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Virginia Credit Union League Announces Prestigious Award Winners at 2024 IGNITE | League Annual Meeting

RICHMOND, Va. — The Board of the Virginia Credit Union League is proud to announce the recipients of the League's most distinguished awards, which were presented at the recent IGNITE | League Annual Meeting. These awards celebrate individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution to the credit union movement in Virginia. A full list of the recipients is below.

Eugene H. Farley Award of Excellence: Chris Williams



The Eugene H. Farley Award of Excellence is awarded to an individual who has made substantial contributions over a period of two or three years. This year's recipient, Chris Williams, CEO of Henrico Federal Credit Union, has exemplified exceptional leadership and dedication to advancing the credit union mission on a local, state, and national level.

Williams has led Henrico Federal Credit Union through numerous strategic initiatives that have substantially improved operational efficiency and member services. His efforts have included the development of innovative financial education programs and expansion of community-based financial solutions that have bolstered local economic growth.

James P. Kirsch Lifetime Achievement Award: Stan P. Leicester II



The James P. Kirsch Lifetime Achievement Award honors Stan P. Leicester II, Executive Vice President of BayPort Credit Union, this year for his significant contributions throughout his career. Stan has played a pivotal role in the growth and success of BayPort Credit Union, demonstrating exemplary leadership and commitment to the community.

Leicester has shaped the strategic direction of BayPort Credit Union, leading to substantial growth in member services and financial stability. His leadership has been crucial during key transitional periods, including overseeing major technological upgrades and expanding community outreach programs that have enriched the local community.

James P. Kirsch Lifetime Achievement Award: Jeff Moscicki



The late Jeffery Moscicki, former Chairman of UVA Community Credit Union, was honored with the James P. Kirsch Lifetime Achievement Award. In his place, his widow, Mrs. Janet Moscicki, and sons, J.C. and Jarod Moscicki, received the award.

Moscicki's leadership at UVA Community Credit Union was marked by his commitment to innovation and member service. His initiatives have significantly enhanced the financial well-being of countless members and contributed to the development of robust community programs that continue to serve as a model for others.

Red Scarf Award: Chris Anuswith



The Red Scarf Award is a newly created honor designed to recognize significant impact on state and/or federal credit union advocacy within the Commonwealth of Virginia. This year, the inaugural award went to Chris Anuswith, VP of Risk at ABNB Credit Union, acknowledged for his influential work on advocacy projects and his continued leadership in grassroots advocacy and VACUPAC fundraising.

On Anuswith's behalf, the award was accepted by newly-elected League board member, Charlie Mallon, of ABNB FCU.

Anuswith has been instrumental in strengthening the advocacy efforts of ABNB Credit Union, particularly in areas of legislative influence and fundraising. His leadership has led to significant advancements in policies favorable to credit unions, enhancing their ability to serve their members more effectively.

"We are truly blessed to have such incredible individuals in our credit union community," said Karima Freeman, Interim CEO of the Virginia Credit Union League. "Each of our award winners exemplifies the spirit of dedication and service that defines our industry. They are undoubtedly deserving of these honors, and we are proud to recognize their achievements."

The Virginia Credit Union League congratulates all the award recipients. Their achievements reflect the strength and resilience of the credit union community in Virginia.

About the League

The Virginia Credit Union League is the state trade association representing the 100 member-owned, not-for-profit credit unions headquartered in the Commonwealth. Celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, the League provides regulatory, political, and public advocacy; professional development; and a range of informational and operational resources to ensure a thriving credit union industry since 1934. Learn more at vacul.org.

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