



Yakima Valley Credit Union celebrates National Credit Union Youth Week

YVCU awarded Wapato High School \$500.00 in celebration of National Credit Union Youth Week. Each April credit unions around the country celebrate youth financial literacy.

This year, YVCU felt the best way to celebrate Youth Week was to offer their services to the middle and high schools of Yakima County to help create an awareness of the importance of financial literacy. Each time the school invited YVCU as a guest speaker during the month of April the teacher from that school was entered into a drawing for \$500 to be used for any school program! The award went to Mr. Rick Wright a teacher for Wapato High School; he invited YVCU into his economic class to talk about buying a car.

The Credit Union has reached out to over 1,350 students in Yakima County in the 2008-2009 school year, speaking to students from kindergarten to high school about budgeting, savings, checking, car buying, on-line banking, and job interview skills. The students receive handouts and valuable information that will help them prepare for making the most of their finances. The presentations are specially tailored to be age appropriate, interactive, fun, and offer real examples!

About Yakima Valley Credit Union

Yakima Valley Credit Union was formed in 1939 as the Fireman's Credit Union and has grown to over \$266 million in assets. The credit union has continued to expand its reach into the community and with a state charter that permits the opportunity to serve anyone who lives, works, worships, or goes to school in the state of Washington. Yakima Valley Credit Union serves more than 31,000 members with six convenient branch locations. It is the largest local Credit Union in the valley and offers a full line of products and services to meet members' needs.