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LAFCU adds mortgage loan officers to meet demand, expand service

Credit union is positioned to serve members throughout state

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU is welcoming two mortgage loan officers as the credit union ramps up lending service to meet demand in the real estate market and to provide service in new areas within LAFCU's expanded state-wide service territory.

Jon Novetski, of Eaton Rapids, and Andrew Houle, of Chelsea, cumulatively bring more than 20 years experience with the finance industry, specializing in residential mortgages. They will represent LAFCU in their respective geographical areas as well as work with people across the state who apply for mortgages by phone and online.

"By focusing on servicing all of the ways today's consumers wish to access home mortgages, LAFCU can provide members with what they need, when and where they need it," said Mic Shupe, chief lending officer. "Jon and Andrew are experienced and highly skilled loan officers who can make a positive difference in the lives of our LAFCU members."

Jon Novetske is based at LAFCU's Eaton Rapids Branch. In his 13-plus years in banking, he has worked for several financial institutions, including a credit union and a large national bank where he earned multiple sales and service achievement awards. Among them are awards for building relationships and doing what's right for clients, as well as the All Star Award for the highest sales and service in the Lansing area. He is also a two-time recipient of the bank's highest honor in retail banking – The Circle of Excellence Award – for being the state's top performing loan officer.

"I was attracted to LAFCU because of its focus on doing what's best for members in every transaction," Novetske said. "It's an



Jon Novetske

incredible privilege to help people with one of the largest transactions in their lives."

A native of Charlotte, he is a graduate of Olivet High School, Olivet, and of Fort Myers Master's Commission, which is now named Florida School of Discipleship, Fort Myers, Florida. He is an active member of Charlotte Assembly of God.



Andrew Houle

Andrew Houle is based in Chelsea. He has worked in residential lending for nearly six years, first for a national mortgage provider, then for an Ann Arbor bank. He also has experience in the insurance industry, having worked as a claims adjuster.

"LAFCU is definitely 'member first' in how we approach mortgage transactions, and this makes my job very satisfying," Houle said. "At every stage, we look for ways to help members accomplish their goals."

In the community Houle is an active member of Rotary Club of Chelsea and Knights of Columbus Chelsea Council. He also volunteers for the Sounds & Sights Festival and the Chelsea

Community Fair, as well as helps fundraise for the Boy Scouts of America.

The Chelsea native earned a bachelor's degree at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, and is a graduate of Chelsea High School.

About LAFCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative open for membership to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Michigan and to businesses and other entities located in Michigan. The credit union serves nearly 63,000 members and holds nearly \$700 million in assets. LAFCU offers a comprehensive range of financial products and services as well as an expanding complement of financial technology solutions. Members enjoy benefits such as low fees, low interest rates on loans, high yields on savings, discounts, knowledgeable employees and nationwide access to fee-free ATMs and ITMs. A recipient of the national Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award for credit unions, LAFCU enriches the communities it serves by supporting many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, call 800.748.0228 or visit <u>www.lafcu.com</u>.

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