

## Universal 1 Credit Union Appoints New CEO

Dayton, Ohio – The Universal 1 Credit Union (U1) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Jessica Jones as President/CEO. Ms. Jones assumed full duties of the position and title after the retirement of Loren A. Rush on October 19, 2021. Chairman Thomas Hickey commented “Jessica brings a true passion for credit union values and will ensure that our members remain the central focus in everything we do.”



### **Universal 1 Credit Union Board of Directors**

*(Secretary Jeffrey Gammell, Chairman Thomas Hickey, President/CEO Jessica Jones, Director Rosemary Domansky, Director Nancy Stapp, Director Michael Thonnerieux)*

Paul Mercer, President of the Ohio Credit Union League & Affiliates, shared this reflection on the transition: “In selecting Jessica Jones, the Board of Directors has accomplished yet another brilliant, seamless CEO succession and locked in Universal 1’s bright future. Jessica is driven for growth and success. With deep experience, irrepressible spirit, and superior leadership skill she will propel Universal 1 to new horizons of performance and impact while keeping purpose constant...Universal 1’s mission is all about the members. With Jessica leading the way, Universal 1 will continue to stand out for all the right reasons!”

Ms. Jones is a graduate of Miami University and has an MBA in Finance from American Public University. She has served in a variety of leadership roles throughout the years, including most recently, President. Ms. Jones has been recognized nationally multiple times by winning Credit Union National Association Awards. She is active in the Ohio Credit Union League as a Board Director and serves as Vice Chair of the OCUL Political Action Committee. Ms. Jones is also a proud graduate of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce Empower Leadership Program and was recently selected as one of Dayton Business Journal’s 2021 Power 50 Honorees.



**Jessica Jones**

“I am honored by the opportunity to serve in an organization committed to helping our members, employees and communities,” Jessica said. “I will continue the incredible legacy of community and exceptional service. U1’s foundation and culture has positioned us well for the future.”

“Jessica’s passion for our business community, dedication to advancing leaders and commitment to the Dayton region is evident in her everyday actions,” stated Chris Kershner, President & CEO Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. “She is an accomplished leader and we are excited to welcome her to the CEO community.”

U1 will reach a milestone in April 2022, celebrating 85 years of service to its members and the community. In recognition of the anniversary, U1 will endeavor in new sponsorships, events and enhancements that will greater support members and the community. These movements will aim to enrich member experiences and develop relationships that drive the credit union philosophy of *People Helping People!*

### **Who we are**

Universal 1 Credit Union (U1) is a not-for-profit financial institution that exists to create personal, community and financial wellbeing. With over 50,000 members and more than 80 years of service, U1 has been serving members in the Dayton, Ohio area since 1937. U1 is headquartered in Dayton, Ohio and has 9 locations throughout Southwest Ohio. U1’s mission is to provide service ‘Beyond What You Expected’ and makes sure members receive the professional guidance they need in handling their finances. Visit U1’s website at [www.u1cu.org](http://www.u1cu.org) for more information.