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Two Excite Credit Union Employees Named to Prestigious "40 Under 40" Lists

The honors recognize Sarah Stone and Christian Dean for their leadership and professional achievements through separate "40 Under 40" programs from the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and the Silicon Valley Business Journal.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. (July 17, 2026)—Two Excite Credit Union employees have earned recognition among their communities' "40 Under 40" top professionals lists, with Sarah Stone, SVP of Member Experience, recognized by the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and Christian Dean, Director of Retail Experience – California, recognized by the Silicon Valley Business Journal. The recognitions highlight their achievements across the credit union and business communities, celebrating the dedication and expertise they bring to their roles.

"Great organizations are built by people who show up, lead with purpose and leave a lasting mark on the communities they serve," said Brian Dorcy, president and CEO at Excite Credit Union. "Sarah Stone and Christian Dean's recognition by the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and the Silicon Valley Business Journal is a well-deserved celebration of their individual achievements, but the impact goes far beyond the honors themselves. Their leadership strengthens our teams, helps shape the Member experience and reflects the commitment that makes Excite Credit Union a trusted partner for our Members every day."

Sarah Stone serves as SVP of Member Experience at Excite Credit Union, where she focuses on strengthening Member engagement and improving service experiences to advance the credit union's mission. With nearly seven years of experience at Excite, including leadership roles in Member and retail experience, Sarah brings expertise in developing strategies that foster meaningful connections and deliver innovative solutions for Members and the organization. As a Certified Credit Union Executive (CCUE), she continues to champion initiatives that enhance service and value for Members.

Christian Dean is the Director of Retail Experience – California at Excite Credit Union, where she leads a four-branch retail network focused on delivering trusted, Member-centered banking experiences. With extensive experience in retail and business banking leadership, Christian has driven improvements in operational performance, team development and Member engagement while building cultures where employees and Members can thrive. She is also actively involved in community initiatives supporting financial literacy, leadership development and economic mobility.

The "40 Under 40" recognitions honor professionals under the age of 40 who are making significant contributions to their organizations, industries and communities. Selected by respected regional business organizations, including the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and the Silicon Valley Business Journal, the programs spotlight individuals who are shaping the future of their fields and driving progress within their communities.

The full Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce 40 Under 40 honorees list can be viewed [here](#), and the Silicon Valley Business Journal 40 Under 40 honorees list can be viewed [here](#).

Through the dedication of team Members like Sarah and Christian, Excite Credit Union continues to strengthen its mission of empowering Members through personalized solutions and expert guidance and making a positive impact in the communities Excite serves.

About Excite Credit Union

Member-owned and Member-focused, Excite gives everyone the chance to build a stronger financial future. With branches in California and North Carolina, Excite offers a full range of banking services and is committed to making life affordable for everyone. For more information about Excite, visit excitecu.org.

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