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First responder receives LAFCU Community Champions scholarship

Matt Ash serves Delta Township community as firefighter and paramedic

LANSING, Mich. — Matt Ash, of Lansing, is the recipient of the 2017 LAFCU Community Champions scholarship awarded by the mid-Michigan credit union.

Ash is a firefighter and paramedic with the Delta Township Fire Department. He was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship to Lansing Community College at the Aug. 19 Lansing Lugnuts LAFCU Fireworks Spectacular.

Ash was selected as the scholarship winner based on his essay about what compelled him to serve his community.

“I cannot imagine doing anything other than serving my community as a first responder,” Ash said. “It’s a blessing and humbling experience to help those in need.

“The scholarship will fund continuing education that will keep me up to date with medical advancements and better prepare me for continued quality service.”

LAFCU Senior Vice President of Marketing Kelli Ellsworth Etchison said, “LAFCU’s emphasis on education for all ages stems from the belief that an educated community is a strong, vibrant and engaged community. Programs such as LAFCU Community Champions demonstrate how the education of one person can benefit many.”

The LAFCU Community Champions program also recognizes police, fire and medical first responders as well as current and veteran members of the military at Lansing Lugnuts LAFCU Fireworks Spectaculars. The honorees receive free game tickets, the opportunity to throw the first pitch and in-game recognition on the field and on the stadium videoboard. The final 2017 LAFCU Fireworks Spectacular is Sept. 5.



Delta Township firefighter and paramedic Matt Ash is honored at a Lansing Lugnuts LAFCU Fireworks Spectacular as the recipient of the 2017 LAFCU Community Champions scholarship. He is with his wife, Michelle, at left, and, from center, LAFCU’s Alyssa Sliger and Kelli Ellsworth Etchison.

About LAFCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is proud to be mid-Michigan's credit union, serving the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee. A recipient of the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, LAFCU takes pride in bringing value to the financial lives of its members, neighbors, families and community. Offering a comprehensive range of personal and business financial products, LAFCU provides services that include checking and savings accounts, auto and mortgage lending, business accounts and business lending. LAFCU serves nearly 60,000 members, holds more than \$600 million in assets, and maintains nine locations throughout Greater Lansing and Shiawassee County. Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in its designated counties is eligible to join. Members enjoy benefits, such as lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings, insurance discounts, preferred seating for LAFCU-sponsored events, and access to 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the CO-OP ATM network. LAFCU supports and enriches mid-Michigan by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, please call 517.622.6600 or find us online:

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About the Lansing Lugnuts

The Lansing Lugnuts, Class-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, 'Go Nuts' as they enter their 22nd season in Michigan's Capital City. Featured in USA Today and on CNN for their successes, the Lugnuts make their home at the newly renovated Cooley Law School Stadium. Built in 1996, Cooley Law School Stadium continues to be a key component in revitalizing Lansing's downtown while providing fun, affordable, family entertainment to fans in Mid-Michigan and beyond. Find them online at www.lansinglugnuts.com.

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