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Community Bank Awards Over \$17,000 For Good Grades

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The seventh year of Community Bank's Earn While You Learn Program has set an all-time high in cash awards paid to student-customers for their academic success. For the 2017 pay out period, 748 students in the Eastern Oregon and Southeast Washington area cashed in on their good grades. Community Bank's student customers earned a total of \$17,135!

Since the bank's program began in 2011 earnings have steadily increased. In the first year of the Bank's Earn While You Learn Program just six years ago, 190 students were paid \$3,895. This year's payouts bring the program's grand total of academic award money to \$79,608.

The program is designed to encourage students in their academic success by awarding Community Bank Youth Savings accounts customers for their 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 (indicated on the grading system used for each school) in a main school subject 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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