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## **AAACU Staff Member Jamaican Beaudoin Saves Members From Scam, Earns Employee of the Year**



*In photo: President and CEO Donald J. Mills presents Jamaican Beaudoin with the Employee of the Year Award.*

**Alpena, Michigan, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011**—Jamaican Beaudoin, Loan Interviewer, was awarded Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union’s 2011 Employee of the Year.

Beaudoin was helping some members with a loan. When she asked the members what the loan was for, they replied that their family member had gone on a trip out of the country and gotten into trouble and needed them to wire several thousand dollars. Red flags went up immediately for Beaudoin—the situation reminded her of a scam she had heard of. Beaudoin tried to warn the members, but they were convinced that they recognized their relative’s voice on the phone. Beaudoin was able to persuade them into calling the out-of-country phone number they had been given one more time and ask to verify some personal information just to make sure the person on the other end of the line was who they claimed to be. The members followed Beaudoin’s advice and discovered that they very nearly were victim to a scam.

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"We are very proud of Jamaican and the actions she took to protect our members from being defrauded. She certainly went above and beyond the call of duty and I am very honored to present Jamaican with the Employee of the Year Award," stated President & CEO Donald J. Mills.

The award was presented at Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's Board of Directors and Staff Christmas party, held at St. Anne's Parish Center on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

Beaudoin started her career at Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union as a teller in 2009. She was quickly promoted to Loan Interviewer.

*Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union serves members primarily in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Iosco counties with 8 locations—a main office located in Alpena, with branch offices in Ossineke, Lincoln, Atlanta, a Tiger Branch in Alcona Community Schools, Oscoda and Tawas offices, and an additional branch in Alpena. As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union provides service to 26,648 members and has total assets equal to \$250,688,061.*

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