



John has worked for Unitus for over seven years as an MRO, Mortgage Relationship Officer, and, during that time, has serviced the Mall 205 Branch (closed in 2023 and now Cascade Station Branch), as well as currently servicing the Gresham Branch. John began his mortgage career in 2005 as a Credit/Home Buying Loan Counselor for a local non-profit and was recruited as a loan officer in 2006 and has continued this path for the past 18 years. Throughout this career journey, he has delivered bilingual credit/mortgage education workshops and forged community partnerships with Hacienda CDC (Non-profit Homebuyer resource), Relevant Building Company (Shipping Container Homes), FHDC – Farmworker Housing Development Corporation, Consulate of Mexico and DevNW Land Lease partnership as a preferred Lender. John continues to look for opportunities to expand his partnerships to strengthen his ties to the community and support local businesses.

John also works with a multitude of realtor partners, both English and Spanish speakers, and works in home buying classes that teach members or potential members how to improve or establish credit to prepare for their homeownership journey, educate First-time Homebuyers about the Unitus ITIN and no-money down loan programs to walk with his members through the homebuying process.

John continuously looks for ways to provide information and education through the mortgage products and services to both realtor and mortgage partners, more specifically members of the Latino Community that benefit from receiving information in Spanish. An example of this service would be partnering with other community contacts with the Title Company and local Realtors to educate First-Time Homebuyers about the Unitus ITIN mortgage product held at the local Library in Hillsboro or Farmworker Housing Development in Woodburn.

In 2023, John became a member of the Unitus Multiculturally UNITED Employee Resource Group and enjoys meeting and participating and helping to plan events throughout the year. The mission of Multiculturally UNITED is to have multicultural employees and allies recommend multicultural opportunities, build relationships, and provide peer support to enhance Unitus' culture and workplace.