

SchoolsFirst FCU’s Kristin Crellin Named 2026 CSUF Vision & Visionaries Distinguished Alumna

TUSTIN, Calif. (March 5, 2026) – Kristin Crellin, senior vice president of community and Membership development at [SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union](#), has been named a [2026 Vision & Visionaries Cal State Fullerton \(CSUF\) Distinguished Alumni](#), the university’s highest honor recognizing alumni and community leaders for their professional achievement and service. Crellin was honored Feb. 28 at CSUF’s Vision & Visionaries ceremony.

In her 36th year with the Credit Union, Crellin has built a career focused on supporting California’s educational community. She leads school and community relations, business development and membership initiatives and has been instrumental in advancing innovative products and services that directly support educators and school employees.

Crellin also serves as president of the [Education Foundation for California Schools](#), the Credit Union’s nonprofit organization she helped establish to support education programs throughout California.

“We say that we’re building the future for those that build the future,” Crellin shared. “I enjoy working with the educational community every day to see how we can support them and make their lives easier so they can focus on what matters most – their students, their classrooms and the communities they inspire.”

Crellin’s path to leadership began at SchoolsFirst FCU in a part-time role as secretary to the president. She went on to serve in multiple positions across the organization, including coordinating ATM placements throughout the community, an experience that sparked her passion for community engagement.

Crellin continues to give back as an active alumna at both the campus and CSU system levels. She serves on the CSUF Philanthropic Board of Governors and is chair of the CSU Foundation Board of Governors. She has also served as president of the CSUF Alumni Association and has represented CSUF on the CSU Alumni Council.

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SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union serving school employees and their families, and for the seventh year in a row, Forbes has named SchoolsFirst FCU the top credit union in California. The organization is dedicated to delivering World-Class Personal Service and improving the financial lives of its Members. In J.D. Power’s 2025 inaugural U.S. Credit Union Satisfaction Study, its Members ranked them #1 for overall satisfaction. Today they serve more than 1.5 million Members with a full range of financial products and services. SchoolsFirst FCU was founded in

1934, when 126 school employees pooled \$1,200 and established a Member-owned cooperative to help improve each other's lives. The Credit Union has more than \$35 billion in assets and remains the largest credit union in California and the third largest credit union in the United States. For more information about SchoolsFirst FCU, visit schoolsfirstfcu.org.

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Left to right: Ronald Rochon, president of California State University, Fullerton; Kristin Crellin, senior vice president of community and membership development at SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and 2026 Vision & Visionaries Distinguished Alumna; and Jose Lara, president of SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, at the university's Vision & Visionaries ceremony on Feb. 28 honoring Crellin with its highest alumni recognition.

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