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## **CUES Celebrates, and Encourages Industry Participation in, Learning & Development Month**

MADISON, Wis.— Talent development leader CUES is celebrating [Learning & Development month](#), which is in October in the U.S., with activities designed to help members enhance skills and achieve their professional development goals.

Members can start by downloading a 31-day Learning & Development month challenge; there is one version each for staff and board members. Participants will also find tools designed to help them easily share the learning they're focusing on social media, member stories to inspire, and great content.

The celebration will culminate during the first-ever [CUES Member Appreciation & Awards Event](#), happening October 21 online.

Sarah Thomas, the NFL's first female official, will kick things off with her presentation, *Breaking Through: My Journey to Becoming the First Female NFL Official*.

The CUES Award celebration will follow, where we'll announce the winners in each of the following categories—including our first ever [DEI Catalyst for Change Award](#).

### **Nominees for CUES DEI Catalyst For Change Award are:**

- Alliance Catholic CU
- Dover FCU
- Great Lakes CU
- Local Government
- USF FCU

**Nominees for CUES Outstanding Chief Executive Award are:**

- Brian Best, GTE Financial
- Brian Wolfburg, Vytsar CU
- Gene Pelham, Rouge CU Oregon
- Thomas Ryan, Langley FCU
- Vickie Schmitzer, Frankenmuth CU

**Nominees for CUES Emerging Leader Award are:**

- William Aguilar, America First CU
- Krista Baum, WSECU
- Yianni Harbis, Sydney CU
- Alex Hsu, SchoolsFirst FCU
- Daniel Valley, Lake Trust CU

**Nominees for CUES Exceptional Leader Award are:**

- Jennifer Brantner, Royal CU
- Jennifer McHugh, Royal CU
- Seth Wheatley, Mountain America CU
- Michael Wilson, Members 1st FCU
- Tonia Niedzialkowski, Point Breeze CU

**Nominees for CUES Distinguished Director Award are:**

- Fred Mims, Greenstate CU
- Mike Murphy, West Community CU
- Sandra Davoe, Bland SRP FCU
- Joan Nelson, Coastal CU

The event is free to all CUES members, who can register at [cues.org/MAE](https://cues.org/MAE). Learn more about all CUES awards at [cues.org/Awards](https://cues.org/Awards). Learn more about CUES at [cues.org](https://cues.org).

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