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Lunch / Introductions

Filene's State of the Industry

Jean Chatzky

Break

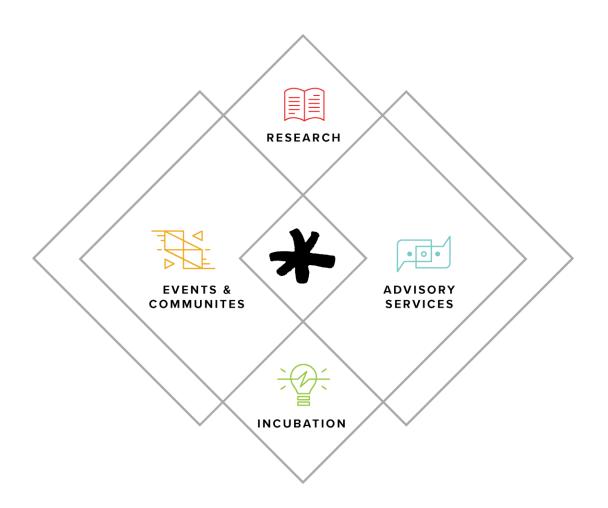
Panel Discussions



HOW WE WORK

FILENE RESEARCH INSTITUTE strengthens organizations and the people they serve through innovative research and incubation.

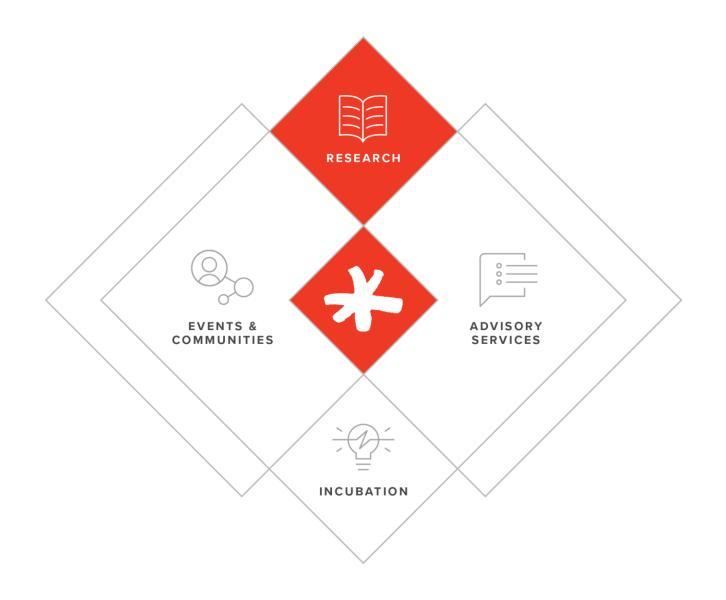
We conduct research, pilot and test new ideas, build dynamic communities, and offer proven and sustainable solutions that create meaningful impact for credit unions and drive positive change for credit union members.



Impact of Our Work

INCREASING LEARNING AND TRANSFORMING YOUR ORGANIZATION:

- 6 Centers of Excellence
- Online guides, tools, resources
- 25,000+ downloads in 2024



6 Active Centers of Excellence













Coming Soon!

CENTER FOR

ALL THINGS PAYMENTS



Payments are central to daily finances and a key link between consumers and financial services. Rapid innovations, changing behaviors, and rising risks make understanding payments trends vital for credit unions to drive growth, enhance member experience, stay competitive, and ensure long-term sustainability.

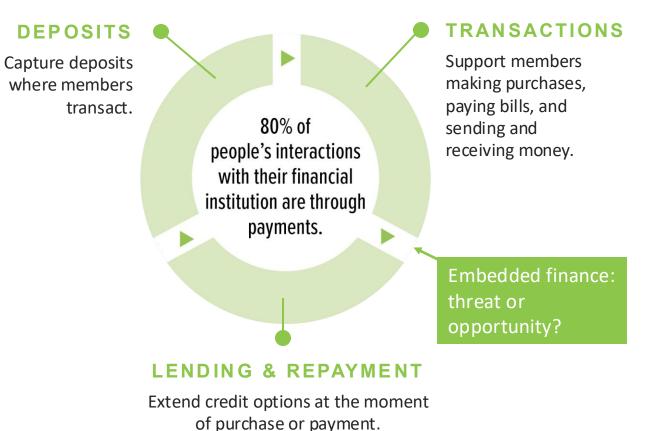
Launching January 2026

FACING THE EVOLUTION OF PAYMENTS

Managing money and its movement sit at the heart of consumers' everyday financial activities across the credit union suite of offerings

Payments is a huge moneymaker and a huge touchpoint. It's one of the only things that our members interact with on an everyday basis.

VP, \$3B CREDIT UNION



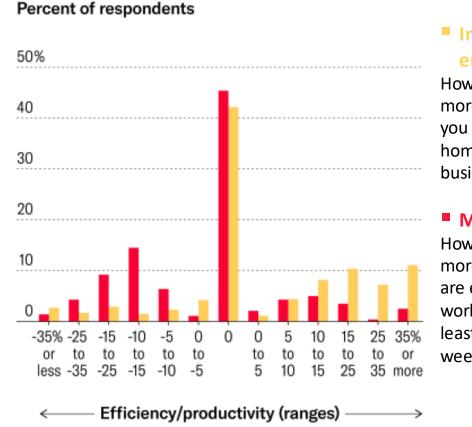
Source: Filene research report #555; Filene, EY, & CO-OP Solutions, "Bridging Member Needs and Payments Strategy to Deepen Trust" (2022); Accenture, "Five Big Bets for Retail Payments in North America" (2019)

FIVE STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR CREDIT UNIONS

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#5 – BUILDING THE WORKPLACE OF THE FUTURE

- Remote work is normal: about 28% of paid full days are worked from home
- Nationally, 29% of full-time employees work in a hybrid arrangement, and 13% work fully from home
- But there's a vast perception gap:
 - → 82% of individual employees say they are as efficient or more efficient working from home
 - → Only 20% of managers say employees are more productive when when they work from home
- Culture is the critical lynchpin for workplace transformation



Individual employees

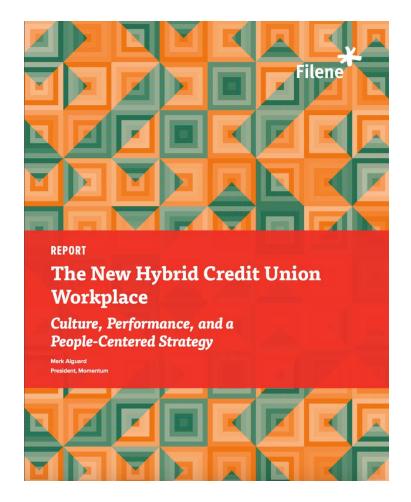
How much less/ more efficient are you working from home than on business premises

Managers

How much less/ more productive are employees who work from home at least one day per week?

Sources: Filene research report #430, #560; Barrero, Bloom, and Davis, "Why Working from Home Will Stick" (2021). (Most recent results from July 2024, see here: www.wfhresearch.com.)

WORKPLACE VS. WORKSPACE



CORPORATE OFFICES NEED TO FIND (NEW) PURPOSE

Repurpose your buildings to support organizational goals.

Create a flexible space that suits a variety of purposes.

Provide space to allow for social collaboration and for individual, cognitive work.

Think about ways you can offer employees more control over their workspaces.

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#4 - LEVERAGING TECH ADVANCES

- 73% of American firms have already adopted AI in at least some areas of their business
- Start-up fintechs are no longer seen as a major threat by credit union leaders, but trust is a concern
- Credit unions and system partners are building new fintech-focused investment funds

Which best matches your experience with identifying external service providers for implementing technical solutions?

It's hard to find providers who are willing to work with us, although we do trust them.

It's easy to find willing service providers but hard to assess whether they are a good and trusted source.

It's easy to find willing external service providers who we also trust to do what we need.

14%

70%

7%

SYSTEM PARTNERS





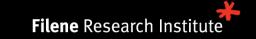


WHOLLY OWNED CUSOs





Source: Filene research report @606, #621, #624; PWC, Cornerstone Advisors



OUR FOCUS

F*LAB

PURPOSE

Help credit unions adapt and grow by creating an efficient testing platform for emerging solutions and getting answers to the questions that matter most.

ARGET OUTCOMES

Faster identification and adoption of proven solutions that...



...fuel credit union growth and...



...deepen credit union **impact** in communities.

17 Solutions | 81 Testers

TESTING HISTORY

MEMBERSHIP & PRODUCT GROWTH

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

SECURITY & FRAUD PROTECTION

CardFit®

Credit Card

Comparison Platform

Debbie

Rewards for Savings and

Account Openings

FinFluencer

Influencer Marketing to Reach Gen Z



Automating Fraud Dispute Resolution

PAYMENTS & DEPOSITS

silvur

Retirement Planning & Education

Dgo

Biometric Member Authentication

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



Al-driven Behavioral

Banking



AI to Deepen Indirect

Member Relationships



GenAl to Improve

Member Interactions

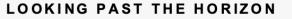


Debt Repayment Round-up Tool



Activating the Payment Moment

EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES





Auto and Home Loan Tech Exploration Subscription-Based Pricing Models 2.0

Primary Member Research for Product Design

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT





Financial Well-Being as an Engagement Strategy Digital Engagement for Indirect Members



Exploring Member Interest in CU Subscriptions



Rethinking Physical Space

Exploratory Research to Guide Branch Design

AMPLE TOPIC

POTENTIAL AREAS OF FOCUS





and



SMART GROWTH

Gives credit unions the tools, tech, and strategy to grow effectively, sustainably, and at scale

- Cybersecurity & Fraud Prevention
- Digital Transformation & Automation
- Personalization & Data-Driven Insights
- Payment Technology
- RegTech & Compliance Solutions

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Helps credit unions continue their mission of **serving communities** with innovative, people-first solutions

- Financial Access & Inclusion
- Affordable Housing & Homeownership
- Financial Resilience & Crisis Support
- Youth & Family Financial Empowerment
- Sustainable & Equitable Lending

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#3 - ATTRACTING AND RETAINING GREAT PEOPLE

- Rethink talent attraction
 - → Having high-quality applicants matters more than having a large applicant pool
 - → Applicants are motivated by transparency
 - → Recruiters are representatives of the hiring organization
- Invest in talent retention
 - → Revisit benefit offerings
 - → Tackle employee burnout
 - → Address workplace inequities
- 37% of credit unions in 2023 have a different CEO than they did in 2018

Sources: Filene research reports #434, #453, #479, #501, #530



Crash Course

The goal of Filene's Crash Course is to provide recognition and reward talent, as well as provide credit unions with a tool to take their leadership development to the next level.

- Provide rewards and recognition for emerging leaders
- Build strategic thinking capabilities to ensure talent is ready for new opportunities.
- Identify and enhance unique skills to bring diverse perspectives to your organization.
- Grow and motivate the community towards action.



FRICTION: A MANIFESTO



THE GOAL IS NOT TO ELIMINATE FRICTION IN ITS ENTIRETY, BUT TO AMELIORATE ITS NEGATIVE EFFECTS BY CHANGING THE SYSTEMS THAT CAUSE THEM.



FOCUS MAKES INNOVATION SUSTAINABLE

Learning is easier with focus.

To make room for new ideas, subtract friction-causing processes and tasks and reduce cognitive burden.



Sources: Filene, "Friction: A Manifesto" (2020) and "Knowledge Sharina: Findings from Two Pilots" (2018); Wikimedia Commons

DR. RAO'S CAUSES & CURES OF ORGANIZATIONAL FRICTION

- Turn executive hippos (big mouths, little ears) into executive elephants
- Minimize "gunk people" (rule freaks, petty tyrants, cookie lickers)
- Empower "grease people" (navigators, maintainers, caring managers)
- Focus on smoothing hand-offs
- Retire organizational and technical debt
- Limit "collaboration" to two-pizza teams

WHICH HOSPITAL UNIT IS THE SAFEST?

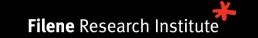
PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY

"a shared belief held by members of a team that the team is safe for interpersonal risktaking" and that "one will not be punished or humiliated for speaking up with ideas, questions, concerns, or mistakes."

Work unit	Error rate *
Memorial 1	23.68
University 1	17.23
University 3	13.19
Memorial 2	11.02
Memorial 4	8.6
Memorial 5	10.31
University 2	9.37
Memorial 3	2.34

^{*}preventable and potential adverse drug events per 1000 patient-days

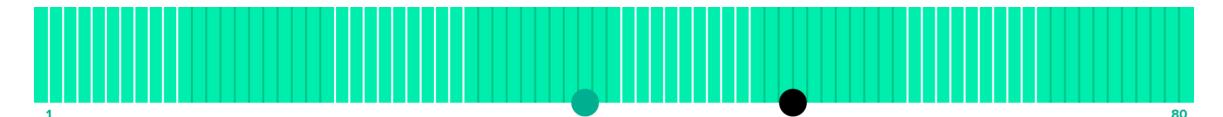
Source: Edmondson, "Learning from Mistakes Is Easier Said Than Done"



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#2 – GROWING MEMBER RELATIONSHIPS



Average American age

38.5

Americans under 40 using credit unions

<20%

Average CU member age

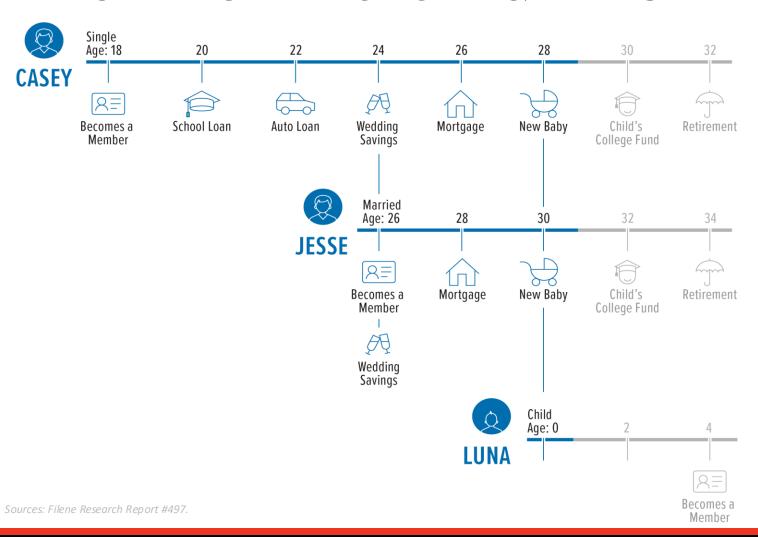
53

Americans over 50 using credit unions

>50%



TARGETING LIFECYCLE & LIFESTYLE TRANSITIONS



Map out and choose transitional moments for cultivating reflexive opportunities: times when members reflect on where they bank and why.

TARGETING LIFECYCLE & LIFESTYLE TRANSITIONS



For the Long Run:

Leveraging Reflexive Opportunities in Consumption Journeys





Melissa Archpru Akaka Associate Professor of Marketing Daniels College of Business University of Denver



Hope Jensen Schau Eller Professor of Marketing Eller College of Management University of Arizona

Sources: Filene Research Report #497.

THE FUTURE OF WORK

Independent work is increasingly common.

A third or more of workers do gig work as a primary or complementary source of income.

Independent workers face common challenges.

All face income volatility and lack a social safety net.

Credit unions already serve many entrepreneurs, small business owners, and independent workers out of the retail side of the business.

Example of a Two-Tier Independent Workers' Product Suite

Tier One Provides:

- Business-specific credit card
- Mobile invoicing, expense reporting, and receipt capture functions
- Cash flow management
- Advance-pay benefits
- Access to health insurance

Tier Two Provides:

- All Tier One features
- Access to coworking place
- Mobile loan features
- Tax planning and quarterly tax auto-pay
- Invitations for beta-testing new financial products

We're here to take care of everyone



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Chief Experience Officer (CXO) - Strategic Leader Drivin...
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*+ Connect ···

My 21-year-old daughter was recently denied a small used auto loan from a credit union, not because of bad credit or even limited history, but because they "couldn't verify her income."

She's a licensed aesthetician with her own business and steady income, most of it coming through Zelle, Venmo, and Cash App. No traditional paystub. She even offered her tax returns. She was still denied because the credit union requires two paystubs, and she couldn't meet that requirement.

This isn't a call out to one credit union. It's a call to action for all of us in the credit union movement to rethink how we define creditworthiness.

If we're truly committed to serving the next generation, we have to recognize that income doesn't always come in the form of a W-2. The gig economy, digital platforms, and self-employment are becoming the new norm.

Credit unions were built to serve people. The world has changed. Our thinking needs to catch up.

THE FUTURE OF WORK

Some of the questions we will answer include:

- What are the barriers preventing credit unions from establishing strong ties with local entrepreneurial ecosystems?
- What strategies can credit unions adopt to bridge the gap between their services and the needs of entrepreneurs, particularly those from underserved backgrounds?
- What impact can collaborative partnerships and ecosystem-building efforts have on both credit unions and the communities they serve?

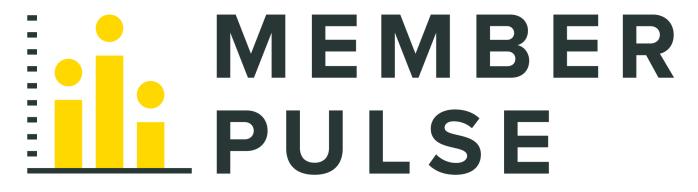
THE ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEMS (EE) INCUBATOR



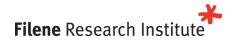
The EE Incubator is looking to empower credit unions to become effective ecosystem builders, fostering entrepreneurship and economic growth within their communities.

Filene Research Institute has launched a unique solution to help credit unions understand, appeal to, activate, and deepen relationships with members.

DATA-DRIVEN MEMBER INSIGHTS TO ACCELERATE GROWTH



Uncovering the Needs, Attitudes, and Behaviors of Your Credit Union's Members



CREDIT UNION MEMBERS — NATIONAL SNAPSHOT*

DID YOU KNOW...?

72% of credit union members are not fully satisfied with their financial situation.

57% are looking for at least some help with their financial planning.

56% feel at least somewhat overwhelmed about having to manage their finances.

23% have at least \$250 in uninsured accounts such as Venmo, PayPal, and CashApp.

Among those members looking to open a deposit account or transfer their assets in the next year, **35%** are not sure they will choose a credit union.

MEMBER PULSE CAN HELP WITH THAT.



* Based on Filene's Member Pulse Segmentation Survey, 2023

"I really do believe that the [Member Pulse] findings could ultimately be revolutionary for how credit unions message and position themselves in the market. [...] This could really change how we talk about what we do and really make a bigger impact with our members. By participating you can only add to that knowledge base and really lift the movement potentially."

RYAN ZILKER

CHIEF STRATEGY & MARKETING OFFICER
SOUND CREDIT UNION

Member Pulse Segments at a Glance

Based on research with 4700+ credit union members from all 50 states and D.C.



HOPEFUL HELP-SEEKERS

- Struggle with finances
- Seeking education & guidance to improve financial situation
- Want a personal, supportive relationship with FI

20% MARKET SHARE



COMFORTABLE COMMUNITY-SEEKERS

- · Financially comfortable
- Not necessarily looking for advice or education
- Confident making their own financial decisions
- Value personal connection
 & in-person service from FI

21% MARKET SHARE



SOLUTION-ORIENTED SHOPPERS

- Financially secure
- Interested in expert support & innovative solutions
- Willing to shop around for the best products & services to solve their specific problems

23% MARKET SHARE



PRESSURED OPTIMISTS

- Overwhelmed & struggling financially
- Not receptive to advice or education
- Often don't know what they're looking for & feel ambivalent and unsure about their finances

23% MARKET SHARE



ENTERPRISING EXPERTS

- Highly confident & feel financially secure
- No interest in receiving advice or guidance from others
- Want advanced tools & the best value to optimize their finances for themselves

12% MARKET SHARE

USE CASE #1

Deposit Product Development

THE PROBLEM

While demographics can offer some insight into member needs, it can also be misleading. Two members in the same age bracket with similar incomes may have very different expectations when it comes to what they want out of a savings product—and so the credit union should design and communicate the value of that product very differently.

How can Member Pulse help align specific product offerings with member needs?

ENTERPRISING EXPERT



JOSEPH

38 years old \$67,000 income = -

HOPEFUL HELP-SEEKER

37 years old \$68,000 income

KATIE

Enterprising Experts look for advanced tools to optimize their own finances.

A specialized, self-serve product will highly appeal to folks like Joseph who are confident and financially secure. Think top-of-market special money market rates and innovative digital features.

Hopeful Help-Seekers seek guidance to improve their financial situation. Consider a product that rewards saving regularly and helps

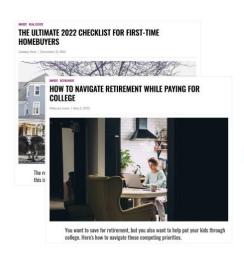
saving regularly and helps someone like Katie save for a significant life event. A term product marketed as a savings solution will resonate well.

CREATING COMMUNITIES THAT CONVERT



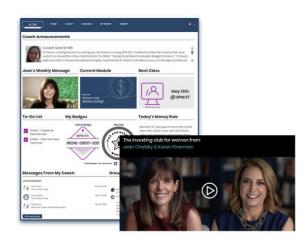
START A DIALOGUE

- Meet people where they are (like on social) and create hooks
- Leverage other awareness channels, like podcasts
- A judgement- and jargon-free content strategy



DELIVER EDUCATION

- Know that people come to personal finance with questions and problems
- Curate content around key life events (having a baby, buying a home, etc.)
- Couple content with actionable advice that builds momentum
- Build on multi-channel approach, and target via newsletters



CREATE CHANGE

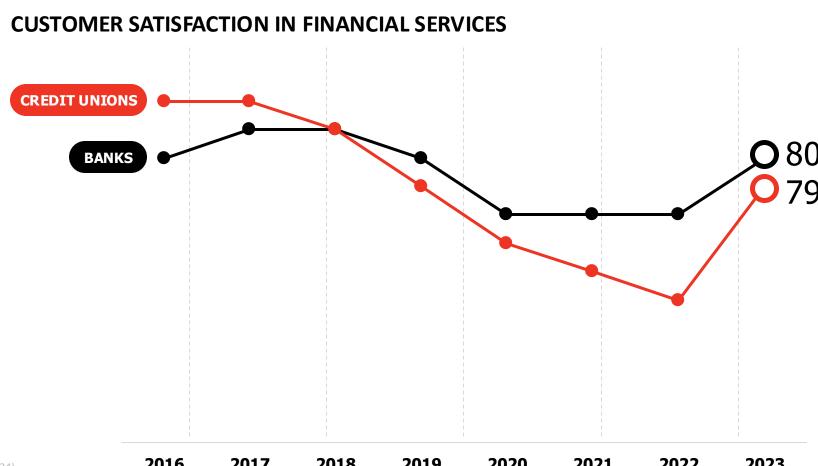
- Turn information into action with accountability partners (like coaches)
- Create community for connection and support via groups and clubs
- Personalize with 1:1 sessions
- Encourages employee adoption and advocacy via training

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#1 – DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL MEMBER VALUE

 For the fifth year in a row, credit unions have fallen behind banks on consumer satisfaction.



Source: Filene, American Customer Satisfaction Index, Finance Study (2024)

MEMBER EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE EXCELLENCE



Dennis Campbell

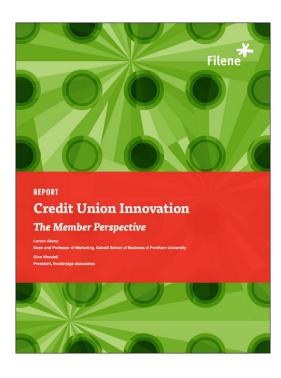
Dwight P. Robinson, Jr. Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School

Member Experience and Service Excellence,
Part 1: Member Compatibility and Operational Transparency

Member Experience and Service Excellence,
Part 2: Do Strategies Focused on Member Experience Impact
Credit Union Performance?

Member Experience and Service Excellence,
Part 3: Credit Union Leaders Share Strategies, Successes and
Challenges

Helping with Research



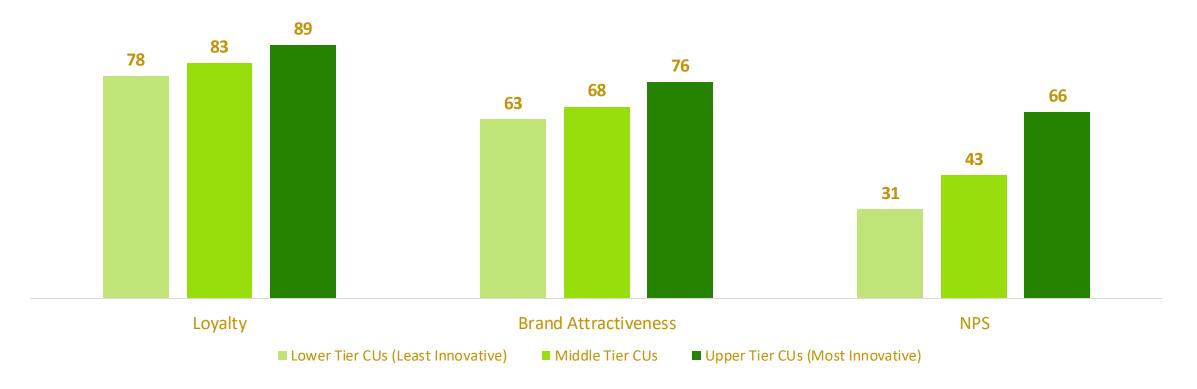
WHY?

The study is designed to:

- Understand credit unions' innovativeness and social innovativeness based on the experiences of members,
- Establish benchmarks for comparison to individual credit union participants,
- Understand the drivers of perceptions of innovativeness, and
- Learn how to increase credit union innovativeness to better serve and retain members.

CREDIT UNION INNOVATION IMPACTS MEMBER LOYALTY

Loyalty, Attractiveness, and NPS by Innovation Tiers

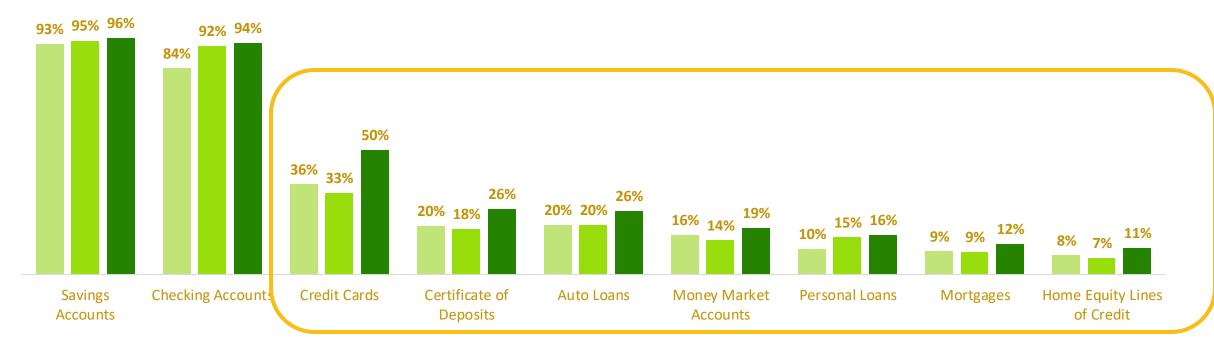


Data Source: 2024 Credit Union Innovation Success (Filene) Study.

MORE INNOVATIVE CREDIT UNIONS SELL MORE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO MEMBERS

Usage of Financial Products and Services by Innovation Tiers



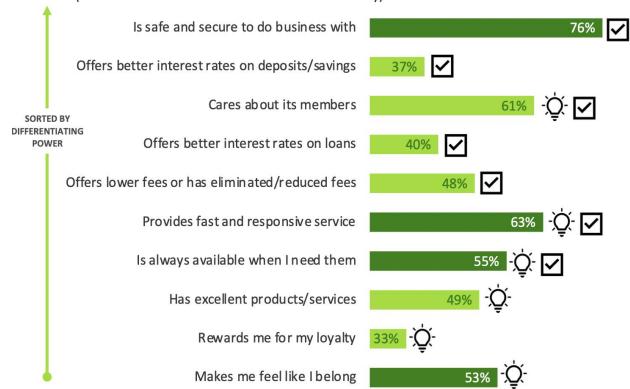


Data Source: 2024 Credit Union Innovation Success (Filene) Study

CREDIT UNION PERFORMANCE ON INNOVATION DRIVERS

Reasons for Innovativeness

% describes credit union "very well" (2023 Filene Credit Union Innovation Success Study)



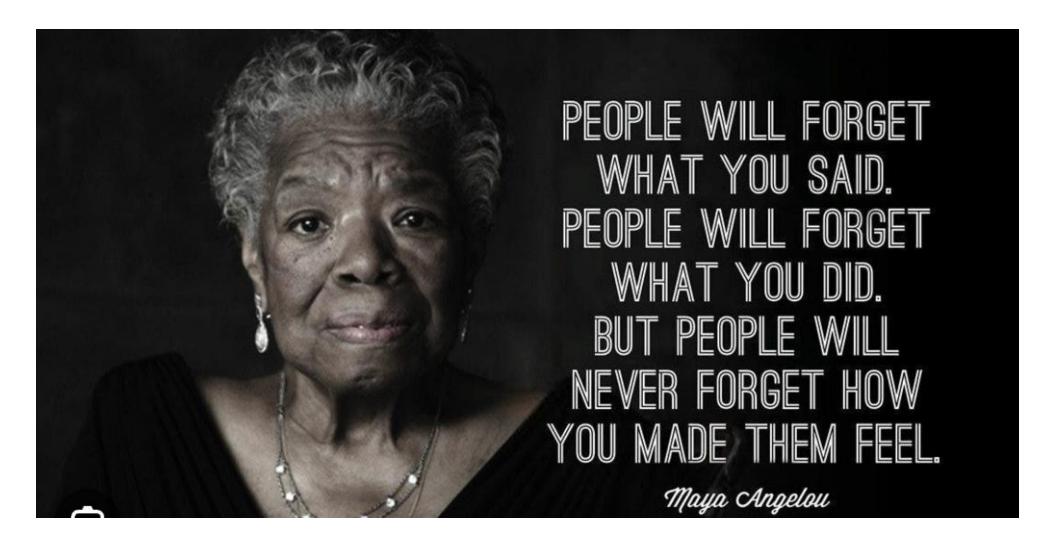
Data Source: 2023 Filene Credit Union Innovation Success Study.

Lighter colored bars refer to items that should be the greatest priority for improvement based on a combination of high differentiating power and room for growth.

Q disruptor table stakes



Reflexive Opportunities



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If you were in charge of Filene, what would you focus on?



Turn the Ship Around

"Those at the top have all the authority and none of the information. Those at the bottom have all the information and none of the authority. Not until those without information relinquish their control can an organization run better, smoother and faster and reach its maximum potential." — Captain David Marquet

Please Welcome



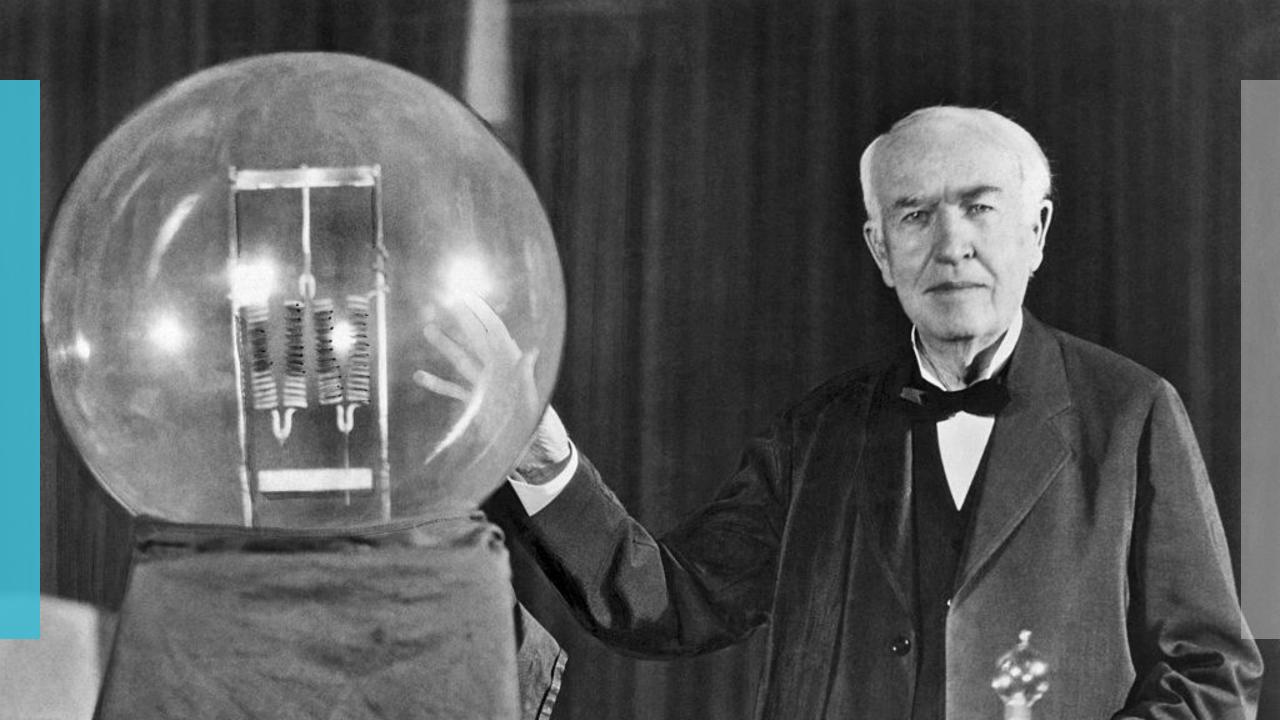


Financial Wellness For All

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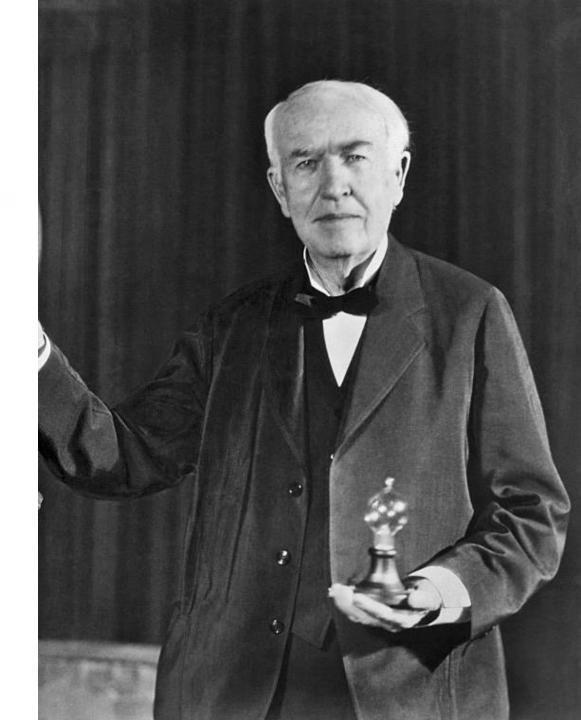
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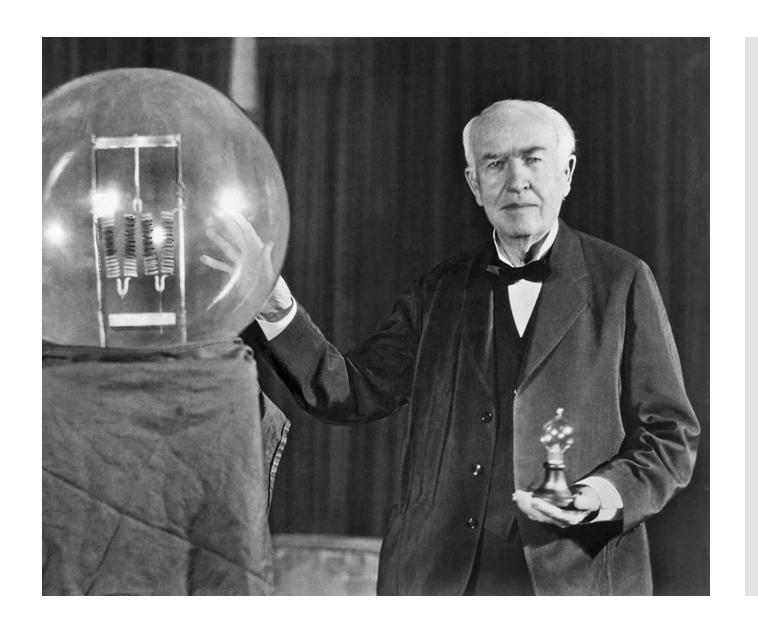
A PROLIFIC INVENTOR





"I have not failed hundreds of times. I have succeeded in proving that those hundreds of ways will not work."

-Thomas Edison



Resilience: noun, /rəˈzilyəns/

- The ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or to change
- 2. A skill you can learn



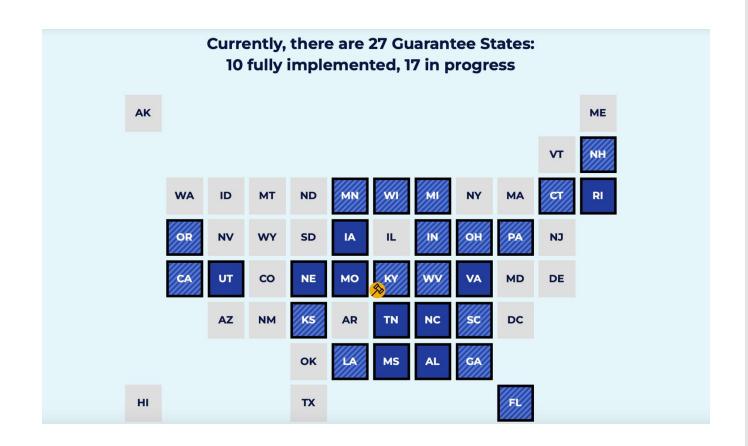
Financial Education

Financial Literacy

Financial Wellness

The Financial Continuum

Personal Finance Requirement for High School Graduation



"P-FIN" The Personal Finance Index

- Designed to "measure to knowledge and understanding that enable sound financial decision making among US adults."
- 28 questions, 3500 surveyed, 4 racial/ethnic groups, 5 generations

Results:

- <50% answers correct, year after year</p>
- <35% correct on "risk"</p>
- Younger, women, Black, Hispanic fared worse than the averages

Jeopardy Sept 12, 2022



Jeopardy Sept 12, 2022



Low vs High Financial Literacy

6x more likely to have trouble making ends meet

3x more likely to be debt constrained

3x more likely to be unable to cope with a \$2,000 shock

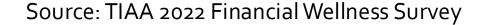
4x more likely to spend 10 hours weekly on money matters

Source: GFLEC

HERMONEY

Elements of Denial in Low Financial Literacy

- 75% say they have a budget
- 25% follows one
- 80% say they have an emergency cushion
- < 50% say they could cover 6 months of expenses in an emergency





Elements of Wellbeing

- Physical
- Mental
- Social
- Financial

Source: MetLife 2021



Financial Wellness: noun /fi-nan-shuhl welnus)/

- 1. The state of being in which you can meet your current and future financial obligations
 - **2.** Feeling secure in your financial choices, able to enjoy life

How Do Americans Define Financial Wellness?

- Feeling comfortable with your financial situation 61%
- Having the means to take care of your family and others 53%
- Not worrying about money or debts 51%
- Feeling protected from unexpected events 51%
- A good understanding of your finances 48%
- Being able to afford the lifestyle you want 46%
- Not feeling held back by money 39%
- Knowing you won't run out of money in retirement 36%







The Impact Of Consumer Debt

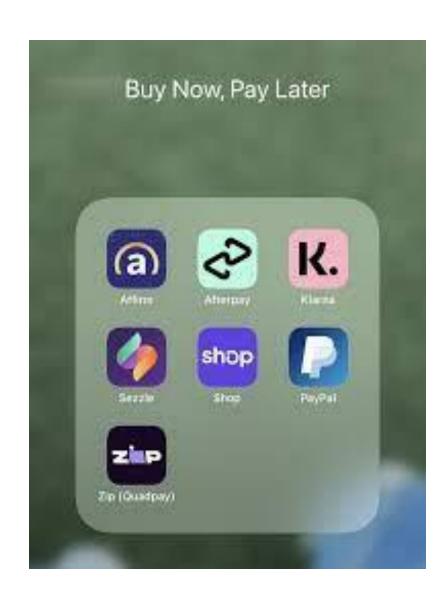
54% of adults always under stress

48% not sleeping

40% higher anxiety

34% clinical depression





Buy Now, Pay Later

2024 Holiday Usage up 9% \$18 billion in BNPL transactions over the season \$1 billion on Cyber Monday

67% of Parents using BNPL to finance holiday shopping

25% using to buy groceries

2 in 5 users have missed a payment

Users 2x as likely to have other debt delinquencies

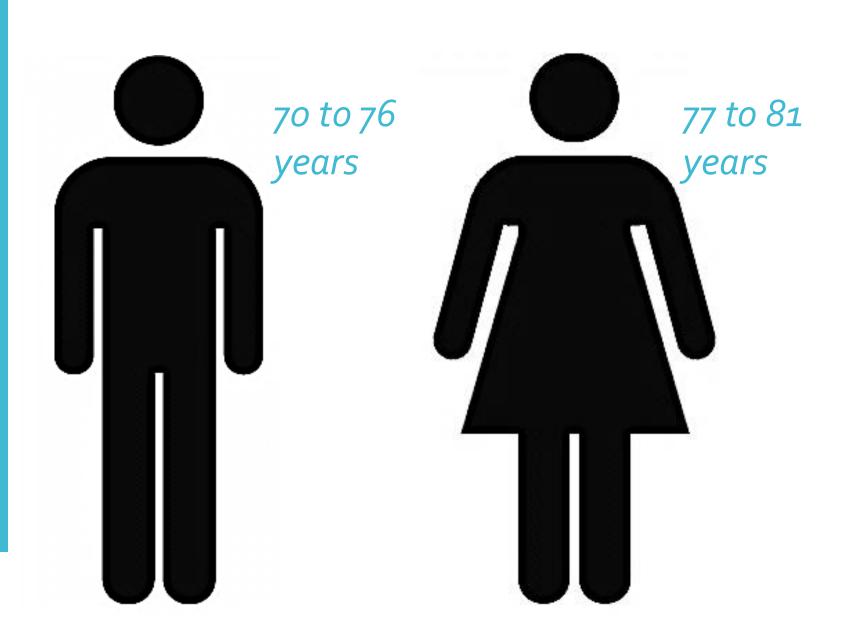


MovingBabyWeddingNew JobDivorceIllnessNew HouseDeathPromotionCaregiving

Four Stressful Life Events/Year

Source: Fidelity Investments

Average Life Expectancy



The Longer You're Going To Live



•25% will pass age 90.

• 10% will pass age 95.

• Americans age 100+: Up 2,200% since 1950.

Source: Women With Money

"If you are not offering financial wellness you are dead in five years." — Duke **University Common Cents** Behavioral Finance Lab

Stress Differentiators Among Women



6-month emergency savings cushion



Saving at least 10% of income routinely



Having a plan

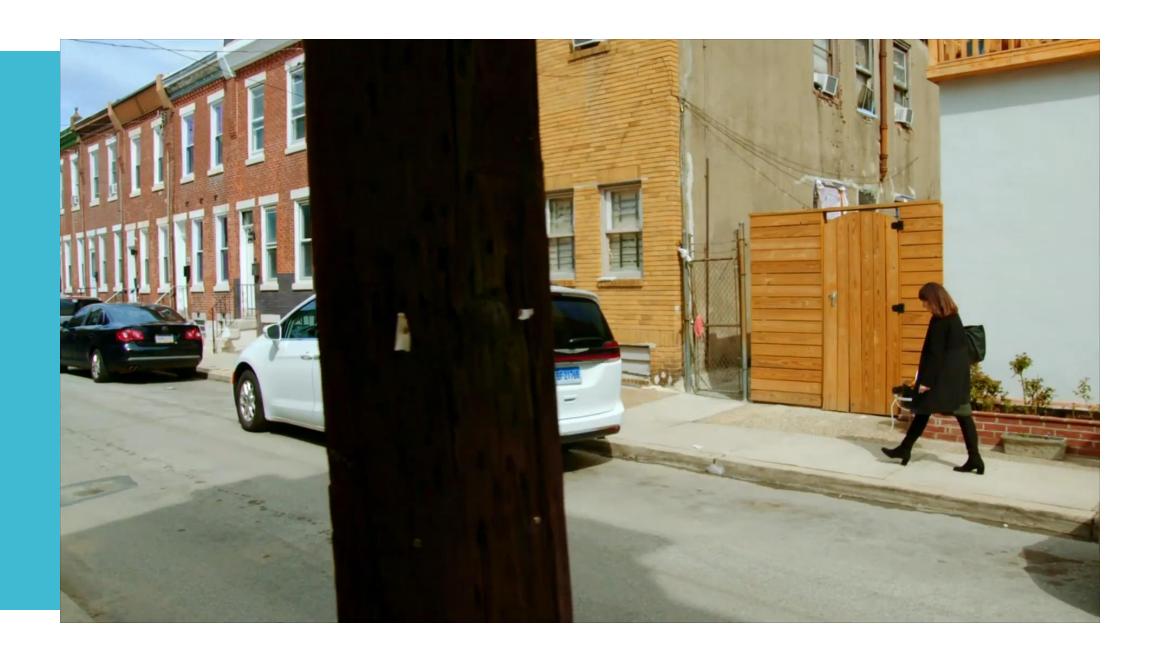
Source: Fidelity, 2019



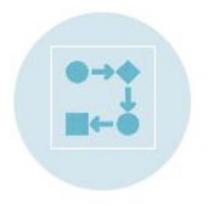














1 PERSONALIZATION: FOLLOW THE MONEY

2. MOTIVATION: QUICK WINS LEAD TO HABIT FORMATION 3. ACCOUNTABILITY: HELPS HABITS STICK

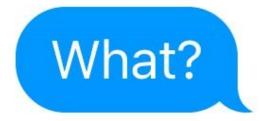




You know what's great?



You know what's great?



Hey

You know what's great?

What?

Getting paid.

You know what sucks?

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What?

Hey

You know what's great?

What?

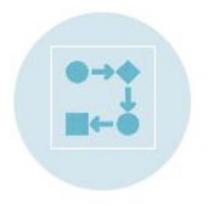
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Taxes.







1 PERSONALIZATION: FOLLOW THE MONEY

2. MOTIVATION: QUICK WINS LEAD TO HABIT FORMATION 3. ACCOUNTABILITY: HELPS HABITS STICK



Money = Irrationality



Divvy It Up?



Behavioral Finance: noun, /bə'hāvyərəl/, /ˌekə'nämiks,ˌēkə'nämiks/

- 1. The study of psychology as it relates to the economic decision-making processes of individuals and institutions
 - 2. The study of why smart people do stupid things with money



Age Before Saving





Money Rule #11:

If You Can't See It And You Can't Touch It, You Won't Spend It

Hello, Money

REIMAGINING FINANCIAL WELLNESS TO DRIVE GROWTH

A FINHEALTH CUSO BY CREDIT UNIONS FOR CREDIT UNIONS

THE PROBLEM

Literacy/Not Behavior

Misaligned to CU

Growth Goals









WHAT CREDIT UNIONS NEED



Behavior Activation

Revenue

Growth



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Cross-solution/ Operation Integration



CREDIT UNION OWNED

PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCE

RIGHT PRODUCT, RIGHT TIME

DATA DRIVEN

MEMBER RELATIONSHIP









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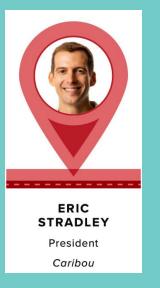
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