

Vantage Credit Union Kicks Off Teacher Appreciation Week with Donations and Dessert

ST. LOUIS – In the spirit of National Teacher Appreciation Week, Vantage Credit Union visited local high schools with treats and a \$500 donation to their district educational foundation or school scholarship program.

“Not every school has the resources they need to honor their teachers and staff so we dropped in on a number of high schools to surprise them with delicious cookie trays and a \$500 donation,” says Marina Gakhutishvili, Vantage Credit Union Communication Education Specialist. “As we near the end of the school year, it’s an especially impactful reminder to teachers that they are valued.”

Founded by a group of teachers over 60 years ago, Vantage understands and applauds the hard work of these magnificent mentors who play a critical role in educating and shaping the future leaders of our country. For Teacher Appreciation Week, Vantage donated a total of \$4,000 to enhance the educational opportunities for students across the St. Louis area.

“We appreciate all teachers and the extraordinary work they do for their students every day in the classroom,” says Eric Acree, President & CEO of Vantage Credit Union. “Their dedication and passion is admirable, and we wanted to let them know that their credit union is grateful.”

The schools visited and donations made were: Festus High School, Festus R-6 Scholarship Foundation, Fort Zumwalt North High School, Fort Zumwalt Education Foundation; Francis Howell North High School, Francis Howell School District Foundation; **Hazelwood Central High School, Hazelwood East High School, and Hazelwood West High School**, Hazelwood School District Foundation; Holt High School, Wentzville Education Foundation; Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood High School Teacher to Teacher Scholarship; Ladue High School; Lafayette High School; Oakville High School; Parkway North High School, Parkway North PTO Viking Pride Fundraiser (scholarship program); and Pattonville High School, Pattonville Education Foundation.

Teacher Appreciation Week is a week-long celebration in the United States observed the first full week in May. Described by the National Education Association as “a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives”, Teacher Appreciation Day falls on the Tuesday of Teacher Appreciation Week.

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