

# The Edge Newsletter



Spring 2019



## 2019 Annual Meeting Recap

With an ambitious theme of The Price Is Always Right, WestEdge held the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Northwood Hall on February 23, 2019. Tom Barrett presented the board chair report and thanked the staff and volunteers for their service. Katie Zowada, CEO, reported the 2018 financials and thanked the staff for their stellar service. Jamia Burns then introduced the candidates and our newly elected board members, David Williams, David Brown, Amanda Wilson and Sarah Bond-Yancey, were welcomed. Katie was also honored for her 35 years of service. Our members enjoyed the evening with a fabulous dinner, exciting entertainment by playing The Price Is Always Right, a photo booth and awesome raffle prizes!

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like an Annual Meeting Program for a summary of the credit union's performance in 2018, including financial reports and community involvement, please stop by the lobby to pick one up or call us at (360) 734-5790 to request one by phone.

See you next year!



## WestEdge Events

- **Royal Family Kids' Camp Fundraiser**  
*March & April*
- **FREE Community Shred**  
*April 18 & 19*
- **Strawberry Social**  
*June 28*

## Holiday Closings

- **Memorial Day**  
*Monday, May 27*

## Our Purpose

*Bringing peace of mind to our membership, employees and communities we serve.*

[westedgeCU.org](http://westedgeCU.org)

## FREE Community Shred

Thurs. & Fri., April 18 & 19

To make your spring cleaning a little easier this year, WestEdge invites you to take advantage of our FREE Community Shred on April 18 and 19. Simply stop by the credit union from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and drop off your materials (one box or 25 pounds) into the locked barrels in the lobby. Materials will then be securely shredded and disposed of by our local A1 Shredding service.



## Meet Hue!

**WestEdge is excited to introduce one of our newest faces, Hue!**

**Job Title:** Member Service Representative

**Time at Credit Union:** 8 months

### **Favorite Thing About WestEdge:**

We know our members, and members know us. After working here for more than seven months, I have learned so much. I love to see every employee always go the extra mile to make sure our members are taken care of. In addition, I love how WestEdge always goes above and beyond for their employees.

**Hobbies:** Cooking. I have a great passion for food. Creating or learning a new recipe is always a joyful and fun adventure. And what's even more fun? Seeing how my husband and my young son enjoy the food.



## Kids Saving Savvy

It's never too early to practice making good money decisions, and young WestEdge members do just that! At WestEdge, there are three Youth Accounts to choose from:

- Youth Account 1.0 (age birth-12 years)
- Youth Account 2.0 (age 13-17 years)
- Youth Certificate Account (age birth-17 years)

These special accounts are designed to reward you. With incentives, contests, consultation programs and more, you can build your savings savvy that will pay off in a BIG way!

Start saving now! Every time you make a deposit, your name is entered into a monthly drawing for FREE money from WestEdge. Learn more at [westedgeCU.org/youth](http://westedgeCU.org/youth).

Winners from this quarter are:

**\$5 Winners:** Jayden Chua, Emily Anderson

**\$10 Winners:** Matthew Perez, Raven Gardner, Victoria Lalonde

Access your accounts 24 hours a day, seven days a week with WestEdge Online Banking at [westedgeCU.org](http://westedgeCU.org) or Telephone Teller by calling 1 (800) 254-2722.

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## Credit Rebuilder Loan

Establish or improve your credit ratings with a Credit Rebuilder Loan.

At WestEdge, we understand that life happens, and sometimes that can mean your credit score needs a little help. With our Credit Rebuilder Loan, you can get back on the road to financial success!

How it works...

- Credit Rebuilder Loans are available to members looking to establish or improve their credit ratings
- No credit report required
- Loan proceeds are deposited to your savings account and held on deposit for the duration of the loan term. Once the loan is paid in full, the funds are released to you, thus boosting your credit ratings while simultaneously establishing a financial safety net with your new savings.

Give us a call at **(360) 734-5790** and take back your financial freedom this spring!

## Supporting the Community We Love

WestEdge prides itself on the generosity of both our members and staff. In 2018, we were able to meet the needs of our community through donating to our Annual Holiday Family Sponsorship, sponsoring camperships to Royal Family Kids' Camp, volunteering at Habitat for Humanity, and many more acts of service!



**How did WestEdge demonstrate we care about our community in 2018?**

- 43+ volunteer hours
- \$9,200+ charitable contributions
- Gave back to 8 organizations

**Way to go, WestEdge, for putting people first!**

## Raising Financially Savvy Kids

Is it time to open a checking or savings account for your child?

The new year is always a good time to start new habits! If you want to equip your kids with the tools to be financially secure adults, now is a great time to start a savings and/or checking account. Seeing money go in and come out of an account can really drive home lessons about money management!



Some great signs to look for include...

### Savings Accounts

- They're curious about money
- Their piggy bank is overflowing
- They have a savings goal

### Checking Accounts

- They're responsible
- Their school doesn't adequately teach personal finance
- All their cash is stuffed in their wallet

Wondering what kind of youth accounts WestEdge offers? Give us a call at **(360) 734-5790** or visit [westedgeCU.org/youth](http://westedgeCU.org/youth) to find out all about our monthly drawings and prizes!

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