

Connection CU ⚡ Connected 2U

Congratulations, 2009 Scholarship Recipients!

Connection CU is pleased to announce that the following members are the recipients of our 2009 scholarships. Each of them received a scholarship award in the amount of \$2000 for the 2009-2010 school year.

- Erika Doremus
- Lynn Knapp
- Caitlin Lieseke
- Marc Valencia

We congratulate all of them on their academic achievements and wish them further success in the coming school year.

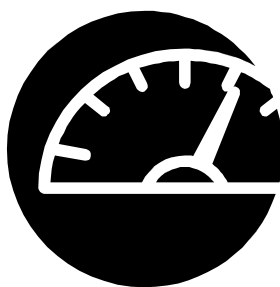
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Get your motor running with a loan from CCU

Yes, Connection CU has money to lend!

Whether you're buying a new or used car, or want to refinance a higher rate loan from a different lender, Connection CU has the auto loan for you! We make the loan process fast and easy and custom fit each loan to fit your specific needs. We'll help you determine a payment amount and term that works with your budget. And, you can delay your first payment



up to 45 days.

Money is tight, but not at Connection CU.

Our not-for-profit cooperative model provides a continued source of stability and strength to

weather these turbulent times, and Connection CU is committed more than ever to providing reliable, responsible financing to members.

Apply for a loan in the way that's most convenient for you:

1. Online at: www.connectioncu.org
2. Call a loan officer at (360) 307-6400 x 6411
3. Stop by one of our three branches.

Travel with safety and budget in mind

The Visa prepaid debit card has become a handy tool for many travelers as a fast and easy way to pay and budget for expenses when on vacation. The Visa Reloadable Prepaid Card replaces the traditional traveler's checks, which many people find difficult to convert in many places. Prepaid reloadable Visa cards are designed to function similarly to a traditional credit or debit card. Purchases are made in the same manner as debit and credit cards.

The difference between a prepaid card and a traditional credit or debit card is that the prepaid card holds a balance loaded by the cardholder, and is not connected to a revolving credit account or checking account. Once the balance is exhausted, the card cannot be used unless

the cardholder reloads the balance through the credit union. Prepaid debit cards are accepted most anywhere debit or credit cards are accepted, so they make ideal alternatives to carrying around cash. Additionally, many travelers are uncomfortable with carrying around their regular credit cards and debit cards on vacation because they are leery of the consequences of the cards getting lost or stolen.

While some travelers choose to carry prepaid cards for the security of keeping their personal credit and debit cards safe, others choose to use prepaid cards as a budgeting tool during their trips. Cardholders load the balance they wish to spend during their trip onto their cards,



and know that if their balance is used up then they have exceeded their budget.

There are plenty of different types of cards to choose from, but a Visa Reloadable Prepaid debit card comes with benefits which may not be available through another issuer. Namely, the Visa logo is widely recognizable, and Visa cards are accepted throughout the world. Also very important, you enjoy the same protection with a prepaid Visa card against theft and loss that Visa offers to credit and debit cardholders.

CU in the Community—Connection CU in action



Young members discover “The Magic of Savings”

The third week in April marked National Credit Union Youth week. This year’s theme was “The Magic of Savings.” Thirty-seven young members made deposits to their accounts totaling \$2885.97 and two new youth accounts were opened during the week. All youth members who deposited were eligible for a drawing to receive a \$50 deposit to their account. Congratulations to our winner, Jahrielle Davis, and to all of the young members who are building their financial futures.



Shredding, Sharing & Caring

Our Annual Shred day was held on a beautiful Saturday in April. Many of our members brought their personal documents to be safely and securely destroyed by the on-site shredding truck. This event was free for our members. In return, we requested members help us give back to the community by donating personal and household care items for area food banks. We collected over 300 pounds of items! Thanks to all for their generosity—the food banks were very happy to receive the donations. Our next Shred Day is scheduled for April 17, 2010.



These feet were made for walking

During the month of June you may have noticed the “sneakers” on the walls of our branches. We were collecting donations for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. Our team walked in the Relay which was held at Central Kitsap High School, Saturday and Sunday, June 27th & 28th. It’s not too late if you would like to support our team’s efforts! We may accept donations through the end of July.



CU at the Fair

We’re participating in several upcoming community events this summer. Look for our booth at the Silverdale Whaling Days festival, July 25-26, as well as at the Kitsap County Fair & Stampede, August 26-30. We’re also a sponsor for the Kitsap Mental Health Services Golf Classic, August 12th.



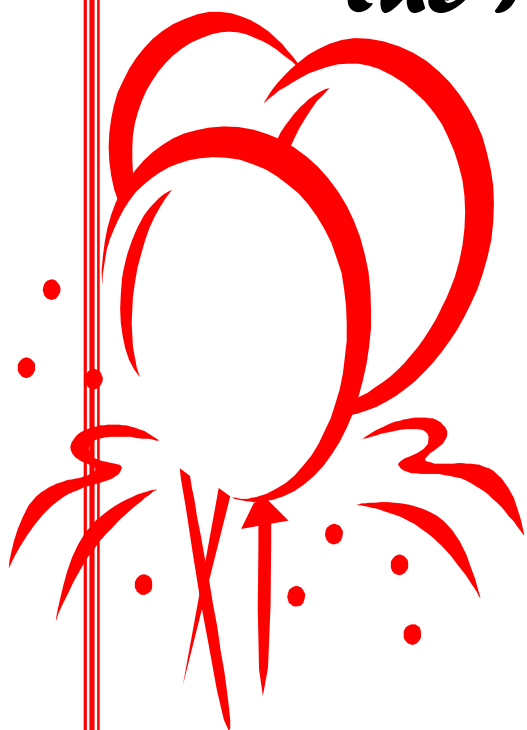
The Giving Month

We strongly believe in the credit union philosophy of “People Helping People.” We have designated November as the month in which we support three charities in particular because of the time of year. Get ready to help big this year!

- **Christmas Angel requests**—through Kitsap Community Resources. Help KCR clients who need assistance making Christmas wishes come true for their children. It’s fun to shop, wrap & be an anonymous Santa to a kid in need. This is a great project for families, kids love to shop for other kids!
- **2010 Kitsap Card**—A great way to save money all year long, with discounts from many restaurants and merchants in Kitsap County. \$8 from the sale of each card will be donated to support Seattle Children’s Hospital. The Kitsap Card makes a great holiday stocking stuffer!
- **Raffle baskets**—Just in time for holiday giving, CU staff members create beautiful gift baskets to be raffled off. 100% of the proceeds from the raffle goes to support the Harrison Medical Center Foundation.

Member Appreciation Month

*July is all about you –
the Member-Owner!*



- Balloons* and prizes for the kids
- Free t-shirts for adults
- Hot Dogs, chips and cookies*

(The last 3 Fridays in July –
17th, 24th, 31st, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.)

- And the **Red Carpet** treatment from the time you walk in the door!!

*At the Silverdale Office only



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Have you been frustrated waiting for
on-line bill pay from Connection CU?



THE WAIT IS (ALMOST) OVER!

We are pleased to announce that we have finally found the right partner to provide on-line bill payment services to our membership. As of publication, the contracts have been signed and the implementation process is underway. Here's what you can expect in the coming weeks:



- A link to a demo site will soon be available on our website for you to explore and become familiar with the features of the program.
- An added layer of security, called multi-factor authentication, will soon be added to our home banking sign-in process.
- More information will be posted in our lobbies and mailed to our members as the "live date" for the online bill pay program gets closer.



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Month - see inside for details**

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financial futures,
one relationship at a time.*