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## Alpharetta High School Student Megha Desai Wins 2017 Scholarship

**ALPHARETTA, GA (May 22, 2017)** – Megha Desai, a senior at Alpharetta High School, was recently selected as a recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship for the Julian and Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship which is sponsored by the Community Bankers Association of Georgia (CBA), and funded by CBA and its membership.

CBA awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to this year's winning candidates for the Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship. Applications were submitted to the Association through a CBA member community bank. Ms. Desai was sponsored by Brad Serff, CEO and President of Providence Bank.

The scholarship is named for the late Jan Hester, daughter of Lalia and the late Julian Hester, long-time CEO of the CBA. The scholarship program began in 1991 and is based on merit. To compete, students must write a short essay on the characteristics of a community bank, and the continuing benefits they offer to their home communities.

“We’re so proud of Megha and all the student winners and wish them well as they continue to further their education,” stated Brad Serff. “Each winner demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and community service. This was a really an impressive group of high school seniors. We congratulate Megha on all her achievements!”

Ms. Desai will graduate from Alpharetta High School in May 2017 and attend Georgia Tech in the fall.

**About Providence Bank**

Providence Bank is the only community bank locally chartered in the Alpharetta/Milton community. Established in 2006, Providence Bank holds assets of \$110 million and offers a wide array of banking solutions that include personal and business loan and deposit products as well as the latest in mobile and online banking products. For more information, visit the [Providence Bank website](#) or call 678-624-2265.

**About Community Bankers Association of Georgia**

The Community Bankers Association of Georgia is a non-profit organization serving community banks throughout Georgia for over 45 years to enhance their profitability and growth. The CBA was founded in 1969 by a group of Georgia community bankers to protect the political interests of locally-owned community banks. Representing 160 community banks and nearly 200 associate member companies, the CBA offers services in four distinct areas which include political affairs, education, products & services and networking. For more information about the Association, visit [www.cbaofga.com](http://www.cbaofga.com) or call (770) 541-4490.

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