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#### HOLIDAYS

All CEFCU offices will be closed on:

New Year's Day Monday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 15

## **2023 Extraordinary Dividend**

A Special Message from CEFCU's President/CEO



What would you do with some extra cash in your pocket? Thanks to the **\$40 MILLION EXTRAORDINARY DIVIDEND**, CEFCU's borrowers and savers were able to enjoy a little extra cash just in time for the holidays.

Authorized by the CEFCU<sup>®</sup> Board of Directors, the Extraordinary Dividend was distributed in December and split evenly based on interest paid and interest earned during the first 11 months of 2023. We are proud to be able to share this success with CEFCU member/owners.

While not guaranteed to happen every year, the Extraordinary Dividend reinforces our belief in "people helping people." Because at CEFCU, you're part of a bigger community. The business you bring here not only benefits you through better rates and lower, fewer fees, it also helps support your community and fellow members.

The money returned to borrowers and savers as part of the Extraordinary Dividend is money members can choose to spend however they want. Members have reported treating themselves or loved ones to something special, giving back to an organization they care about, and even just having a little bit of extra room in their budget.

When you're considering your financial goals for this year — consider how CEFCU could help. For many, adding to, or even just starting, their savings is a top priority. Whether that be for a particular goal — such as a big purchase or retirement — or just having a rainy-day fund, CEFCU has a variety of Savings options to help you tackle your goals. And, what's better — the Extraordinary Dividend returns money BACK TO SAVERS — that's money *returned* on money *earned*! You can choose to bank anywhere. But, if you want to be part of an organization that has savers and borrowers helping each other, then the great choice is CEFCU.



#### The Extraordinary Dividend. One more extra for members. Visit <u>cefcu.com/dividend</u> to learn more.

<sup>1</sup>Extraordinary Dividend returned is calculated based on potential value paid/earned for 11 months. <sup>\*</sup>Calculated based on interest paid on a used Car Loan with an interest rate of 8.39% APR. <sup>\*\*</sup>Calculated based on interest paid on 3.75% APY.



# **CEFCU Volunteer Board Serves You!**

CEFCU's Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers who meet regularly and serve on board committees to administer the business of your Credit Union. Your Board Nominating Committee has recommended these candidates — based on their business, administrative, and leadership skills — and willingness to devote their time and energy to CEFCU.



#### Billy Frank

Billy has been with Caterpillar for 23 years; his current role is VP Sales & Marketing for Caterpillar's Remanufacturing Division. Additionally, Billy is a Board member for 10G, a Caterpillar joint venture company. Billy joined the CEFCU Board as an Associate in March 2021 and became a Board member in April 2022. Billy serves on the Supervisory and Building/Marketing/ Technology Committees.



#### **Matt Jolliff**

Matt has been at Caterpillar for 19 years and is currently the Pricing Supervisor for Resource Industries. Matt served as an Associate Director from 2010 to 2012 prior to relocating for Caterpillar from 2013 to 2015. He re-joined the CEFCU Board as an Associate Board member in August 2015 and now serves on the Building/ Marketing/Technology, Nominating, and Supervisory Committees. Matt is a former Board Chair.



#### **Erec Montgomery**

Erec worked in the I.T. area with Caterpillar for 25 years. Erec served as a Board Member from 2010 to 2011 prior to relocation for Caterpillar from 2011 to 2015. He re-joined the CEFCU Board as an Associate Board member in August 2015 and now serves on the Bylaws, Executive, Employee Relations, and Nominating Committees.



#### Kavita Sachdev

Kavita had been at Caterpillar for 23 years and recently retired from the position of Senior Manager Financial Planning & Analysis supporting Caterpillar's E&T (Energy & Transportation) Vice President of Procurement. Kavita joined the CEFCU Board as an Associate Board member in April 2014. Kavita serves as Board Chair and on the Executive, Employee Relations, and Credit Committees. Kavita also serves on the Board of MBDC/BBA (Minority Business Development Center/Black Business Alliance Peoria Chapter) and on their Finance Committee.

#### **CEFCU 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

The election for open positions on the Board of Directors will take place at CEFCU's Annual Meeting scheduled for

May 2, 2024. Keep an eye on **<u>CEFCU's Facebook page</u>** for more details.





#### **Sean Scranton**

Sean has more than 28 years of experience in Information Technology/Security, including 10 years as an IT auditor at a local accounting firm, where he audited financial institutions. He is currently a Consultant on the Cyber Risk Solutions Team at Willis Towers Watson. Sean is a CEFCU Board member, serving as Nominating and Supervisory Committee Chairs, and on the Building/Marketing/ Technology Committee.

## Digital "Always-On" Offers are HERE!

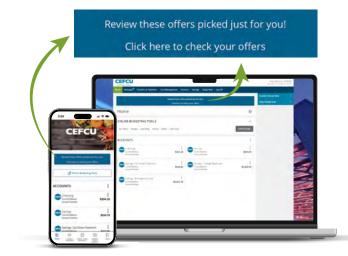


CEFCU is pleased to announce an exciting new enhancement for members! **My Offers** is now available in CEFCU On-Line<sup>®</sup> and Mobile Banking, providing personalized offers for different types of CEFCU products and services.

Members enrolled in CEFCU On-Line and Mobile Banking will enjoy **the ability to view and accept various offers**, **based on their** *individual* relationship with CEFCU. Offers will include product and service promotions as well as streamlined ways for applying for a new loan. And, available offers will be updated periodically — so no matter when a member has a need, CEFCU can provide money-saving options.

#### Take a look at your offers today by logging into CEFCU On-Line or Mobile Banking!

You'll be taken to the **My Offers** menu by selecting the blue banner on the home page, or find it under **Apply Now** in the main menu.



# Spotlight on WATCH OUT FOR TEXTING SCAMS

Scammers send fake text messages to trick you into giving your personal information, such as your password, account number, or Social Security number. If they get that information, they could gain access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Or they could sell your information to other scammers.

- Never click on links or respond to unexpected texts;
- Filter unwanted spam texts;
- Never give personal or financial information in response to a request you didn't expect.

If you think the message might not be real, contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real, not the information in the text message. Don't "Google" a customer service number, go directly to the merchant's website and locate trusted "Contact Us" information.

To learn more about scams and tips, visit <u>cefcu.com/security</u>. To learn more about text scams visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at <u>ftc.gov/textscams</u>.

## **STAY CONNECTED!**



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## **Academic Scholarships**

**CEFCU Member Appreciation Scholarships** are available for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Students attending Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois; Illinois Central College (ICC) in East Peoria, Illinois; and Illinois State University (ISU) and Heartland Community College in Normal, Illinois, are eligible. All scholarship candidates must be a CEFCU member with at least six months of current, positive account history. Check with the Financial Aid Office at your school regarding the specific application process and application deadlines.

## **CEFCU: Giving Back to Our Communities**



**CEFCU supports United Way** 

This past year, CEFCU employees participated in "Pitch In And Give," a baseball-themed barbecue lunch served by our Chief Officers. Funds raised from this special lunch went toward the United Way employee campaign.



Southern Illinois University Edwardsville **Merchant Fair** 

The CEFCU team was present at the SIUE Merchant Fair at the start of the school year. Staff greeted students and faculty while sharing the benefits of CEFCU membership.



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