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**OCCU announces VP of Payment and Digital Services**

**Eugene, OR –** OCCU has hired longtime payment executive Aris Jerahian as vice president of Payment and Digital Services.

Jerahian is a seasoned payment executive with nearly 30 years of experience across the United States. He brings a reputation as a proven strategist with a history of achieving corporate growth objectives for credit, debit, ATM and ACH payments

As OCCU’s VP of Payment and Digital Services, Jerahian will lead OCCU’s growth objectives and vision for frictionless member experiences and operational excellence across all facets of payment and digital services. He will lead OCCU’s payment and digital teams as they support member expectations in payment products and services, as well as digital offerings across multiple channels.

Jerahian holds a bachelor’s degree in business management from the University of Baghdad. He serves on the council of advisors for Gerson Lehrman Group, and as a board member for the Arizona Consortium for the Arts and CB Insight. He is the author of, “Courage to Change Eight Dynamics to Challenge Your Outlook on Life.”

**About OCCU**

OCCU was founded in 1956 in Eugene, Oregon. Today, as a not-for-profit financial cooperative, OCCU has more than $2.4 billion in assets, and its members are served through digital channels and 11 Oregon branches in Eugene, Springfield, Salem, Keizer and Wilsonville. Most members live in Oregon and the state of Washington. Others reside throughout the United States and even abroad, keeping their membership active through online and mobile banking. Learn more at [MyOCCU.org](https://www.myoccu.org/).

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