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Dean's List and Free Money Mean this 19-Year Credit Union Veteran is on the Road to Graduation

Washington D.C.- Jacky Kearney has been employed with the United States Senate Federal Credit Union (USSFCU) for 19 years and is on the road to achieving a life-long goal of earning her Associates Degree in Computer Information Systems and eventually her Bachelor's Degree, all with the financial support of USSFCU.

One of USSFCU's employee benefits package is a tuition reimbursement program; however, there were not a flood of employees lining up to take advantage. Jacky explains, "Susan Enis, President and CEO of USSFCU, has always tried to encourage me to go back to school and financially I couldn't. I suggested to Susan (the Credit Union) should offer the reimbursement benefit to be paid upfront. She came up with a way to pay for the tuition first, so I felt it was time to take advantage of the benefit."

Susan Enis indeed took action when learning there was a need to revise the tuition program. With the new program the employee can apply to borrow up to \$6,000.00, which includes the cost of the class plus 10% of the class cost to cover books. Once the employee is approved for the loan, the interest and payments on the loan are deferred for 150 days. When the employee completes the class with a grade of B or higher the loan is paid off.

Jacky Kearney is a success story for the Credit Union because she is not only using the tuition benefit but she is also exceeding expectations along the way. Last semester Jacky made the Dean's List at Southeastern University, Washington DC. Jacky has seven more classes to complete her Associates Degree and plans to utilize the Credit Union's tuition reimbursement program to achieve this goal.