

ECSpotlight

CEO INSIGHT

As we close out another school year, I am filled with gratitude for the educators, administrators, and classified staff who show up every single day for the students of our community. This spring, ECS Federal Credit Union had the privilege of celebrating alongside many of you, from end-of-year appreciation events and district celebrations to awards ceremonies and raffle donations that we hope brought a little extra joy to the season. Supporting the people who support our schools is not just something we do, it is the heart of everything ECS stands for.

In the spirit of celebration and appreciation, we also marked a significant milestone close to home: ECS is celebrating 70 years of serving the education community! Seven decades of partnerships, of showing up, and of growing alongside the school employees and families of San Diego County. That kind of legacy is only possible because of the trust you place in us, and we do not take that lightly. And to our own ECS team, whose dedication, care, and commitment to our members make every one of these moments possible: thank you. I am proud to work alongside each of you.

To our education workers, you have earned this break. Recharge, spend time with those you love, and know that your community is grateful for you.

Here's to a joyful, restful summer, and to many more years of doing this together!

Matt Lyons
President & Chief Executive Officer

WIN
A GIFT
CARD!

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: Good times and good finances go hand in hand.

Upcoming Events

TEACHER SUPPLY DRIVE

📅 Saturday, August 29, 2026

📍 ECS Branch: 1069 Graves Avenue, Suite 100, El Cajon, CA 92021

Stock up for the new school year — for **FREE!** Gather supplies for your classroom, enjoy some bites, **WIN AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES**, and explore resources from our vendors and partners!

Supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. For ECS members only. Not a member yet? No problem! Apply anytime beforehand or in-person on event day.



Register here or visit eastcountyschools.org/events for more

TEACHER CLASSROOM LOAN

Need more supplies? We can help.

- Up to \$500
- 0% APR*
- 10-month repayment
- \$50 minimum payment

Text
"CLASSROOM" to
618-588-1515 to
apply!

*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Membership required. Subject to approval. Limit one loan per academic year.

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August 2026
National **Make-A-Will** Month
Members **Save 20%**

Plus, join The Estate Planning 101 Webinar on Wed., August 12th at 7pm ET

[Get Started](#)



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Adventure Awaits on the 2027 Educator Tours!

We're thrilled to announce two incredible destinations for the 2027 Educator Tours, the annual organized travel program hosted by the San Diego Regional East County Chamber of Commerce and proudly sponsored by ECS.

Choose Your Adventure:

☀️ **Sunny Portugal** | July 4–13, 2027

🍁 **Eastern Canada** | July 30–August 7, 2027



These custom-designed trips deliver unforgettable travel experiences tailored for the education community, but everyone is welcome to join!



Whether you're an active or retired school employee, a family member, a friend, or just someone looking for an amazing experience, we hope you'll travel with us next year! Stay tuned for itinerary details, pricing, and registration information!

Fill out this interest form to be the first to know about itinerary and price!



ECS Proudly Sponsors TEDxKidsElCajon 2026

This spring, ECS was honored to serve as a sponsor of **TEDxKidsElCajon** — the only independently organized TED youth event in the United States, held right here in our backyard. This year's theme, **Bridges: Linking Ideas, Building Unity**, couldn't have been a more fitting reflection of what ECS believes in: the power of connection, collaboration, and investing in the next generation. Denise Cuellar, VP of Business Development at ECS, served on the steering committee and joined ECS employees and Supervisory Committee member, Jim Custeau, as speaker mentors, walking alongside student speakers on their journey to the stage. Over 100 school leaders from across California attended to witness these remarkable young speakers and bring fresh ideas back to their own communities. We extend our deepest gratitude to Jenn Petraglia, TEDxKidsElCajon organizer, whose tireless dedication makes this event possible year after year, and to David Miyashiro, Cajon Valley Union School District Superintendent, for building a program that reminds us all what's possible when we invest in student agency. It is a privilege to help support the bridges being built right here at home.

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



Congratulations to Our Scholarship Recipients!

Thomas H. Gould & Paul R. Marsh
High School Scholarship Winners



Meshach Klingforth
Monte Vista
High School



Trent Brooks
Steele Canyon
High School

Steven A. Devan Classified
Employee Professional
Development Scholarship Winners

Alberto Hernandez
La Mesa-Spring Valley Schools

Jacqueline Cardenas
Lemon Grove School District

Ariela Shetler
Cajon Valley Union School District

The next Professional Development Scholarship application window will be in **October 2026**. Scan the QR code to learn more and be ready to apply!



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Independence Day (Observed)
Friday, July 3, 2026

Labor Day
Monday, September 7, 2026

ECS is here to support local high schoolers with financial education through the **Bite of Reality** simulation. Email us at marketing@ecsfcu.org to schedule for the next school year!



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