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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Commonwealth Credit Union's Stephen Bellas Named Best In Finance**

**Louisville, KY** (*June 19, 2024*)- Commonwealth Credit Union, one of Kentucky's credit union leaders, is proud to announce that its Chief Financial Officer, Stephen Bellas has been honored with the prestigious "Best in Finance" award by Louisville Business First. This award recognizes outstanding financial leadership, innovation, and excellence in the banking industry.

"We are thrilled to see Steve recognized with the 'Best in Finance' award," said Karen Harbin, Commonwealth Credit Union President/CEO. "This honor could not have been given to someone better qualified than Steve. His exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to financial excellence has played a crucial role in driving our company's financial success and stability."

The Best in Finance awards, sponsored by Louisville Business First, are given to financial professionals in the Greater Louisville area for outstanding performance in their roles as corporate financial stewards. Best in Finance recognize and highlight a broad range of financial executives who are doing outstanding work.

Since joining Commonwealth Credit Union in 2015, Bellas has been instrumental in leading the bank's financial strategy and operations. Under his leadership, the credit union has achieved significant milestones, including reaching \$2 billion in assets and launching a streamlined loan application to enhance the overall user experience.

The Best in Finance Award is just the latest accolade for Commonwealth Credit Union this year. Earlier this year, they were named as a Best Place to Work in Kentucky for the sixth consecutive year, earned the designation as the Best Regional Credit Union by Newsweek, and won national awards for excellence in Marketing as well as Financial Education. To see a complete list of their recent awards, visit [ccuky.org/awards](http://ccuky.org/awards).

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Established in 1951, Commonwealth Credit Union currently serves over 125,000 members. Anyone who lives, works, worships, goes to school, or volunteers in one of 25 eligible counties in Central Kentucky and the Louisville Metro Area can bank at Commonwealth Credit Union.

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