

**PRESS RELEASE -- June 22, 2009**

West Chester, PA—Keystone Federal Credit Union, in cooperation with the Chester County Intermediate Unit, announces the winners in the Second Annual “Shining Star” Awards. The award was created to recognize students who have shown a noticeable improvement in academic performance, extra-curricular involvement, and attendance throughout the school year.

“Shining Star” winners each received a \$200 share certificate of deposit and a trophy from Keystone FCU. Winners included one student from the elementary (K-5), middle (6-8), and high school (9-12) levels from each of the 12 Chester County Public School Districts and the Chester County Intermediate Unit. Plus, the teachers of the winning students each received a \$200 gift certificate to a teacher supply store for classroom supplies.

First Place winners for 2009 include the following area students:

**Avon Grove SD:**

Jose Nazario -- Fred S. Engle Middle School

**Coatesville SD:**

Tayron Carter -- Friendship Elementary School

**CCIU:**

Rebecca Livingston -- Child & Career Development Center  
Samantha DiMarcello -- CAT Pickering

**Downingtown SD:**

Troy Kassa -- Shamona Creek Elementary  
Ashley Switzer -- Lionville Middle School  
David Holmes -- Downingtown East High School

**Great Valley SD:**

Shaun Lackman -- K.D. Markley Elementary School  
Grace Toner -- General Wayne Elementary School

**Octorara SD:**

Kendra Reynolds -- Primary Learning Center

**Oxford SD:**

Eli Matthews -- Nottingham Elementary School  
Kimberly Franco -- Oxford Area High School

**Owen J. Roberts SD:**

Steven Constable -- French Creek Elementary School  
Assata Kamara -- Owen J. Roberts Middle School

Sam Morgan -- Owen J. Roberts High School

**Phoenixville SD:**

Christopher Evans -- Barkley Elementary School

Ryan Porter -- Phoenixville Area High School

**Tredyffrin SD:**

Kevin Hagan -- Valley Forge Elementary School

Katherine Tall -- Valley Forge Middle School

**West Chester SD:**

Daniel McKnight -- Westtown-Thornbury Elementary

Kassandra Rivera -- West Chester East High School

Chester County Public School teachers nominated their most improved students for the award. Each teacher wrote a paragraph nominating a student from one of their classes whom they felt embodied the spirit of this award. Nominations were accepted between January 1 and April 1, 2009. All nominated students received a certificate of recognition.

Keystone Federal Credit Union, formerly Chester County School Employees Credit Union, has been the “Educators’ Credit Union” since 1939. As a financial institution, we strive to offer only the best service to the educators and students of Chester County.

Keystone FCU is proud to provide as financial literacy and educational support for the educators and students of Chester County and looks forward to continuing the “Shining Star” award program in the area school districts for years to come. For more information about the “Shining Star” award program, contact Keystone FCU at (484) 356-0400.