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ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AWARDS BEARDEN SCHOLARSHIP TO BATTIS

The recipient of the \$2,500 Jimmie Bearden Leadership Scholarship for 2008 is Dalee Batts of Tullahoma.

In its fourth 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.

In addition to having two jobs and being a member of the Annual Staff, Future Business Leaders of America and Zeta Lambda Chi, Batts has also been involved with the Tullahoma High School Blood Drive and was a volunteer with the Special Olympics, Horse Play and Karing for Kids.

"Dalee is a leader in her school and her community," Ascend President and CEO Caren Gabriel said. "The Board of Directors and I hope this scholarship will allow her to achieve her goal of becoming a graphic designer."

The Jimmie Bearden Leadership Scholarship is available to graduating Tullahoma High School seniors with a minimum 3.0 grade point average and 20 composite score on the American College Test (ACT). They also must be accepted into an accredited four-year college or university. 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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