



# The Chalkboard



Washington Area FCU

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## We *LOVE* Our Members!

To thank our members for their continued support of the Credit Union, we often host appreciation events. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we shared giveaways and sweet treats with our lobby guests! We also offered cash awards to members opening a new account or enrolling in electronic banking services.



Cupids from the Credit Union flew around town delivering surprise lunches and snacks to members on Valentine's Day. All recipients sincerely appreciated the unexpected acts of kindness.

## 63rd Annual Meeting Highlights

Our 2022 Annual Meeting took place on Wednesday, March 23. The meeting was held virtually allowing Members, Board Members, and Staff to attend from the safety and comfort of home. Charles Bowers, Chairman of the Board, conducted the meeting. Larry Miller delivered the Supervisory Committee report. Denise Hawk, CEO, greeted all participants and spoke of ongoing change occurring at the Credit Union. She also thanked members and staff for their participation in our successful data system conversion. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were approved and new business was discussed. Chairman Bowers reminded all attendees of the importance of account security and mindfulness of transaction activity. In lieu of 50/50 raffle proceeds, WAFCU donated \$150 to the Sgt. Nathan P. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship.

**Congratulations, Bruce Ghelarducci!**  
**Winner of the Fire Pit and Accessories**





## Washington Area FCU Cares

WAFCU partnered with Chrome FCU to distribute pre-packaged food donations at the Salvation Army Washington Corps on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Credit Union employees and other dedicated volunteers loaded dozens of boxes into the vehicles of local residents in need. Bitter cold did not slow the determination of this crew or its faithful leader, Captain Amber, of the Salvation Army. All food items were successfully distributed to many grateful recipients!



Special thanks to Captain Amber for coordinating the event and to all volunteers who participated in this essential community service.

### How to Reach Us

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### Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri 9-4:30  
Sat 9-12:30  
(Drive-Up Only)



## New System Notables

Check out these exciting enhancements...

**Improved eZCard Access:** Looking for your credit card balance? We just made it easier! Single sign-on access to eZCard is now available! Simply login to online or mobile banking, display the menu options, and select eZCard. Choose your credit card and e-mail address from the dropdown lists, click submit, and you're in! Conveniently view your card balance, payment information, posted transactions, and pending authorizations. Set up activity alerts, track reward points, and much more! Once you have the card information you need, just toggle back to your Credit Union accounts. (Members enrolled in eZCard prior to single sign-on enablement are still able to login directly through the eZCard website.)

**e-Statement Enrollment:** Enrolling in e-Statements is easy! And it's free! Login to online or mobile banking and access the menu options. Choose User Profile Settings, E-mail, then select or add your e-mail address. Toggle Statements to On. You will receive an e-mail notification when your next statement is available electronically. To view or download your e-Statement, just login to online or mobile banking, access the menu options, and select Documents and Statements. Click on the applicable statement date to view, download, and/or print the pages. For your convenience, you can elect to receive notices, alerts, and receipts electronically as well!



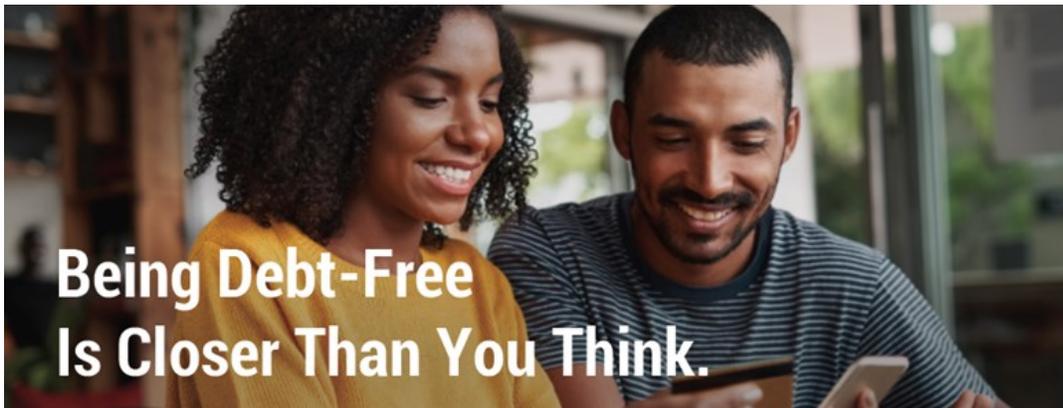
Watch for more New System Notables in future editions of The Chalkboard!

## There are more reasons than ever to love being a member of Washington Area FCU!

Your Credit Union membership is about the trust and care of community, built around where you live, work and play. That's why credit union membership saves you money through exclusive member-only offers through our trusted partners. Through Love My Credit Union Rewards, Credit Union members have saved over **\$2 billion** with offers like:

- » Members can **save up to \$360 on their wireless bill** by switching to no-contract wireless.
- » Members can **save up to 35% on IdentityIQ** credit report monitoring and identity theft protection.
- » Savings **up to \$15 on TurboTax** federal products.
- » Members can save \$25 on in-office tax prep at **H&R Block**.
- » Get \$100 cash rewards from Love My Credit Union Rewards when you buy a vehicle from **Carvana**.
- » Exclusive access to **home tech support and protection** with Asurion Home+.
- » Exclusive discount from the **TruStage Home & Auto Insurance Program**.
- » Members save on **SimpliSafe**, the #1 expert pick for home security.
- » Exclusive access to the **Love My Credit Union Rewards Powersports, RV & Boat Buying Program**.
- » Save 40% on a 1-year membership to **Sam's Club**.
- » Build your credit history with rent and save up to 30% with **Rental Karma**.
- » Save \$40 on **Calm**, the #1 app for meditation and sleep.
- » Save on **Travel and Entertainment** needs like Car Rentals, Hotels, Theme Parks, Movie Tickets, and more.

Learn all about how your credit union membership gets you all these exclusive savings and more at [LoveMyCreditUnion.org](https://www.LoveMyCreditUnion.org). Check them out and start enjoying Credit Union member benefits you never knew you had.



At Washington Area FCU, we understand that financial wellness is a key factor in people's freedom to pursue their dreams.

Through a partnership with national non-profit GreenPath Financial Wellness, our members have access to powerful tools and resources designed to help you pay off debt, reduce stress, and put you back in control of your financial future.

### Free Debt Consulting

A GreenPath Counselor will review your individual situation, explain your options, and make a plan to meet your goals.

### Debt Management Plan (DMP)

A powerful tool for people with high-interest credit card debt, GreenPath works with your creditors to reduce your interest rates so that you can pay off debt faster and put money back in your pocket.

### Your Debt-Free Future Starts Here:

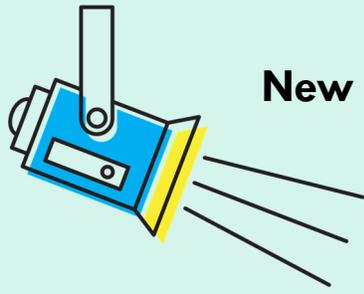
Call GreenPath today at 1-877-337-3399 (or request a call on their [website](#)) to connect with one of their NFCC-Certified financial counseling experts today. It's free, no pressure, and 100% confidential.



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## Staff Spotlight New Hires and Summer Interns



**Pictured left to right:**  
**Peggy Blumer: Loans**  
**Marc Wahl: Card Operations**  
**Helen Baker: Member Services**

Peggy brings energy, enthusiasm, and 17 years of banking experience to the Lending Department. Card Operations will thrive with Marc on the job; his work ethic and professionalism are undeniable. Helen adds a soft spoken confidence and a kind hearted spirit to our Frontline Staff. We are excited about the value our new employees will add to the efficiency of Credit Union operations and the service of our members!

**Pictured left to right: Calvin Daniels, Thanh Tran, Will O'Brien**



In preparation for the long awaited reopening of our Canon-McMillan Student Branch, three AMAZING high school interns joined our team this Summer. It was a pleasure working with such bright and motivated students! We look forward to partnering with them this Fall as they continue their financial courses and manage the Student Branch!

**Join us in welcoming our new staff members!**

## Don't Forget About Our Little Free Library!



Little Free Library is a non-profit organization striving to build community, inspire readers, and expand book access across the globe. Millions of books are exchanged annually through Little Free Libraries worldwide.

Our Little Free Library book-sharing box is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and freely accessible to all! Stop by anytime to *"take a book or share a book."*