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Marquette Bank to Offer Scholarships to Seniors at Neighborhood High Schools

Continues 43-year Tradition; Seeks to Connect Former Recipients

Orland Park, IL (March 24, 2009) – Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, continues its 43-year tradition of providing scholarships to graduating seniors at 54 local high schools in 2009. Funded by Marquette Bank Education Foundation, the scholarships are intended for students who demonstrate financial need, scholastic achievement – by maintaining a “B” average – and record of volunteer service involvement in their respective communities.

In 2008, the Education Foundation awarded fifty scholarships averaging \$3,500 per student, an investment of \$175,000 in local students in Marquette Bank’s neighborhoods.

“We are proud to build on our Marquette Bank commitment and tradition. Through the years, we have awarded nearly \$2 million in scholarships to more than 1,100 students from our neighborhoods” said George Moncada, President & CEO. “We believe in helping students with a dedication to community service and who have a financial need, achieve their potential. Our eligibility requirements include, and even seek out, students who may not be eligible for other academic scholarships.”

Students are selected by their school’s principal or school guidance counselors and are recognized at an awards ceremony attended by the friends and families of scholarship recipients. This year’s ceremony will be held March 30th at the Marriott Chicago Midway 6520 S. Cicero Avenue.

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The scholarship is good for any educational program after high school including: four-year colleges and universities, community colleges, vocational training or trade schools. Interested students should contact their school guidance counselors for more information as soon as possible. Schools will make their selections by April 30, 2009.

“Many students selected for this scholarship return to their local neighborhoods with that same commitment to serve the community. We believe there is great value in reconnecting recipients with each other and with the Bank, to explore opportunities for mentoring future recipients and even to discuss internship or job opportunities” said Madeline McCarthy, Retail Strategist and Officer at Marquette Bank.

“This scholarship helped me achieve my goals as a student. I’ve worked at Marquette Bank for 16 years and I’m honored to be a part of this tradition, helping generations of neighborhood students,” said David McKay, Bank Officer and past scholarship recipient.

Marquette Bank is seeking to connect with past scholarship recipients to learn about academic and career progress. If you have been a past recipient of the Marquette Bank Scholarship, please call Denisse Garzon at 1-773-918-7246. For a complete list of high schools participating in the 2009 Marquette Bank Scholarship Program visit: www.emarquettebank.com.

About Marquette Bank:

Marquette National Corporation is a \$1.6 billion diversified financial holding company for Marquette Bank. Marquette Bank has been a locally-operated bank providing personalized banking service since 1945. Marquette Bank is a full-service, customer-focused neighborhood bank that serves the financial needs of Chicagoland communities, offering an extensive line of financial products including retail banking, mortgages, trust and business banking, free Online Bill Pay and free Automated Telephone Banking. Marquette Bank’s retail branches are located in Chicago, Aurora, Bolingbrook, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Lemont, New Lenox, Oak Lawn, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Romeoville and Summit, Illinois. Marquette Bank customers have convenient free access to almost 40,000 Allpoint and Starsf ATMs.

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