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VANTAGE WEST BOLSTERS LEADERSHIP TEAM WITH NEW APPOINTMENTS

[TUCSON, AZ] MAY 30, 2025, Vantage West Credit Union is proud to announce the expansion of its Executive leadership team through the promotion of two long-standing, high-performing team members. This strategic move reflects the organization's continued growth and commitment to developing talent from within.

"Our priority is to produce the best possible results for our members," said Sandra Sagehorn-Elliott, President/CEO. "This time, rather than looking outside our organization to fill various roles, we are promoting from within—and I'm delighted to welcome two new additions to our Executive Team."

Michelle Goeppner has been appointed **Senior Vice President of Consumer Lending & Deposits**. In this role, she will oversee Consumer Lending, Deposit Strategy, Mortgage, Capital Markets, and Digital. Having served at Vantage West for over three years, Goeppner brings extensive expertise in consumer lending, strategic partnerships, and credit product development. She has played a pivotal role in expanding the loan portfolio and cultivating innovative lending relationships that prioritize members' financial well-being. Her leadership is set to bolster lending and deposit strategies tailored to the evolving needs of members.

Jimena Valdés-Walls, Senior Vice President of Member Experience, who has been part of Vantage West for more than seven years, brings over two decades of retail banking experience. She has played a significant role in implementing a new branch operating model. In her capacity, she will oversee Branches, the Member Solutions Center (MSC), Wealth Management, Member Experience Operations, and Training, ensuring a seamless experience for members. Her guidance will be instrumental in delivering exceptional service and enhancing member interactions.

These leadership changes signify Vantage West's commitment to investing in its people and building a stronger organization dedicated to improving its members' lives.

About Vantage West Credit Union

Striving to provide its members with the personalized service, knowledge, and honesty they deserve in a financial partner, Vantage West is proud to be among the largest credit unions in Arizona. From a one-room Air Force barrack 70 years ago to serving over 200,000 members nationwide, Vantage West has been dedicated to earning and rewarding the loyalty of the people and communities they serve, so they can all thrive together. Learn more at VantageWest.org