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**Fifteen CUES® Next Top Credit Union Exec Applicants Advance**

**MADISON, Wis.**—Public voting has ended and CUES Next Top Credit Union Exec has announced its Top 15 applicants for 2014. CUES Next Top Credit Union Exec (NTCUE) competition – held in conjunction with DDJ Myers and administered by Currency – searches for emerging leaders age 35 and under from within the credit union industry.

“Entering our fifth year of this competition, we are again encouraged the credit union world continues to nominate deserving young leaders for this award. 24 people from three Canadian provinces and 13 U.S. states applied by submitting an entry video. After putting the 24 applicants to a public vote, we were thrilled to see thousands of people voting,” says Chuck Fagan, CUES president/CEO. The top 12 vote-getters automatically advanced to the Top 15 phase, and three additional applicants were chosen by a judging panel of former NTCUE finalists to round out the Top 15.

Named to the Top 15 in the CUES Next Top Credit Union Exec competition are:

- Chris Boler, 33, AVP-Sales and Service at ORNL Federal Credit Union, Oak Ridge, Tenn., USA
- Alex Castley, 30, Engagement & Communication Manager at Integris Credit Union, Prince George, BC, Canada
- Danny DeLaRosa, 32, Market Vice President at United Federal Credit Union, Reno, Nev., USA

- Andy Dunn, 32, Vice President of CUSO Operations at Kemba Credit Union, West Chester, Ohio, USA
- Andrea Finn, 31, Digital Marketing Specialist at Royal Credit Union, Eau Claire, Wis., USA
- Danielle Frawley, 30, Vice President of Marketing & Communications at Fort Community Credit Union, Fort Atkinson, Wis., USA
- Melissa Frey, 33, Marketing Specialist at Central Missouri Community Credit Union, Warrensburg, Mo., USA
- Jen Laud, 27, Director of Marketing & Innovation at First Financial Credit Union, Chicago, Ill., USA
- Alvaro Macias, 35, Community Development Coordinator at Ascentra Credit Union, Bettendorf, Iowa, USA
- Brianne Meszaros, 35, Branch Manager at Royal Credit Union, Edina, Minn., USA
- Kristy Miazga, 32, Regional Manager at Synergy Credit Union, Lloydminster, SK, Canada
- Jennifer Mravich, 30, Vice President of Marketing at Power Credit Union, Pueblo, Colo., USA
- Noel Sanger, 35, Market Vice President at United Federal Credit Union, Fort Smith, Ark., USA
- Benjamin Teske, 30, Consumer Lending Manager at America's First Federal Credit Union, Birmingham, Ala., USA
- Wesley Williams, 28, Special Project Manager at Martinsville DuPont Credit Union, Martinsville, Va., USA

The Top 15 will now submit a blog post update about their project on [www.NextTopCreditUnionExec.com](http://www.NextTopCreditUnionExec.com). And to provide additional value to the competition experience, they'll each receive an executive coaching session from [DDJ Myers](#), a CUES Supplier member and strategic provider. A judging panel of two CUES members and Deedee Myers of DDJ Myers will then score the Top 15's applications and blog posts, narrowing the competition to the Final Five, who will move on to the finals.

The five Finalists will receive additional coaching, airfare, accommodation and registration to CUES' CEO/Executive Team Network™, November 2-5 in Amelia Island, Fla., where they will give their final presentations. The winner will receive further coaching, airfare, accommodation and registration for two CUES' CEO Institutes, a total prize package valued at \$20,000.

To follow along with the next stages of the competition, go to [www.NextTopCreditUnionExec.com](http://www.NextTopCreditUnionExec.com).

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