**SchoolsFirst FCU Honors School Employees in Recognition Events Throughout California**

**Tustin, Calif. (July 29, 2025)** – [SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union](https://www.schoolsfirstfcu.org/gateway/schoolsfirstfcu/home), the largest credit union serving school employees and their families, recently recognized 30 school employees, representing various categories of non-certified, non-management employees across four California counties. Nine of these school employees were also named 2025 Classified Employee of the Year by the [California Department of Education](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/cl/awardees2025.asp).

“It’s a privilege to recognize the contributions of classified school employees for their dedication and leadership in their schools and communities,” said Josh Smith, vice president, school and community relations for SchoolsFirst FCU. “Classified employees are vital to ensuring daily education operations run smoothly and are often unsung heroes behind the scenes providing administrative, technical and operational support for the students and teachers.”

In Sacramento, SchoolsFirst FCU sponsored the [2025 Sacramento County Classified School Employees of the Year](https://www.scoe.net/news/library/2025/06/30river_cats_county_eoy/) program, where nine classified employes were recognized by SchoolsFirst FCU at the June 29 Sacramento River Cats Triple-A Baseball game.

For the first time, SchoolsFirst FCU celebrated employees in Imperial County, recognizing three individuals as [2025 Imperial County Classified School Employees of the Year](https://www.icoe.org/news/imperial-county-classified-school-employees-year). Nine individuals were awarded the [2025 Orange County Classified School Employees of the Year](https://newsroom.ocde.us/get-to-know-the-2025-orange-county-classified-school-employees-of-the-year/) and eight were named the [2025 San Bernardino County Classified School Employees of the Year](https://www.sbcss.net/news).

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About SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union serving school employees, and for the seventh year in a row, 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. In J.D. Power’s 2025 inaugural U.S. Credit Union Satisfaction Study, its Members ranked them #1 for overall satisfaction. Today they serve nearly 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 nearly $34 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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