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LAFCU named 2026 Best Place to Work for Career Growth

Employee feedback recognizes a culture that helps team members learn, advance and build careers

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU has been named a 2026 Best Place to Work for Career Growth by Best Companies Group, a national recognition honoring employers that support employee development.

The Best Companies Group honor is based on employee survey feedback and recognizes U.S. employers that provide meaningful professional development, clear opportunities for advancement and sustained support for employee growth.

“This recognition reflects LAFCU’s commitment to building an environment where employees are supported, developed and empowered to advance,” said Jaime Raul Zepeda, executive vice president of Best Companies Group + COLOR Magazine. “LAFCU has demonstrated that career growth is not just encouraged — it is built into the employee experience.”

LAFCU employees pointed to educational resources, tuition assistance,



LAFCU team members pose with LAFCU’s 2026 Best Place to Work for Career Growth award. The recognition reflects LAFCU’s commitment to providing employees with educational resources, professional development opportunities and a collaborative environment that supports career growth and advancement. Photo credit: Sky Saylor Dynamic Photo credit: Sky Saylor Dynamic

professional development and a collaborative environment as strengths of the credit union's workplace. One employee described LAFCU as a place where "the sky is the limit for growth and development opportunities," while another praised its "excellent support for career advancement and furthering your education."

Survey responses also emphasized the practical support employees receive. Team members said LAFCU provides the tools they need to succeed, invests in employees' education and fosters open communication, teamwork and inclusivity.

Patrick Spyke, CEO of LAFCU, said the recognition affirms the credit union's long-standing commitment to helping employees build meaningful careers while strengthening service to members and communities.

"At LAFCU, we want to understand what our employees are passionate about and look for opportunities that allow them to put that passion to work," Spyke said. "We listen to their interests, recognize their strengths and encourage them to keep learning and take on new challenges. When employees know we are invested in their future, they gain the confidence, knowledge and experience to build fulfilling careers and contribute even more to our members and communities."

For the full list of 2026 Best Places to Work for Career Growth honorees, visit bestcompaniesgroup.com.

About LAFCU

Founded in 1936, LAFCU (pronounced laugh-cue) is a not-for-profit, member-owned credit union open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in Michigan, and to Michigan businesses. LAFCU serves more than 74,000 members and holds over \$1 billion in assets. With a particular focus on serving people of modest means, LAFCU is committed to enhancing its members' financial well-being and creating long-lasting positive change across generations. Awarded the prestigious Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award, LAFCU is known for its people-helping-people mission, which has led to award-winning financial literacy programs for all ages. A three-time honoree as a national 'Best Credit Union to Work For,' LAFCU has also been recognized as a Best Place to Work for Women and an Inclusive Workplace, and is recognized globally for its diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. Learn more at www.lafcu.com.

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