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### LAFCU CFO Leslie Rorie honored with a 2025 Real McCoy Award in mathematics

LANSING, Mich. —LAFCU staff are an award-winning group, and Chief Financial Officer Leslie Rorie is no exception. Rorie has been named a 2025 Real McCoy Award recipient, recognized for her outstanding achievements in the field of mathematics.

Rorie was nominated by a past honoree for her extraordinary contributions to STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine) and her active participation as a member of the STEMM community. She was formally recognized during the annual Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP) Real McCoy Awards, presented by DTE Energy, Thursday, Sept. 25, at DTE Energy Corporate Headquarters, Detroit.

“Being honored with the prestigious Real McCoy Award highlights not only Leslie’s professional accomplishments but also the positive impact she has made through her work,” said Patrick Spyke, LAFCU CEO. “Her journey from an early interest in math to becoming CFO at LAFCU shows young people how developing skills in STEMM can lead to meaningful opportunities and leadership roles. She embodies LAFCU’s desire to help the next generation see how education can empower them to lead and serve.”

Founded in 2012, the Real McCoy Awards honor outstanding leaders in STEMM who embody excellence in their fields and a commitment to inspiring the next generation. The award is named after Elijah McCoy, the notable African American mechanical engineer and Detroit native whose invention of the lubricator for steam engines became known as the “Real McCoy.”



LAFCU Chief Financial Officer Leslie Rorie celebrates being honored at the annual Real McCoy Awards in Detroit Thursday, Sept. 25. Recipients were presented with commemorative lab coats during the ceremony.



Leslie Rorie, LAFCU's chief financial officer, was recognized for her achievements in mathematics at the annual Real McCoy Awards presented by DTE in Detroit.

"This recognition is an incredible honor," Rorie said. "To be acknowledged among so many leaders in STEMM is both humbling and inspiring. I am grateful to those who paved the way before me, and I hope to serve as that same inspiration for the next generation of innovators and dreamers."

The awards are part of DAPCEP's mission to increase the number of historically underrepresented students who are academically prepared and motivated to pursue careers in STEMM. Through K-12 supplemental education programs, DAPCEP helps shape the future of STEMM, one student at a time.

#### **About LAFCU**

Founded in 1936, LAFCU (pronounced laugh-cue) is a not-for-profit, member-owned credit union open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in Michigan, and to Michigan businesses. LAFCU serves more than 74,000 members and holds over \$1 billion in assets. With a particular focus on serving people of modest means, LAFCU is committed to enhancing its members' financial well-being and creating long-lasting positive change across generations. Awarded the prestigious Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award, LAFCU is known for its people-helping-people mission, which has led to award-winning financial literacy programs for all ages. A three-time honoree as a national 'Best Credit Union to Work For' and recognized globally for its diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, LAFCU stands out for its commitment to creating an inclusive workplace. Learn more at [www.lafcu.com](http://www.lafcu.com).

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