



Alterna Savings Members Win Eight OCUF Bursary Awards

TORONTO, August 19, 2019 - Alterna Savings (Alterna) is pleased to congratulate the 2019 Ontario Credit Union Foundation (OCUF)'s CU Succeed Youth Bursary recipients. OCUF awarded \$100,000 to 75 students, 8 of whom are from Alterna Savings. There were 25 credit unions that participated and Alterna members won a large percentage of the awards.

"Alterna is a proud sponsor of the OCUF and its support for youth education and leadership; it perfectly aligns with our philosophy of giving back to the communities we serve," says Rob Paterson, President and CEO of Alterna. "We support students in various ways, including providing scholarships and partnering with Enactus, which empowers young entrepreneurs with a social purpose. The OCUF bursary is especially meaningful because our up-and-coming Alterna young leaders can be eligible. I'm very pleased that this year we have 8 recipients from Alterna."

Established in 2016 by OCUF, the CU Succeed Youth Bursary is awarded based primarily on two criteria: demonstrated financial need and community involvement. Applicants are 25 years old or younger and they (or their parent) belong to a credit union that is a member of the OCUF. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Congratulations to the following Alterna recipients:

\$3,000

Orellana-Tavares, Yasmina

\$1,500

Gysen, Faryn
Neilson, Taylor
Ryan, Josée
Ryan, Renée

\$1,000

George, Gabrielle
Lukaczyn, Natalia
Nevin, Tyra

The \$3,000 award recipient, Yasmina Orellana-Tavares, is a student at Western University. Yasmina has overcome a challenging early life of financial hardship and domestic violence to exemplify the high-achieving student who is committed to the community.

"I wish to share my story to empower others who are in similar situations to break away from the stigma of closed-door family hardships," says Yasmina. "It does not matter that I've had a troubling early life, because through volunteer work, all that is showcased is the passion and dedication I have. Community engagement has remained a constant source of support and inclusivity for me."

Yasmina has taken on multiple extra-curricular commitments, including organizing charity campaigns for Indigenous women on reserves, mental wellness for students, and the Unity Project, an organization that combats homelessness. Yasmina is passionate about her aspiring career as a front-end web developer and considers digital media and interactive design to be powerful tools for the betterment of communities.

As the Good in Banking, Alterna Savings believes in helping communities thrive and is immensely proud that so many winners are Alterna members.

About Alterna Savings

Alterna Savings and Credit Union Limited (Alterna) has been the Good in Banking for 111 years! Alterna is made up of Alterna Savings and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Alterna Bank. Together, it has \$8 billion in assets under management.

As the first full-service, member-owned co-operative financial institution outside Quebec, Alterna Savings shares its expertise with more than 167,000 members through a network of 35 branches across Ontario, that includes partners Toronto Municipal Employees' Savings, City Savings Credit Union and Peterborough Community Savings; as well as call centres and digital channels. Members and customers also benefit from industry leading online brokerage and investment management services and have access to the largest surcharge-free ATM network in Canada through THE EXCHANGE® Network, with over 3,700 ATMs to serve them.

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