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## LAFCU employees earn national electronic payments accreditation

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU employees Amy Parker and Terri Klein Gove have earned the designation of Accredited ACH Professional (AAP) from the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA).

NACHA manages the ACH Network, which facilitates the electronic movement of money and financial data that support direct deposits and payments in the United States. Financial professionals with the AAP designation have demonstrated knowledge of the NACHA Operating Rules, the ACH Network and other payments systems, technical and operational ACH requirements, risk management, and payments-related regulations across channels.

"This achievement by Amy and Terri is of great value to LAFCU," said Pat Spyke, LAFCU executive vice president. "They will help us more effectively manage our use of the ACH Network, enhance LAFCU's risk management profile and ensure regulatory compliance."

Parker is an accounting manager with more than five years experience in the payments industry. The Dewitt resident has been with LAFCU for nearly 10 years.

Gove is a bookkeeper with five years of payment industry experience and has been with LAFCU for 31 years. She is a resident of St. Johns.

NACHA recommends that a financial professional have a minimum of two years of experience in the automated clearing house field before taking the three-hour AAP exam. Completion of 60 renewal credits within the five-year accreditation period is required to maintain accreditation. There are only 4,000 Accredited ACH Professionals in the U.S.

## **About LAFCU**

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is proud to be mid-Michigan's credit union, serving the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee. A recipient of the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, LAFCU takes pride in bringing value to the financial lives of its members, neighbors, families and community. Offering a comprehensive range of personal and business financial products, LAFCU provides services that include checking and savings accounts, auto and mortgage

lending, business accounts and business lending. LAFCU serves nearly 60,000 members, holds nearly \$600 million in assets, and maintains nine locations throughout Greater Lansing and Shiawassee County. Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in its designated counties is eligible to join. Members enjoy benefits, such as lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings, insurance discounts, preferred seating for LAFCU-sponsored events, and access to 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the CO-OP ATM network. LAFCU supports and enriches mid-Michigan by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, please call 517.622.6600 or find us online:

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