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## **EECU and Madera County Superintendent Honor County's Top Educators**

FRESNO, Calif. (Sept. 26, 2025) – Educational Employees Credit Union (EECU) and the Madera County Superintendent of Schools proudly honored the county's top school employee, administrator, and teacher at the 2025 Excellence in Education Awards ceremony on September 25.

Since 2007, EECU has partnered with the superintendent to host the annual event, recognizing educators who inspire students and strengthen the community. This long-standing tradition highlights EECU's commitment to supporting those who make a difference in the lives of students and families throughout Madera County.

Elizabeth J. Dooley, EECU president and CEO, presented awards to recognize the outstanding honorees, who were nominated by their peers from Madera County's nine school districts.

"For nearly two decades, we've partnered with the Madera County Superintendent of Schools to honor the dedicated individuals who teach, lead, and support students every day," Dooley said. "Their dedication leaves a lasting mark on our community and we're proud to celebrate their hard work."

The 2025 Madera County Excellence in Education Award honorees are:

- **School Employee of the Year** – Danielle Willeke, Special Day Class Instructional Assistant, Chowchilla Elementary School District
- **Administrator of the Year** – Kristin McKenna, Director of College and Career Readiness, Madera Unified School District
- **Teacher of the Year** – Kristin Sheehan, Agricultural Instructor and FFA Advisor, Madera South High School

The Excellence in Education Awards remain a cherished tradition in Madera County, shining a spotlight on the outstanding individuals who shape the future of local students. The celebration is one of six annual county events proudly sponsored by EECU to recognize and support exemplary educators and school staff. For more information about the partnership or awards, please visit [myEECU.org](https://myEECU.org).

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