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ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AWARDS BEARDEN SCHOLARSHIP TO JERNIGAN

The recipient of the \$2,500 Jimmie Bearden Leadership Scholarship for 2010 is Jennifer Jernigan of Tullahoma.

In its sixth year, the Jimmie Bearden Leadership Scholarship honors retired Ascend Federal Credit Union President and CEO Jimmie Bearden. Bearden served the credit union and community honorably for 48 years before retiring in 2004.

According to one of her teachers who recommended her for the award, Jernigan has been involved in student government, numerous clubs, community service, and excels in academics and athletics. She has been an active Student Council leader since the 6th grade, and her dedication and leadership have earned her the class president position for three consecutive years.

"Jennifer has shown she has what it takes to succeed in high school," Ascend President and CEO Caren Gabriel said. "We hope this award enables her to take her leadership skills to the next level in college and beyond."

The Jimmie Bearden Leadership Scholarship is available to graduating THS seniors, and requirements include a minimum 2.5 grade point average and a minimum 20 composite score on the ACT or 1,000 on the SAT. Each year, graduating THS seniors who wish to apply for the scholarship can complete an application and return it to the school's Counseling Office. The scholarship winner is chosen by a committee of the credit union's Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee.

Ascend Federal Credit Union has a financial center on 1611 N. Jackson St. in Tullahoma, on 452 N. Hap Arnold Drive at Arnold Air Force Base and on 1929 McArthur St. in Manchester. Federally insured by the NCUA, membership is limited.

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