



Congratulations, Scholarship Winners

MetroWest Community FCU is honored to announce the 2022 Richard J. Callahan Memorial Scholarship winners. Mr. Callahan, a lifelong resident of Framingham and alumni of Framingham State College (a.k.a Framingham State University), served on the MetroWest Community Federal Credit Union Board for over 40 years. He strongly believed in giving back and caring for others which was evident by his service to his country as a member of the U.S Army during the Korean War, and to his community, as a veteran officer of the Framingham Police Force.

The Richard J. Callahan Scholarship awards a total of \$1,000 in college scholarships to both high school seniors and continuing education students. After reviewing this year's applications, the MetroWest financial scholarship committee together with family members of Richard J Callahan selected two scholarship winners. This year's winners are Yurika Tarui and Ashely Grant.

On Wednesday June 16, 2022, Yurika Tarui was handed a check for \$1,000. She was accompanied by her mother. Yurika attended Newton North High School where she was an outstanding student. During her time at Newton North High School, Yurika managed to get excellent grades while also bettering her community. COVID 19 wreaked havoc on many immigrant communities across the US, and particularly the Japanese – American students lost connections to their Japanese heritage. The financial devastation of the pandemic and the concurrent xenophobia that swept the Asian -pacific communities only exacerbated the challenges that these communities faced. Being of Japanese heritage, Yurika and a friend launched the Boston Sakura Kids (BSK), a volunteer organization providing free Japanese and English language and culture education through daily reading sessions, Japanese language classes and a 1-on-1 buddy program. Since BSK's inception, its 20 volunteers have provided 800+ hours of free instruction to more than 120 students and donated \$1235 to various nonprofits through fundraisers.

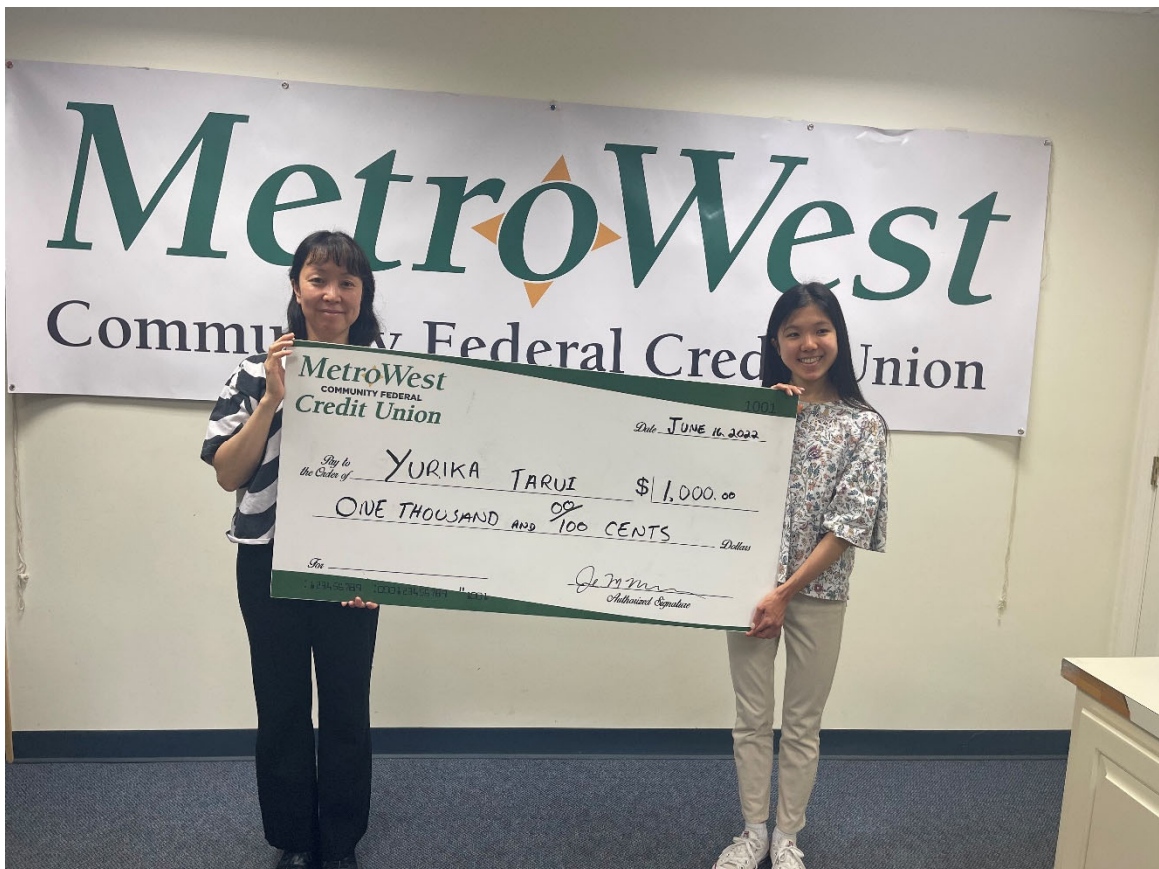
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Joe Mansour (MWCFCU -CEO) with Yurika Tarui



Yurika and her mother Mrs. Tarui



Rose Kajubi (Marketing) and Yurika Tarui.

As COVID-19 restrictions ease, Yurika and her team hope to launch in-person events, teach Japanese culture classes at local elementary schools, and expand their mentoring program throughout Massachusetts.

In the fall, Yurika will attend John Hopkins University where she will pursue her degree in Biomedical Engineering. MetroWest Community Federal Credit Union is proud to have Yurika as one of our 2022 scholarship recipients and wish her all the best at college and beyond.

“I cannot wait to continue pursuing cross-cultural youth outreach opportunities at college and beyond – Yurika Tarui

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