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**SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union Recognized for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

*Orange County Business Journal report spotlights Orange County companies that champion DEI*

**Tustin, Calif. (July 23, 2024)** – [SchoolsFirst Federal](https://www.schoolsfirstfcu.org/gateway/schoolsfirstfcu/home) Credit Union, the largest credit union in California and the largest in the country serving school employees and their families, today announced that the Credit Union has been recognized by the Orange County Business Journal for its ongoing efforts and commitment to create a diverse, inclusive and equitable work environment. In a special report on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), the Business Journal included SchoolsFirst FCU among the companies in Orange County that are leading the way in championing the principles of DEI.

The Orange County Business Journal report recognizes companies in Orange County that champion the underrepresented groups in the community by mirroring the communities they serve, encouraging innovative thinking and increasing team member attraction, retention and satisfaction.

“It is a true honor to receive this recognition,” said Bill Cheney, chief executive officer at SchoolsFirst FCU. “It highlights the progress we have made as a Credit Union to celebrate our differences and create spaces for inclusivity and belonging. We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment that allows us to tap into the full potential of our diverse workforce, drive innovation and create long-term value for the organization, providing opportunities to better serve our diverse Membership.”

This recognition highlights SchoolsFirst FCU’s ongoing efforts and dedication to create a more inclusive and accepting work environment and is a testament of their team’s willingness to welcome diversity, celebrate differences and create spaces to learn from one another. Some of the key initiatives include conducting an annual team engagement survey, celebrating cultural holidays and events, and highlighting awareness months. Additionally, the Credit Union hosts town halls and educational panels to amplify diverse voices and experiences amongst the team, promoting an environment where all team members can thrive as their authentic selves.

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About SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union in the U.S. serving school employees, and once again Forbes has named SchoolsFirst FCU the top credit union in California. Serving school employees and their families, the organization is dedicated to delivering World-Class Personal Service and improving the financial lives of its Members. Today they serve more than 1.4 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. In 2024, the Credit Union reported more than $30 billion in assets and remains the largest credit union in California. For more information about SchoolsFirst FCU, visit schoolsfirstfcu.org.

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