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CUES® Emerge, the Professional Development Program for Emerging Leaders, Announces Judges MADISON, Wis.—The judges for the 2022 CUES Emerge competition have been announced. They are:

- Stephen Bolton, President/CEO, Libro Credit Union, London, ON
- Patricia Campbell, President/CEO, Christian Financial Credit Union, Roseville, MI
- Josh Cook, President/CEO, Community Choice Credit Union, Johnston, IA
- Estela Nagahashi, EVP/Chief Operating & Lending Officer, University Credit Union, Los Angeles, CA

After an initial cohort of 30 applicants were selected into CUES Emerge, 27 continued on into the competition phase of the program, where the judging panel evaluated and scored each participant's business plan. Judging was based on criteria including project need, value to stakeholders, and realistic viability. The five highest-ranking applicants were then named as Finalists.

Judges are also responsible for evaluating the final presentations that will happen online, live from Currency's video production studio. Watch the final presentations at <u>CUESEmerge.com</u> on Wednesday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m. Central. The judges will be viewing the final presentations with a critical eye toward the Finalist's ability to clearly articulate their business idea, and describe the benefits. Each Finalist will be given seven minutes to recap their project, followed by a three-minute Q&A session with Currency's Tim McAlpine. A Top Three will be chosen, and ultimately, the winner of CUES Emerge.

CUES Emerge was created to offer free professional development to the industry's up-and-coming leaders. Participants who complete the course work and business case earn the Certified Credit Union Manager designation in recognition of their commitment to their career, credit union and the industry.

Visit <u>CUESEmerge.com</u> to check out the five Finalists' business case ideas. The CUES Emerge competition is powered by <u>Currency Marketing</u>. You can learn more about CUES at <u>cues.org</u>.

CUES is the leading talent development solutions provider for credit unions in North America. We educate, develop and support credit union CEOs, executives, directors, and emerging leaders through partnerships with premier business schools, live and online events, digital learning, networking, and premium content. With over 39,000 members and growing, we measure success one leader at a time.

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Note to Editor: Photos attached.



Stephen Bolton



Patricia Campbell







Estela Nagahashi

**Caption**: CUES Emerge Judges. The CUES Emerge program supports the industry's emerging leaders, and is powered by Currency.