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*Scholarship Opportunities*

## SWAMI SCHOLARSHIP

The Strathmore WOCCU African Management Institute (SWAMI) is an opportunity for students to attend the prestigious Strathmore University in Nairobi, Kenya. The World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) and Strathmore University in Nairobi developed SWAMI, an intensive three-tiered accreditation program to train for the savings and credit co-operative (SACCO). The program caters to SACCO managers and aspiring managers and board members. The program focuses on financial management, products and services, policies, procedures and governance to enhance their abilities to operate and oversee their SACCOs. The SWAMI graduates of the program are on the front lines of increasing access to safe and affordable financial services for the people of Africa who may not be privileged. Strathmore College was started in 1961 as an Advanced-level Sixth Form College offering Science and Art subjects by a group of professionals, who formed a charitable Educational Trust. The African American Credit Union Coalition in partnership has funded \$6000 per year in scholarships (\$2000 per student) in support of WOCCU and the Louisiana Credit Union League.

## CORNERSTONE AWARD

NAFCU's mission can be divided into four cornerstones: representation, education, information and assistance. The association's education programs and publications are highly regarded and both members and nonmembers avail themselves of these offerings. In the true cooperative spirit of the credit union community, NAFCU will provide two (2) AACUC members with the opportunity to attend one of the following: NAFCU's Chief Executive Officers Conference, Volunteers Conference, Lending & Collections Strategies Conferences, or the NAFCU Regulatory Compliance School.

Any active AACUC member who is a credit union employee or volunteer can apply for a NAFCU Cornerstone Award. The award will cover conference registration. Cornerstone Award recipients will also receive a one-year subscription to The Federal Credit Union, NAFCU's bimonthly magazine. NAFCU and AACUC officials will choose the award recipient on the basis of a personal essay and financial need. Applications for the awards will be accepted between November and Mid-January.

## CEO INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP

The curriculum and instructional materials for the CEO Institute have been developed through extensive, ongoing research by the host schools of the CUES' University Consortium. Through relevant case studies, self-assessment exercises, team-building experiences, classroom discussions, world-class faculty and peer interaction, the CEO Institute will provide you with the intensive graduate level coursework needed to advance your credit union career.

After you have finished the three year CEO Institute program, (one week per year) as well as the action-learning projects, you will be eligible to earn your Certified Chief Executive (CCE) designation—a reputation that reflects greatly on your career and credit union. This prestigious designation acknowledges your outstanding achievements in professional development and represents your dedication to the entire credit union community. CUES and AACUC will provide this tremendous opportunity to an AACUC member as a commitment to promote the professional development of credit union CEO's, Senior Management and Directors.

The scholarship will pay the full tuition for all three segments of the CEO Institute, including costs of rooming and most meals. During the years offered the participant must submit an application for consideration. Two (2) scholarship recipients will be chosen—CUES will fund one full scholarship and AACUC will fund one full scholarship. (This scholarship is awarded once every three years in February – 2007, 2010, 2013, etc.)

### CEO Institute Scholarship Recipients

Sheilah Montgomery (2004)  
Defarro Gaymon (2007)  
Tarra Jackson (2007)



## PETE CREAR SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Pete Crear Scholarship is to give financial assistance to Students participating in AACUC's *Reaching Toward to the Future* Internship Program. Interns working for an AACUC member credit union or organization and enrolled in an accredited college or university may apply. The Mentorship Committee will select a topic for the participants to submit a written report to the Pete Crear Scholarship Committee. Three (3) Interns will each receive a two thousand dollar (\$2,000) scholarship. Scholarship applications will be accepted from March 1 through Mid July. The scholarship will be awarded at the AACUC annual meeting.

### Pete Crear Scholarship Recipients

2004 – Rudolph Pierson, Albert Cummings, III and Tanyika Andrea White  
2005 – Myisha Henry, Megan Salmon and Shanita Wilburn  
2006 – Delano Radgman, Jamarsa Peterson and Michelle Green  
2007 – Briana McPherson, Cedric Jefferson and Jerome Frederick, Jr.

## CUNA MUTUAL DISCOVERY AWARD

The CUNA Mutual Group is the leading provider of financial services to credit unions and their members worldwide, offering lending, protection, financial, employee and member solutions through strategic partnerships, technological innovations and multiple service channels. CUNA Mutual has designated a scholarship to an AACUC member to attend the Discovery Conference held each year in June. The scholarship will cover the registration cost. AACUC members should submit an application to the Mentorship Committee outlining how this scholarship will be beneficial to them. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the AACUC Networking meeting held annually in Washington, D.C.

CUNA Mutual Discovery Conference Recipient:  
Rita Haynes

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