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# CONNECTIONS



## From the CEO

Chad Graves, Chief Executive Officer

## Better together

When we kicked off our relationship with the Denver Broncos, leaders from both organizations imagined that together we could serve Colorado communities like never before. That philanthropic vision is now becoming a reality.

The Adventures in Reality program, now powered by Ent and the Denver Broncos, is just one of our early collaborations. Offering a program co-branded with the Broncos definitely helps attract students' interest. While each 50- to 90-minute, free-of-charge simulation is designed to increase students' financial literacy.

**During the in-person simulation, students will make true-to-life financial decisions.** After choosing an entry-level career category, they progress through multiple, interactive booths to discuss and gain knowledge about real, everyday expenses — both essential and aspirational. Budgeting and building a good credit score are just a few of the financial skills that organically arise during the simulation experience.

**Providing Colorado youth with an engaging, risk-free opportunity** to acquire essential financial skills before graduation is a valuable prerequisite for lifelong success. It's also an example of how Colorado communities win when two of its favorite, homegrown organizations team up. During our initial conversations, Ent and Broncos leaders discovered a shared commitment to education and kids. The consensus was that we would be better together. I'm happy to share that this program, along with many others, confirms just that.

## Your school's Adventures in Reality await

Want to boost your favorite students' financial literacy? Learn more about our free-of charge, immersive, financial simulation by contacting us at [CommunityEducation@Ent.com](mailto:CommunityEducation@Ent.com)

# Do these 4 easy things to boost your cybersecurity

## Secure your world during Cybersecurity Awareness Month

There's a lot of bad news out there about cybercrime. The good news is, **there are 4 easy things you can do right now to protect yourself and your data.** And there's no better time to get started than October, Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

### 4 easy ways to stay safe online



- 1 Use strong passwords and a password manager
- 2 Turn on multifactor authentication
- 3 Recognize and report phishing
- 4 Update software

For more cybersecurity tips, check out [Ent.com/Security](https://ent.com/Security). Rather listen? Hear this month's Sound Cents episode at [Ent.com/Podcast](https://ent.com/Podcast). **If you suspect you're being scammed, call us at 800-525-9623. We can walk you through what to do.**

## 2025 Board of Directors

Nominations are open for **Ent Credit Union's Board of Directors for the year 2025**. There will be three (3) three-year term positions open on the Board of Directors.

The Board Nominations and Election Committee nominate the following existing Board Members as candidates to be reappointed as Directors on the Board for a three-year term: **Walter Glover, Tim Drummer, and Shanna Farmer.**

Additional nominations for the Board of Directors may be made by petition, signed by a minimum of 1% of Ent Credit Union members. A separate petition must be completed and submitted for each nomination.

Each nominee must submit with the petition a statement of qualifications, biographical data, and a certificate signed by the nominee stating he/she is agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected to office no later than **Tuesday, November 12, 2024**. Petition forms and policies are available from the Executive Administration department at the credit union's office at 11550 Ent Parkway, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80921.

If more than one person is nominated for each board position, an election will be held. If an election is required, information and procedures will be provided to members. If there is only one nominee for each board position, no election will be conducted. There will be no nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. Newly elected Ent Credit Union Board Members will be announced at the annual meeting.

— Kay Henze, Nominations and Election Committee Chair

## Live webinars

See a complete class list and register at [Ent.com/Events](https://ent.com/Events)

**We're partnering with the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging (PPACG) to present complimentary retirement preparation classes.**

You're welcome to attend virtually via Teams or in person at PPACG, located at 14 S Chestnut St, Colorado Springs. Registration is required at [Ent.com/Events](https://ent.com/Events) or by calling PPACG at (719) 471-2096.

## Medicare Basics

**4 - 5 PM Thurs, Oct 3**

**Speaker:** Roma Costanza, Medicare Specialist and State Health Insurance Program Coordinator

This Medicare overview covers eligibility, enrolling, Medicare A, B and D, plus Medigap and Medicare Advantage Plans.

## Meaning and Purpose in Retirement

**4 - 5 PM Thurs, Oct 10**

**Speaker:** Sara H. Qualls, Ph.D., Emeritus Professor of Psychology, UCCS

Learn how to create the life you want during retirement by planning for a sense of meaning and purpose in the next phase of your life.

## Ent Statistics

as of August 31, 2024



**Assets:** \$9,997,417,030

**Shares:** \$8,480,355,794

**Loans:** \$8,433,288,833

**Members:** 544,681

Current stats, visit [Ent.com/Profile](https://ent.com/Profile)



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