Although the new “normal” in 2021 continues to require us to restrict our activities to protect ourselves and our communities, Mabuhay remains committed to providing community outreach while keeping our Members safe.

Over the last several months, we launched several initiatives, including our Spotlight TV Platinum Sponsorship, honoring our essential workers through #MabuhayHeroes, and our Mabuhay Community Corner vlog and podcast.

In addition, we also recently:

- Collaborated with local Filipino community organizations to honor the healthcare workers at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center with popular Filipino dishes
- Made another donation toward the homeless and at-risk students at Los Angeles Harbor College through our #NikkeiCares and #MabuhayCares program
- Hosted a Financial Literacy Workshop at the Asian Pacific American Student Success (APASS) program of LAHC.

As a result of all of these ongoing community service campaigns, we are incredibly proud and grateful to be honored with the #Star64 recognition by Assembly Member Mike A. Gipson for the positive impact of what we are doing in California’s 64th Assembly District.

Our credit union loves to help make our Members’ dreams a reality. We are proud to offer low rates, great terms, and refinancing for both homes and vehicles.

Along with vehicle loans, our CarScouts auto buying service provides Members with free no-contact delivery. Additionally, our home loans include fixed and adjustable-rate loans, as well as financing for second homes and investment properties with up to four units.*

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**Employee Spotlight**

Say hello to this quarter's Employee Spotlight, Kaualani from our Nikkei office. Her friendly smile lights up the office the moment you meet her. She has been part of the Nikkei family for about two years now but has an extensive history in the credit union world. She has been a strong advocate in helping our Members achieve their financial goals and in advancing prosperity in our communities.

Here are some fun facts to get to know her a bit more:

**What separates Nikkei from other financial institutions?**

Nikkei has a homey feeling to it. We love our Members and getting to know them more each day feels like they are more than just a Member, they become part of our family.

**If you could have any superhero power, what would it be?**

I would like to have Avatar-Aang’s powers because he controls all of the elements; Earth, Fire, Wind, and Water. Also because he’s a peaceful character.

**How many states or countries have you been to?**

Between states and countries, I have visited 9 different places. My favorite place I have visited has been Western Samoa. It’s so beautiful there.

**What is your favorite music genre?**

I can usually be found listening to some ‘80s and ‘90s jams. Ask me what my favorite song is next time you see me.

**Things to know about**

Your home may be one of your biggest investments and refinancing it can be a great way to help you save money. There are a few things that you should know and consider about refinancing to help you decide if refinancing now is right for you.

**Things you should know:**

- All home refinance require home equity, which means that your home is worth more than the balance of your existing loan.

- Along with the opportunity to get a lower loan rate, refinancing can allow you to change your loan program (e.g., a 5-year adjustable-rate mortgage to a 30-year fixed) for long-term stability.

- Cash-out refinancing means using your home’s equity to increase your loan amount so that cash can be taken out to use for debt consolidation, home improvements, and more.

Visit [www.nikkiecu.org/blog](http://www.nikkiecu.org/blog) to read ‘Things You Should Know About Refinancing Your Home’ and a wide-range of other articles.

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