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Illinois Credit Union League Announces 2022 Award Winners

Naperville, IL. August 18, 2022 – The Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) is pleased to announce the 2022 recipients of the Hall of Fame Leadership and Lifetime Award, Small Asset Size Credit Union Award, and Spirit of Service Awards. The awards are given annually to honor outstanding contributors to the credit union movement in Illinois.

The Hall of Fame Awards incorporate two award categories, Leadership and Lifetime Achievement. Each award recognizes individuals who have made a significant impact in Illinois and/or at the national level. Nominees must have at least ten years of active involvement in the credit union movement; have participated in league, chapter or national activities; promoted the cooperative nature of credit unions locally; and demonstrated leadership and a personal commitment and vision to the credit union movement. We are thrilled to announce that in the area of Leadership we are honoring three extraordinary credit union champions: Keith Burton, GCS Credit Union; Timothy O'Donnell, Financial Plus Credit Union; and Tom DeWitt, State Farm Federal Credit Union. Honored in the category of Lifetime Achievement Awards are Bob O'Kelly, DuPage Credit Union and Great Lakes Credit Union, and Mike Landace, Staley Credit Union.

ICUL's Spirit of Service Awards celebrate the exceptional achievement or innovation by a credit union employee or volunteer. These individuals exemplify the credit union spirit of people helping people and create strong member and community awareness of credit unions. The Volunteer of the Year for 2022 is Martha Shine, Park Manor Christian Church Credit Union and the Employee of the Year is Missy Kruzel, IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union.

The Small Credit Union Award celebrates the accomplishments, time and effort in support of the credit union movement by professionals serving credit unions under \$50 million in assets. The criteria for the Small Credit Union Award include outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, dedication to the movement, and community involvement. ICUL awards Chelsea Anderson with Central Illinois Credit Union with this distinguished honor in 2022.

"Congratulations to the award winners for their commitment to their members, communities, and the credit union movement," said Illinois Credit Union League President/CEO Tom Kane. "We are excited to celebrate each of these individuals during our 92nd Annual Convention. Each of them have demonstrated the people helping people philosophy with their commitment and dedication and we are very proud of their service!"

The award presentations will occur during the Annual Convention Celebration Luncheon on Friday, November 4, 2022 at the Sheraton Grand Chicago. The luncheon provides a unique opportunity to bring leaders from across Illinois together to celebrate the award recipients and unite on the shared principles of the credit union movement.

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The Illinois Credit Union League is the primary trade association for 217 state and federal credit unions in Illinois. It focuses on providing legislative and regulatory advocacy, compliance assistance and information, and a wide range of educational and training services to those credit unions, who in turn serve approximately 3.4 million members. More information can be found at www.icul.com.

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