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Ontario credit union system announces award winners

MISSISSAUGA, ON - Credit Union Central of Ontario announced winners of several industry awards at its annual general meeting.

Kingston Community Credit Union won the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation's Award for Outstanding Corporate Achievement. The award is in recognition for the credit union's long record of assisting its community through donations of time and money.

Sue Coull, general manager of APPLE Community Credit Union in Thunder Bay, won the Allan Lanctôt Award for Mentorship for her willingness to lend a helping hand and share her knowledge about credit union operations.

Jim Barr, who recently retired as Senior Vice-President, Corporate Relations & Corporate Secretary, for the CUMIS Group, won the Gary Gillam Award for his efforts in promoting credit unions and co-operatives as socially responsible organizations.

John Ellis, a member of the board of Food Family Credit Union and a former employee of both Credit Union Central of Canada and Ontario Central, received a Distinguished Service Award in honour of his long career and the many initiatives he was instrumental in developing.

Howard Bogach, who just stepped down as President and CEO of Ontario Central, also received a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his work developing credit unions, Ontario Central and the credit union system.

Three young credit union professionals received bursaries to permit them to attend the World Council of Credit Unions' annual meeting in Hong Kong. The winners were Hoyt Nowak of Superior Credit Union in Thunder Bay; Rachel Milan of Teachers Credit Union in Hamilton and Joe Agro, also from Teachers Credit Union.

Windsor Family Credit Union received a NOVA Award in Marketing in the service, or delivery channel category, for its partnership with the Windsor Spitfires hockey team. The initiative identified the credit union with the most prominent sports team in the community.

Teachers' Credit Union in Hamilton received a NOVA Award for its innovative wealth management campaign that involved a partnership with the Hamilton Tiger Cats that resulted in increased attendance and sales.

Anishinabek Nation Credit Union of Garden River Reserve near Sault Ste. Marie, received a NOVA Award for its introduction of Internet banking and its work to raise awareness of the credit union by expanding service delivery channels.

Credit Union Central of Ontario, with more than \$2.2 billion in assets, is a financial and trade services organization that represents 154 credit unions with more than 1.2 million members. Ontario's credit unions are independent, community-based alternatives to banks regulated by the provincial government.

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