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**IMPORTANT:** The credit union's legal name is simply LAFCU. It is pronounced laugh-cue. The letters no longer represent an abbreviation of a former longer name.

**LAFCU brings financial literacy to life for Lansing Christian students at Financial Reality Fair**

*Credit union partners with school to help students gain real-world money management skills*

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU hosted its fifth annual Financial Reality Fair at Lansing Christian School April 10, giving high school students a hands-on opportunity to learn essential financial literacy skills through a fun and engaging simulation.

This year's event, held during National Financial Literacy Month, introduced around 40 Lansing Christian freshmen and seniors to money management basics to promote early financial education. Students visited 12 booths staffed by LAFCU employees, where they navigated expenses such as housing, transportation, groceries, and insurance—all designed to simulate one month of independent living. Students made budgeting decisions based on pre-selected careers, assigned credit scores, and estimated salaries.

At the final station, a LAFCU financial counselor guided students in evaluating their financial choices and shared tips for building a secure financial future.

The Financial Reality Fair is part of LAFCU's broader commitment to youth financial education and is presented with support from the Michigan Credit Union Foundation, which provides materials and training that help teens better understand personal finance.

"Financial stability starts with smart, everyday decisions," said Shelia Scott, community financial education & business development officer, LAFCU. "The Reality Fair is a great way to show students how much things actually cost and help them understand the importance of budgeting, saving, and making responsible financial choices."

In addition to Lansing Christian, LAFCU also brought the Financial Reality Fair to Perry High School students April 30. Schools interested in hosting a fair should contact Shelia Scott at [sscott@lafcu.com](mailto:sscott@lafcu.com).

### **About LAFCU**

Founded in 1936, LAFCU (pronounced laugh-cue) is a not-for-profit, member-owned credit union open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in Michigan, and to Michigan businesses. LAFCU serves more than 74,000 members and holds over \$1 billion in assets. With a particular focus on serving people of modest means, LAFCU is committed to enhancing its members' financial well-being and creating long-lasting positive change across generations. Awarded the prestigious Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award, LAFCU is known for its people-helping-people mission, which has led to award-winning financial literacy programs for all ages. Twice honored as a national 'Best Credit Union to Work For' and recognized globally for its diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, LAFCU stands out for its commitment to creating an inclusive workplace. Learn more at [www.lafcu.com](http://www.lafcu.com).

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Shelia Scott, LAFCU's community financial education & business development officer, speaks to Lansing Christian freshmen and seniors during the LAFCU Financial Reality Fair.



Emily Jannereth, LAFCU's chief technology officer, assists a Lansing Christian student in considering and budgeting their technology choices, including cell phone and internet packages, based on the student's estimated annual salary and credit score during the Financial Reality Fair.



Sean Cervantes, LAFCU's business development and growth officer, guides Lansing Christian students through the final station of the Financial Reality Fair, helping them assess their financial choices and plan for a secure future.





Lansing Christian students visited 12 interactive booths at the Financial Reality Fair, making budgeting decisions based on assigned careers, estimated incomes, and credit scores.