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Community Bank Pays Over \$12,000 For Good Grades

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The fifth year of Community Bank's Earn While You Learn Program has set an all-time high in pay-outs to student-customers for their academic success. For the 2015 pay out period, 576 students in the Eastern Oregon and Southeast Washington area cashed in on their good grades. Community Bank paid them a total of \$12,581!

Since the bank's program began in 2011 the amount of payouts has steadily increased. In the first year of the Bank's Earn While You Learn Program just four years ago, 190 students were paid \$3895. A total of \$6975 was paid to over 275 student-customers in 2012. A big increase occurred the following year with \$11,173 paid out in 2013; \$11,939 to 531 students in 2014. This brings the program's grand total of academic award money to \$46,563.

The program was designed to encourage students in their academic success by awarding them for good grades. During the months of June and July, all Community Bank branches accepted end-of-the-year report cards from students in grades 1st through 12th. For every top grade in a main school subject (A-, A, A+ for middle and high school, and S+, E, etc. for grade school) that appeared on the report card, Community Bank deposited \$1 into their Community Bank Youth Savings Account.

The Earn While You Learn Program is an annual reward of \$1 per top grade, up to \$50 annually per student, with payments given for the whole school year in June and July.

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