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## **EECU and Merced County Office of Education Celebrate Excellence in Education**

FRESNO, Calif. (Oct. 3, 2025) – Educational Employees Credit Union (EECU) proudly joined the Merced County Office of Education to celebrate the outstanding achievements of local educators at the Merced County Excellence in Education Awards ceremony on October 2.

The annual event shines a spotlight on the dedication and impact of those who go above and beyond to inspire students, strengthen schools, and enrich the community. Since 2006, EECU has partnered with the Merced County Office of Education to honor the county's top school employee, administrator, and teacher of the year.

EECU President and CEO Elizabeth J. Dooley joined the Merced County Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Laura Andrews to honor the recipients at the Merced Theatre. All of the honorees were nominated by their peers from Merced County's 20 school districts.

"The Excellence in Education Awards honor the extraordinary individuals who dedicate their time, energy, and passion to helping students succeed," Dooley said. "At EECU, we're grateful to partner with the Merced County Office of Education in celebrating their achievements and recognizing the difference they make for families across the county."

The 2025 Merced County Excellence in Education Award recipients are:

- **Employee of the Year** – Nancy de Los Reyes, Principal Secretary, Weaver Union School District
- **Administrator of the Year** – Ana Boyenga, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Atwater Elementary School District
- **Teacher of the Year** – Lilia Pulido Fernández, Fifth Grade Dual Language Immersion Teacher, Delhi Unified School District

The Merced County Excellence in Education Awards ceremony 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, visit [myEECU.org](https://myEECU.org).

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