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#### **OCCU recognized with four awards**

**Eugene, Oregon –** OCCU has been honored with four awards for exceptional workplace culture, community engagement and sustainability.

OCCU was given the Bold Steps Award by the City of Eugene for its work with nonprofits, generous volunteer time benefit for employees and efforts to reduce its impact on the environment.

OCCU received Culture of the Year from Kudos Inc., an international corporation specializing in employee recognition and rewards. Kudos singled out OCCU for its use of rewards and gratitude to enhance employees’ engagement and well-being.

That collaboration of OCCU and Kudos Inc. was subsequently recognized by the Brendan Hall Group, a leading professional development company. OCCU and Kudos were honored for creating a culture of recognition that has led to high staff retention and satisfaction.

OCCU’s workplace also was recognized by the GoWest Credit Union Association. The trade organization representing credit unions across five states awarded OCCU its Employee Experience Award for the credit union’s internal professional development and employee wellness efforts.

“Each of these incredible honors represents loads of intentional day-to-day work on the part of our exceptional staff and leadership,” said Kirsten Simmons, OCCU’s senior vice president of people development. “It is humbling to be recognized by our peers and community, and we’re grateful for the opportunity to showcase some of the programs that make OCCU special.”

“We strive to be a great place to work with low turnover and strong, positive relationships with the communities we serve,” Simmons added.

**About OCCU**

OCCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative with more than $3.4 billion in assets. The credit union was founded in Eugene, OR, in 1956, and has an expanding network of branches and web tools to provide its more than 260,000 member-owners with a full suite of financial services. Membership is open to anyone living or working in 28 Oregon counties or anywhere in Washington. Learn more at [MyOCCU.org](https://myoccu.org/).

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