# 2024 Annual Report





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# **Our Values**



Transformation

modern technologies reflects our dedication to delivering exceptional service and meeting members' evolving needs.

## A letter from our Chief Executive Officer

As we reflect on the past year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you—our valued members and dedicated employees. Your trust and support have been the foundation of our continued success. Together, we've achieved significant milestones that reinforce our role as a trusted financial partner. I am proud to share that, for the 6th consecutive year, Webster First has been named Best Credit Union and Best Financial Planning Services by The Official Community's Choice Awards. Additionally, Newsweek recognized us as one of the Best Regional Credit Unions, and Bauer Financial has rated us 5-stars every quarter for our strong financial performance. These accolades reinforce our commitment to upholding and living our brand values.

This year has also been a period of growth and innovation. We introduced new initiatives and enhanced services designed to meet your evolving financial needs and ensure a seamless member experience. These advancements include a new, streamlined application process, which we launched with the goal of empowering you to achieve your financial aspirations. Our focus remains on delivering exceptional service, fostering financial well-being, and strengthening the bond we share within this community. Your stories of success and satisfaction inspire us to strive for continued excellence.

Looking to 2025, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Whether you're planning, saving, or simply dreaming, Webster First is here as your partner, every step of the way. Thank you for your trust, dedication, and contributions. Together, we will accomplish even more. On behalf of the Webster First family, I wish you and your loved ones a prosperous, fulfilling year ahead. Here's to continued collaboration, success, and growth.

Happy New Year!

John H. Thomasio

John H. Thomasian President and Chief Executive Officer



# A letter from our Board Chair

I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our valued members and the exceptional dedication of our employees that has brought us another successful year. This year marked a significant chapter in our history with the appointment of John Thomasian as our new President/CEO in May. John's leadership has exemplified a clear vision for innovation and growth while maintaining the values that have defined Webster First Federal Credit Union for decades. To our members, thank you for your trust and loyalty. To our employees, your hard work and commitment to delivering unparalleled service continue to be the foundation of our success.

Looking ahead, 2025 holds exciting opportunities for us as an organization. Our primary focus will be on enhancing the member experience, expanding our digital service offerings, and strengthening our community partnerships. These initiatives are driven by our commitment to staying at the forefront of what matters most to you. Together, with John's guidance and the passion of our staff, we are building a future that prioritizes innovation, collaboration, and inclusive growth for all.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. We look forward to continuing this incredible journey with you in 2025 and beyond. Thank you for being an integral part of the Webster First family.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Daoust Chairman of the Board





### We merged with Cambridge Teachers Federal Credit Union

Expanding our branch network in the Boston area.





# **Community Involvement**



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Saugus Police Thanksgiving Baskets Donation



**Douglas Police & Fire** Toy and Food Drive Donation Over \$185 thousand in sponsorships, community events, and business development.

At Webster First, we believe in the power of community. By supporting local events and organizations through donations and sponsorships, we help make our neighborhoods not just places to live, but places to thrive. Our commitment goes beyond financial contributions—it's about creating opportunities, supporting those in need, and fostering connections that strengthen the fabric of our communities. Together, we're building brighter futures and ensuring our local areas remain vibrant, welcoming, and full of possibility.

# Financials

### **Statement of Conditions**

	12/31/2024	12/31/2023
Assets		
Cash & Investments	\$238,750,322	\$271,258,817
Loans, net	\$1,128,372,382	\$1,121,134,238
Property & Equipment	\$21,817,419	\$22,328,650
Other Assets	\$54,547,219	\$55,137,409
TOTAL	\$1,443,487,342	\$1,469,859,11
Liabilities & Equity		
Liabilities & Equity		
Member Deposits	\$1,001,775,228	<mark>\$1,016,12</mark> 7,197
	\$1,001,775,228 \$180,000,000	\$1,016,127,197 \$200,000,000
Member Deposits		
Member Deposits Borrowings	\$180,000,000	<mark>\$200,000</mark> ,000

# Awards



Newsweek's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions



Winner: Best Credit Union, Best Financial Planning Services - The Official Communities Choice Awards



Rated 5-stars by Bauer Financial





90%

of members were satisfied with the banking services they received at Webster First.\*

3 out of 4 members would recommend Webster First to friends and family for their next account, loan, or mortgage.\*

\*Data collected from 1,035 respondents of the Webster First Membership Experience Survey conducted in October 2024.

### **Employee Excellence Awards**

During Webster First's annual holiday celebration, employees were formally recognized for their dedication, innovative contributions, and exceptional service to members.



### Innovation Award Michelle Costello

Innovation shows that we are forward-thinking and that we are invested in our employees, members, and community. This award celebrates a team member who has presented creative ideas to save resources and create efficiencies in our operations. This person has made significant positive changes to processes, products or services to elevate the credit union.

### Leading from the Front Award Daniel Pavone

This award recognizes a rising leader who has consistently demonstrated leadership potential and the ability to inspire others to achieve their best. This employee has made an impact on the team and helped to foster collaboration amongst their peers.





### **Community Champion Award Jennifer Gosselin**

This award recognizes a team member who goes above and beyond to positively impact their community. This employee gives their time, talents, and resources to the members of their community and proudly represents the credit union brand and our commitment to New England Authenticity.

### **Employee Excellence Awards**



### President's Award for Outstanding Performance Bryan Regele

This award recognizes a credit union leader who has consistently exceeded expectations and achieved remarkable results in the performance of their functions. The recipient has demonstrated a high degree of initiative and dependability all year and displays a true commitment to the credit union's mission.

### Excellence in Action Award Webster Branch

This award recognizes a branch that has demonstrated excellent service to members throughout the year. We believe that exceptional service is at the core of who we are and what we do here at the credit union. This branch received the most positive reviews from members.



# **Board of Directors**



**Christopher Daoust** 



Gary Luksha



Karen Hubacz



**Dan Fales** 



Lee Phillips



**Daniel Durgin** 

Al Letendre



**Michael Lussier** 



**Rhonda Bachrach** 



**Ted Katsiroubas** 



**Paul Richard** 

# Leadership



### John Thomasian President & Chief Executive Officer



Robert Keith Chief Operations Officer



John Cournoyer Chief Marketing Officer



Kerri Kane Chief Financial Officer/ VP of Finance



Jim Breviglieri Chief Information Officer



Talat Mufti Chief Lending Officer/ SVP of Lending



Kelly Wakefield Assistant to President

### **Subsidiary Presidents**



Kathleen O'Sullivan WebFirst Insurance, LLC



Andrea Viera Dealer First Lending Solutions



James O'Brien WebFirst Mortgage & Title

# **Senior Management**



Bryan Regele VP of Commercial Lending



Joseph Borghetti VP of Business Intelligence



Colleen Carney VP of Risk and Revenue



**David Russo** VP of Electronic Services



Tucker O'Brien VP Commercial Loan Portfolio Manager



Felicia Dieppa VP of Loan Center



Robert McCann VP Commercial Lending Metro Boston Region



**Deirdre Festa** VP of Branch Administration Boston Region



Jeffrey Cubberly VP of Consumer Lending



Erin Jansky Director of Human Resources



**Tami Germain** VP of Branch Administration Worcester Region



Michael Langlois



Stacy MacIntyre VP of Compliance

# Insurance Agency Web First Insurance, LLC

When it comes to purchasing insurance, you have a lot of options. Our experienced team at WebFirst Insurance, LLC will discuss your needs and budget to help determine the right policy for you. They work with a variety of carriers, meaning they can search their network to get you the right coverage at the right price. Webster First members can receive insurance discounts by taking out a policy with our agents at WebFirst Insurance.



#### 2023 Finalist:

Best Insurance Agency of Central Mass The Official Community's Choice Awards



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Best Insurance Agency of Central Mass The Official Community's Choice Awards





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Auburn

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### Cambridge

(617) 492-3212 20 Felton Street Cambridge, MA 02138

**Charlton** (508) 671-5175 29 Trolley Crossing Road Charlton, MA 01507

### Douglas

(508) 671-5150 282 Main Street Douglas, MA 01516

### Dudley

(508) 671-5155 216 Airport Road Dudley, MA 01571

### Fitchburg

(508) 671-5096 65 North Street Fitchburg, MA 01420

### **Hopkinton** (508) 671-5185 22 South Street

22 South Street Hopkinton, MA 01748

### **Saugus** (508) 671-5169 509 Main Street Saugus, MA 01906

Spencer (508) 671-5100 118 West Main Street Spencer, MA 01562

Webster (508) 671-5199 41 East Main Street Webster, MA 01570

### West Boylston

(508) 671-5160 149 West Boylston Street West Boylston, MA 01583

### Whitinsville

(508) 671-5165 1298 Providence Road Whitinsville, MA 01588

### Winthrop

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### Worcester

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