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The Conversations That Move Credit Unions Forward

Look back at the connections, partnerships, and ideas that defined Fintech Connect

Small by design, big on impact. That philosophy has defined Fintech Connect since its inception and continues to set it apart. Rather than creating just another industry conference, the event is intentionally designed to foster meaningful conversations, build trusted relationships, and connect credit union leaders with fintech innovators who understand their mission and the evolving needs of their members.

In her latest blog, CCUA Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Melissa Pomeroy reflects on what made this year's Fintech Connect especially impactful. From the Cyber Showcase and Quick Connect networking sessions to real-world case studies and collaborative discussions, she shares how the event continues to grow while staying true to its purpose of creating opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and practical solutions.

As we look back on another successful Fintech Connect, let's explore how the event has evolved, why meaningful partnerships matter, and how the conversations sparked in Nashua are shaping the future of the credit union movement.

[Read Melissa's full blog](#) to discover why Fintech Connect continues to be one of CCUA's most impactful events.

[Read the Full Blog by Melissa Pomeroy, CCUA's EVP & COO](#)



By the Numbers: Fintech Connect Success

This year's Fintech Connect brought together about 150 attendees, including representatives from 30 credit unions, for a full day dedicated to innovation, collaboration, and practical fintech solutions. From thought-provoking sessions and real-world case studies to Quick Connect meetings and



the Fifth Annual Cyber Showcase, the conference created opportunities for credit union leaders to explore emerging tech with confidence. Hosted by the CCUA, the Association of Vermont Credit Unions, and the New York Credit Union Association, the event highlighted the value of collaboration in advancing the future of financial services.

Fintech Connect Snapshot:

- 150+ attendees from across the Northeast
- 30 credit unions represented
- 5 emerging fintechs competed in the Fifth Annual Cyber Showcase
- Dozens of one-on-one Quick Connect meetings between credit unions and fintech leaders
- 3 credit union associations collaborating to bring the event to life
- 1 shared goal: discovering innovative solutions that strengthen member service and drive growth



Consumer Research 2026: American Reality vs. the American Dream

Based on TruStage's consumer research surveying nearly 9,000 Americans, the findings offer valuable insight into the financial priorities, challenges, and expectations shaping consumers. The research reveals that long-term financial security, freedom from debt, and supporting family have become the new markers of success, while rising costs strain household finances. As digital expectations continue to grow, consumers—especially younger generations—are increasingly turning to fintech tools alongside their primary financial institution, making seamless digital experiences more important than ever. For credit unions, the findings underscore the need to pair personalized service with innovative technology and financial wellness resources to meet members where they are.



[Read the full report from the Fintech Connect Title Sponsor, TruStage](#)



Duome Wins the Fifth Annual Cyber Showcase

Live audience voting at Fintech Connect recognized Duome's innovative solution to help make homeownership more attainable

The Fifth Annual Cyber Showcase once again brought innovation to the forefront at Fintech Connect, where five fintech companies showcased solutions designed to help credit unions better serve their members and strengthen operations. Hosted and **sponsored by Silvr**, this year's competition featured presentations from: AiVantage, Casap, Confer Lending, Saris AI, and Duome, with attendees casting live votes to select the winner.

After an impressive round of presentations, Duome earned this year's top honor for its innovative approach to expanding access to homeownership. While only one company took home the title, each competitor introduced fresh ideas and emerging technologies that sparked thoughtful conversations and demonstrated the growing impact fintech partnerships can have across the credit union movement.

The Cyber Showcase has become a signature Fintech Connect experience, offering credit union leaders an early look at innovative solutions while giving fintech companies a unique opportunity to connect directly with industry decision-makers. Read the full story to learn more about each competitor and Duome's award-winning solution.

[Read the full news release](#) on Duome capturing the Cyber Cup and the fifth annual Showcase.





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