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UNIVERSAL 1 CREDIT UNION RECEIVES CUNA HR PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

Dayton, OH – Universal 1 Credit Union's SVP Administrative Services, Jessica Jones, was recently honored as the 2018 Professional of the Year Award in the credit union industry.

The award was presented by the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) HR & Organizational Development Council, a national network comprised of 900+ credit union human resource and training & development professionals. The CUNA HR & Organizational Development Council's Professional of the Year Award recognizes and honors the individual who exemplifies excellence in credit union Human Resources and/or Organizational Development.

This distinction is reserved exclusively for the credit union Human Resources and/or Organizational Development elite: who, in all aspects of their chosen profession consistently excel for the benefit of their employer, demonstrate the value of the HR/OD functions within their organization through implementation of best practices and alignment with the strategic direction of the company and contributions to the credit union movement.

"Considering the immense amount of innovation and dedication in the HR and Organizational Development field, choosing winners for these awards is never an easy task," said Lisa Baron, CUNA HR & Organizational Development Council Chair and Sr. VP HR/Talent Management at Baxter Credit Union, Vernon Hills, IL. "However, these individuals stood above an already impressive field of candidates as truly exemplary, helping credit union professionals reach their true potential."

Jessica Jones commented on receiving this prestigious award. "It is an honor to be recognized among my peers in the credit union industry," said Jones. "This award was made possible by the Universal 1 Credit Union team's focus on excellence and through their passion for positively impacting the lives of our members, our employees, and our communities."

Award winners were recognized at the council's 24th annual conference held April 22-25 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Winners and their achievements will be featured in an upcoming issue of Credit Union Magazine. For more information, visit <u>www.cunacouncils.org/awards</u>.

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Universal 1 Credit Union (U1), headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, is a not-for-profit financial institution that exists to create personal, community and financial well-being. With over 50,000 members, 11 locations throughout Southwest Ohio and a record of unwavering service since 1937, U1 works to empower financial life by creating the best possible experience. www.u1cu.org

CUNA HR & Organizational Development Council

The CUNA Human Resource & Organizational Development Council is a member-led organization of credit union HR and training professionals dedicated to preparing its members for success by organizing networking opportunities, providing resources and fostering influence in the credit union movement. The Human Resource & Organizational Development is one of seven CUNA Councils, a network of more than 6,900 credit union professionals. For more information, visit <u>cunacouncils.org</u>.





