Small has committed himself this year to expanding the reach of the program into other surrounding communities and districts. Additionally, he hopes to continue to promote the application process for Envision's Teacher Classroom Mini-Grants to help more teachers provide resources for students during the school year.

Be sure to follow Dr. Small on the Envisioneer blog page at www.SuccessForEducators.com for updates and media footage on what's taking place in the world of education and technology.

#### SWIPE FOR SCHOOLS UPDATE



Swipe for Schools allows us to donate five cents back to Leon County Schools, up to \$10,000, with every swipe of an Envision VISA Credit Card. The first year of our program, during the 2013-2014 school year, we were able to support Leon County Schools by using the funds to provide meals and books to 300 plus students for the duration of the Spring Break holiday.

The second year of our Swipe for Schools initiative is quickly coming to a close. In August, we kicked off the second year of the program with a new logo and look to match our new brand. We are excited to share that we are currently planning the appropriation of funds for the 2014-2015 school year. Stay tuned to our website at www.envisioncu.com/swipeforschools for updates about the program.



#### **OUR SPRING 2015 GRANT WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following educators for winning a \$500 Spring Grant through our Classroom Grant program. For more information about entering to win a Summer 2015 Classroom Grant, visit www.SuccessForEducators.com.

Karissa Davidson Roberts Elementary School

> Wendy Chan Godby High School

Gayle Dove Pace Secondary School

Elizabeth Penn Kate Sullivan Elementary School

> Jennifer Ricardo Deerlake Middle School

Heather Light School of Arts and Sciences





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