



# CHAPTER REPORT

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## COMMUNICATE

*The latest news and announcement for chapter leaders.*

### **Meet Our Next Graduating Class: SCMS 52<sup>nd</sup> Commencement**

It's a celebration, and we want you there! Join us on July 18 at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, to honor the newest graduates of Southwest Credit Union Management School. Network with SCMS students and alumni while also celebrating this year's graduating class. [RSVP now](#).

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### **Apply to "Crash" ELEVATE: Credit Union Leadership Summit**

Crash ELEVATE gives 10 select young professionals the opportunity to "crash" a Cornerstone conference that is generally reserved for credit union leaders. ELEVATE Crashers will attend the 2025 ELEVATE Credit Union Leadership Summit, Sept. 2-5 in Dallas. [Apply today!](#)

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### **Iced or Hot, Brew With Us: Foundation Coffee Talks**

Join the Cornerstone Foundation for Coffee Talk! These casual, interactive sessions are a space for you to connect with Foundation staff and fellow credit union professionals, share what's happening in your community, and get inspired by the great work others are doing.

Whether you're looking for answers to your questions, exploring new opportunities like grant applications, or just want to chat about the impact your credit union is making, Coffee Talk is your space to engage.

[Register](#) to join us on Wednesday, July 16, for our next session. We'll see you at 9:30 a.m. CT, get your coffee ready!

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## Join the YP Community

Young Professionals: [Join the YP community](#) to connect with your peers, share ideas, and receive YP news.

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## Stay in Touch with Cornerstone League

As you conduct your planning sessions, create your calendars of events, or update your boards, please email your chapter liaison to keep Cornerstone in the loop. Cornerstone League also provides [chapter officer resources](#) on the Cornerstone website.

Please contact [ChapterRelations@cornerstoneleague.coop](mailto:ChapterRelations@cornerstoneleague.coop) if:

- You encounter challenges that could benefit from League guidance or want to discuss training or meeting options.
- You want to share news about [upcoming meetings and events](#) with the chapter community. Include photos with captions.

## EDUCATE

*Opportunities for professional growth and development.*

## Small CU Workshops: Coming to a State Near You

If you're juggling multiple roles and could use some practical tips, fresh ideas, and a chance to connect with peers, check out our Small CU Workshops. Attendees can

expect to discuss topics and solutions related to:

- Cybersecurity
- Local advocacy efforts
- Financial wellness

#### Upcoming Workshops:

- **Oklahoma City, Okla. | July 22**  
Credit Union House, 631 E. Hill St.
- **Mission, Kan. | July 24**  
Mainstreet Credit Union, 6025 Lamar Ave.
- **Little Rock, Ark. | Aug. 14**  
League Office, 1023 W. Capitol Ave.

[Learn more and register today.](#)

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## Build Your ALM Foundation in Overland Park

Join us in Overland Park, Kan., for the upcoming [ALM Workshops](#) on August 5–6. These sessions are tailored for credit union professionals looking to strengthen their understanding of asset/liability management.

- Day 1 covers ALM Essentials—key concepts, goals, and ratios.
- Day 2 dives into ALM Implementation—interest rate risk, ALCO procedures, and more.

Seats are limited. [Register](#) by July 24 to secure your spot.

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## Explore the Power of CU Values at Principles & Philosophy

The Principles & Philosophy Workshop is your opportunity to better understand how cooperative values strengthen your team and community impact. [Register before July 17](#) to join us July 29–31 in St. Louis, Mo.

Still on the fence? Here are five reasons you should attend this transformative event:

1. Visionary Insights
2. Competitive Advantage
3. Member-Centric Excellence
4. Strategic Positioning
5. Inspiration and Collaboration

Unlock the full potential of your credit union by harnessing the transformative power of its principles and philosophy.

[Register now to secure your seat](#)

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## **Register for the August Bankruptcy & Collections Webinars**

On Aug. 7 and Aug. 20, Cornerstone League will host the Bankruptcy & Collections Virtual Series, two essential webinars to help you get up to date on the latest rules and regulations.

### **Bankruptcy Webinar**

Aug. 7, 9–11 a.m. CT

Join industry experts Tom Sharp and Sharon Sjostrom for this in-depth, 2-hour webinar designed to equip credit unions with the knowledge and strategies needed to confidently navigate consumer bankruptcies.

[Register by Aug. 7 to participate.](#)

### **Collections Webinar**

Aug. 20, 9–11 a.m. CT

Whether a credit union repossesses five cars a year or five hundred cars a year, credit union collectors must avoid creating potential liability for their credit union. Presented by credit union attorneys Mike Blalack and Rob Woodcock, collectors of all experience levels will benefit from this webinar, and all collectors will emerge from this training with a better grasp of what not to do, what to do, and how to do it.

[Register before July 14](#) to save on the Collections webinar.

Questions? Please contact Training at [training@cornerstoneleague.coop](mailto:training@cornerstoneleague.coop).

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## **Invest in Your Future at ELEVATE**

Invest in your future at the [ELEVATE Credit Union Leadership Summit](#) Sept. 3–5. Learning is living, and ELEVATE is designed for aspiring leaders, emerging leaders, C-suite executives, and the volunteer board. You choose the best path for your professional growth.

Sessions provide updates, insights, and new knowledge from the industry's top thought leaders, practitioners, and experts. You'll also have the opportunity to network with your colleagues and expand your sphere of influence. [See our agenda.](#)

[Register now.](#)

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## **Learning Never Stops**

Southwest Credit Union Management School's [Learning Never Stops](#) program enables SCMS alumni, students, and credit union professionals to enhance their leadership development through continuing educational offerings.

Join SCMS alum, third-year students, and Cornerstone member credit unions for a dynamic in-person, on-campus SCMS experience: The Knowledge Economy – Leveraging Knowledge, Reputation, & Identity.

Presented by Sekou Bermiss, Ph.D, this session balances theory with practical insights tailored to credit unions' mission-driven nature. [Register today.](#)

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## **Cornerstone Foundation Advances Community Impact with Grants and Scholarships**

The Cornerstone Foundation continues to empower the credit union movement in 2025 through the strategic distribution of professional development and community-focused

grants, along with scholarships for emerging leaders.

### Professional Development Grants — \$272,936

In 2025, the Foundation has supported nine Cornerstone chapters and 85 credit union training calendars. Grants also funded... [Read More.](#)

## CELEBRATE

*Share your stories so we can celebrate your good works.*

### Share Your Stories

We want to shine a spotlight on the good works your chapter is doing in your communities. Send your stories to [ChapterRelations@cornerstoneleague.coop](mailto:ChapterRelations@cornerstoneleague.coop).



## DONATE

*Ways to donate your time, energy, or money to help others.*

### Southwest Credit Union Management School Bowl-A-Rama Classic

It's time to lace up your bowling shoes, bring your A-game, and strike up some fun at the second annual [SCMS Networking, Scholarship Bowl-O-Rama Classic & Auction](#). This isn't your average night out—it's an epic SCMS takeover of Bowlounge. Expect high-energy fun, fierce (friendly) competition, and fundraising that makes a real impact. [Register today](#)

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### Cornerstone Foundation Events to Prepare For

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Cornerstone Foundation events! We can't wait to see you there.

- **SYNG:** Come network, cheer on your peers, dance, and have a fun-filled night at SYNG, Sept. 4, while supporting your Foundation. Early-bird rate ends July 25, [register](#) while signing up for ELEVATE: Credit Union Leadership Summit.
- **Foundation CUP:** Join the Cornerstone Foundation for [Foundation CUP](#), Sept. 30-Oct. 3, at the Lake of the Ozarks. Connect with credit union friends, enjoy

the great outdoors, and help support the Foundation's mission.

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## Support your Foundation in 2025

On behalf of the Cornerstone Foundation staff and trustees, thank you for your ongoing support. For 2025, please keep your Cornerstone Foundation in mind. It's as simple as supporting ongoing events and giving personally to the Foundation via payroll deduction or a direct contribution.



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