

ECSpotlight

CEO INSIGHT

At ECS Federal Credit Union, our commitment to the education community drives everything we do. We are proud to continue our High School Graduate Scholarship and to introduce a new Professional Development Scholarship for classified school employees seeking to grow their skills and advance their careers.

Financial education always remains a priority for us. Programs like Bite of Reality allow us to bring interactive simulations to your schools, supporting teachers in their financial education curriculum and giving students hands-on experience with real-world money management. Continuing as a resource and partner to our schools, we also recently welcomed two senior classes from Mount Miguel High School for an interactive field trip that taught students about the various roles and career opportunities within a credit union.

These efforts reflect our commitment to building strong and lasting relationships within the education community. We are always listening and open to ideas about how we can better serve you, whether that means expanding services, introducing new financial tools, or creating more opportunities for financial education.

Looking ahead, our team remains focused on innovation, thoughtful growth, and providing the compassionate, knowledgeable service **You** deserve.

Matt Lyons
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Find the **hidden orange letters** in this newsletter to spell out the **SECRET PHRASE!**

Scan the QR code to submit the **SECRET PHRASE** and enter the giveaway! One winner will be drawn each month until the next edition.



HINT: Just like students progress over time, your savings can too.

**2025
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BEST IN FINANCIAL SERVICES & BUSINESS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Upcoming Events

TEDXKIDS EL CAJON

📅 Saturday, May 30, 2026 ⌚ 9am - 3pm
📍 Greenfield Middle School, 1495 Greenfield Dr, El Cajon, CA 92020

Be part of **TEDxKidsElCajon**, where local students take the stage to share their "ideas worth spreading."

Get involved:

- ◆ **Champion:** Support a student speaker as they develop and practice their talk.
- ◆ **Event Volunteer:** Help with event-day roles like welcoming guests and assisting with logistics.



Visit tedxkidselcajon.com to learn more and register.

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Have good news, shoutouts, or stories from your school or district? Submit them for a chance to be featured!



35th Annual Ethics in Business

This year's **Ethics in Business**, held at El Cajon Valley High School, brought together students and community leaders for a powerful day of learning and discussion. Hosted by the San Diego Regional East County Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Grossmont Union High School District, the event welcomed 117 students from 12 campuses, GUHSD and ECVHS staff and volunteers, and 22 community members facilitating group conversations about real-world ethical dilemmas in the workplace. As a proud annual sponsor, ECS is honored to support this important experience that helps prepare young adults to think critically, lead with integrity, and navigate ethical decisions in their future careers.



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Granite Hills Students Get a Bite of Reality

ECS was honored to bring Bite of Reality to Granite Hills High School during their Community Event. This interactive, app-based financial simulation gives high school students hands-on, real-world money management experience. Through the simulation, students stepped into the adult world: having to manage a monthly budget, make decisions about housing, transportation, food, and other expenses, while learning firsthand how financial choices impact their future. The activity provided a fun, engaging way for students to build practical financial skills and explore the realities of independent living.

Want to bring Bite of Reality to your school or district? Email us at marketing@eastcountyschools.org

ECS \$1,000 Scholarships

Scan the QR code or visit EastCountySchools.org/Scholarships

Thomas H. Gould & Paul R. Marsh 



High school seniors graduating in spring 2026 and enrolling full-time at an accredited college or university this fall are invited to apply for one of two \$1,000 scholarships. To be eligible, the student must be an ECS member or have an immediate family member who is.



Applications Due: April 24

Steven A. Devan Classified Employee Professional Development 

This **NEW** ECS scholarship supports the growth and advancement of the essential staff who help schools run every day. Through this scholarship, eligible classified employees can apply for up to \$1,000 to pursue professional learning opportunities such as college courses, certifications, conferences, workshops, mentoring, or other career-enhancing programs. Whether reimbursing a recently completed program or helping fund an upcoming opportunity, the scholarship is designed to remove financial barriers and empower school employees to continue learning, growing, and strengthening the communities they serve.

Applications Due: April 30

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25, 2026

Juneteenth National Freedom Day
Friday, June 19, 2026

Independence Day (Observed)
Friday, July 3, 2026



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