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Credit Union Leader from Illinois Named 2022 Credit Union Rock Star

MADISON, Wis., and WASHINGTON October 4, 2022. The Illinois Credit Union League is proud to announce that Denise Leonard has been named a 2022 Credit Union Rock Star by the editorial team of [Credit Union Magazine](#).

Now in its tenth year, the Credit Union Rock Stars program recognizes outstanding credit union professionals and board members from a wide range of disciplines who use their unique strengths to advance the missions of their credit unions. This year's winners were selected for their exceptional creativity, innovation, and passion for the credit union movement. The winner in Illinois is Denise Leonard from Generations Credit Union in Rockford.

Karen Jurasek, President and CEO at Generations Credit Union, was delighted to learn of Denise's recognition as a Credit Union Rock Star. "Denise has been rocking our credit union universe since she arrived on staff in 2004, and she continues to do so today. We are thrilled that Denise is being recognized for her commitment and passion in serving our members and helping promote their financial wellbeing as well as her volunteer efforts within our community. Her contributions have impacted the lives of countless families and for that we join in celebrating her accomplishments and for earning this prestigious award."

"The 10th class of Credit Union Rock Stars demonstrates once again that our movement is filled with those who invent, innovate, and most importantly inspire," says Michelle Willits, *Credit Union Magazine* publisher. "Our Rock Stars represent small to large credit unions nationwide and work in operations, leadership, and board roles. We are proud to present this year's class, sponsored by Fiserv."

"Denise is a shining example of those in the credit union movement who are dedicated to improving the financial lives of their members. Congratulations, Denise!" said Tom Kane, ICUL President. Credit Union Rock Stars will be profiled in a special digital issue of *Credit Union Magazine*. Check out all the winners and read their stories at news.cuna.org/rockstar.

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