

ASPIRE CREDIT UNION



Upcoming Holiday Closures

Federal Holiday

Monday, January 1, 2024
CLOSED

Federal Holiday

Monday, January 15, 2024
CLOSED

Federal Holiday/ Employee Training Day

Monday, February 19, 2024
CLOSED

Federal Holiday

Monday, May 27, 2024
CLOSED

Find what's happening at:
www.aspire.creditunion/events

Save the Dates: Annual Meeting TBD



2024 Blood Drive
June 12, 2024

Minotauros Hockey Debit Card

Aspire CU is the official home of the Minotauros Hockey Debit Card. The cards are available in the credit union with our instant issuing technology. If you are interested in upgrading to the Tauro's card, stop in and talk with our professional staff.



Aspire Honored with Most Impactful Business Award

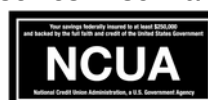


Aspire Credit Union was honored with an award for the Most Impactful Business of the Year at the Alliance of Nonprofits annual luncheon in November. The category featured three nominated local businesses all of which are engaged with the Minot nonprofit community.

The award was joyfully accepted by eight members of the Aspire Credit Union team. Rianne Kuhn, Marketing Communication Coordinator spoke on behalf of the credit union. "We are pleased to accept this honor from the Alliance of Nonprofits. Nonprofits are the heart and backbone of communities. You all have the hard job of assisting, serving, educating, and connecting our community members and our citizens to the services you offer. Aspire strives to assist, volunteer, fundraise, and promote all the good work you are all doing in our community. Thank you for letting us be a part of it."

The nomination detailing the credit union's contributions was read by the event's emcee featuring details about how the credit union has given back to the community, including groups supported and dedicated total hours of organizational support.

Aspire as a single branch in Minot was able to identify opportunities and create impact in our great community serving over 930 volunteer hours last year. Kevin Vigested, Aspire Credit Unions CEO shared, "We encourage and will continue to provide opportunities for our staff to be involved. Giving back elevates our community in so many ways. I am proud of our team on how they involve themselves in so many opportunities."



Product Spotlight - IRAs

Have you ever wondered what distinguishes IRAs from our other accounts? With Tax Season here, some individual contributions to an IRA could be a tax deduction. Contributing to an IRA is a great step toward retirement and there is no better day than today to get one started. You can learn the differences between a Roth IRA and a Traditional IRA by visiting our website at www.aspire.creditunion/iras/.

Still not sure which account is right for you? No worries, give us a call at 701-837-5353, or stop by, our team would be happy to assist you.

Board of Director Candidate Nominations Open

Aspire Credit Union is accepting nominations for volunteer candidates to serve on our Board of Directors. Our board meets once a month, in the evening. As a perk, volunteers receive free check blanks and \$25,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to nominate a member, please contact Kevin Vigested, (CEO) and he will forward it to the nominating committee. Express interest by 1/31/24.

Kuhn Earns Scholarship



Rianne Kuhn, Marketing Communications Coordinator earned a scholarship for the 2024 Dale Carnegie 'Skills for Success' Training Course held for eight weeks in Minot. The training centered around Dale Carnegie's principles and how to apply them in business and life focusing on communication, optimizing performance, motivating others, and positively affecting the bottom line. During the training, Kuhn won the Human Relations Award.

Two Graduate From CLI

Congratulations to our employees, Christy (Mortgage Loan Processor) and Beth (Accounting Assistant) for completing the 2023 Community Leadership Institute (CLI), led by the Minot Area Chamber EDC.

Each year, the program is tasked to support a local community program that benefits members of the community. Throughout the campaign, they raised \$5,428 in monetary donations, 1,173.4 pounds of donations, and an additional \$1,000 through Minot Area Community Foundation's Donation Station, matching \$1,000 for 1,000 pounds of food, bringing the monetary donation to \$6,428!

Great work to their entire cohort!



Volunteer of the Quarter



Congratulations to Angie Martin, Consumer Loan Officer on being named Volunteer of the Quarter.

CEO Kevin Vigested shared, "Angie has the true Credit Union spirit of 'people helping people'. Angie has recently been involved with Meals on Wheels, the Chapter, Co-op day at the NDSF, LHLH Daycare Board, MSU Community Fair, Burlimot, etc... Great work Angie!"

