



## INSIGHT

### A Few Words From Our CEO

As we step into summer, I want to take a moment to reflect on another remarkable year of dedication and service by our school district employees in service of their students. At East County Schools Federal Credit Union (ECSFCU), we are honored to advocate for those who advocate for our kids – Classified, Certificated, and Administrative employees alike.

While many of you are wrapping up the academic year, ready to trade lesson plans and school bells for well-earned rest and quality time with loved ones, nearly 70 of you will be embarking on the 17th annual Educator Tours. This summer, we're hosting two exciting journeys – one to Prague, Vienna & Budapest, and the other to Costa Rica. These tours are always a highlight, offering an opportunity to share in culture, camaraderie, and the spirit of lifelong learning that so deeply defines our membership.

Since our last newsletter, we bid a warm farewell to our Chief Financial Officer, Robert Nolan, who retired after 20 years of service to the credit union. Rob was a consistent and shining example of just how personal our mission really is. Every initiative, every interaction, every handshake and smile is built around people – not profit. That's the ECSFCU difference.

To all of our Education Heroes: thank you. Thank you for your perseverance, your compassion, and your commitment to the students and families of our community. Rest, recharge, and enjoy the break you've so deeply earned.

I hope to "C U" soon.

Steven A. Devan  
President & Chief Executive Officer

## NEWS: East County Schools FCU Welcomes Rick Huerta as CFO!



East County Schools Federal Credit Union (ECSFCU) is excited to welcome Rick Huerta as our new Chief Financial Officer. A proud native San Diegan, Rick brings over 26 years of financial institution experience and a passion for serving our local education community. His vision is to take ECSFCU to new heights while honoring the strong foundation built by those before him.

*"To our loyal members and those newly joining us – thank you. Your feedback, trust, and involvement shape who we are. ECSFCU is built by you, for you, and your voice truly matters. If you're not yet a member, we invite you to experience the difference. Come see how we stand apart with personalized service and solutions tailored to our educational community. We'd love for you to be part of the ECSFCU family."* – Rick Huerta

## ECSFCU Members Get Exclusive Discounts with Fun Express!

We've partnered with Fun Express to bring you and your family access to over 30,000 deals, including 200+ in Southern California alone!

Enjoy special savings on top attractions like **Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland, SeaWorld, Legoland, Belmont Park**, city tours, dinner shows, water parks, and much more!



Scan the QR code and start planning your next adventure!



## Fraud & Cybersecurity Tips Stay Safe This Summer!

Planning a getaway? Before you pack your bags, check out our latest blog: **"Summer Cybersecurity Tips to Keep Your Vacation Safe and Stress-Free."**

From avoiding public Wi-Fi to protecting your financial info while traveling, we've got you covered with simple, smart advice.



Scan the QR code to read the blog!



## ECSFCU Proudly Supports TEDxKids@ElCajon

ECSFCU was proud to sponsor and support TEDxKids@ElCajon on Saturday, May 17 at Greenfield Middle School. It was a truly inspiring event that brought together over 1,650 attendees, including more than 550 Cajon Valley students, for a day filled with creativity, courage, and connection.

This year's theme, *Level Up*, was more than a slogan – it was a movement. With 24 powerful student TEDx talks ranging from 2nd graders to high schoolers, 19 unforgettable stage performances, and 12 hands-on experiences in the Pixel Playground, the event was a vibrant celebration of young voices, talent, and innovation.

TEDxKids@ElCajon isn't just about the incredible students who take the stage to share their ideas, it's also about the 150+ students who participate in TED-Ed Clubs throughout the year, developing the confidence and skills to shape and share their voices. Behind every student talk is a network of caring adults who make it possible, and we want to give a heartfelt shoutout to the TEDxKids team, TED-Ed site leads, speaker coaches, and community speaker mentors. Your passion, time, and guidance are helping shape the next generation of thinkers and leaders.

ECSFCU was honored to play a part behind the scenes, helping provide breakfasts and lunches for the committee and volunteers before, during, and after the event. We also sponsored custom branded sweatshirts for the committee, supported overtime pay for district staff and bus drivers working the event, and even pitched in with event setup. While the spotlight shines on stage, we recognize the incredible effort happening year-round to make an event of this scale possible – and we're proud to contribute in any way we can.

At ECSFCU, supporting education goes beyond finances – it's about investing in the people and possibilities that shape our future. Thank you for letting us be part of this journey. ***Let's keep leveling up, together.***

## Unlock Your 2026 Summer Savings Potential: Enroll Today!

Say goodbye to summer paycheck gaps and hello to peace of mind. Designed with 9-, 10-, and 11-month school employees in mind, our Summer Savings account helps you enjoy your summer – stress-free.

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- **Earn More:** Grow your savings with a competitive **4.00% APY\*** – start with just \$5!

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- **Financial Confidence:** Plan ahead and stay on budget
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## Congratulations to Our \$1,000 Scholarship Winners

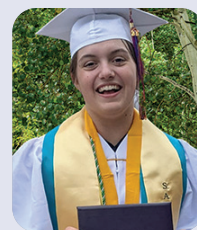
ECSFCU awarded \$1,000 each to the following Thomas H. Gould/Paul R. Marsh Scholarship recipients for their outstanding character, merit, and campus and community activities.

**Charlotte Lourey**  
of Valhalla High School  
will be attending UCLA



**Zyanya Alarcon-Khorram**  
of El Capitan High School  
will be attending SDSU

**Helen Groff**  
of Santana High School  
will be attending UC Berkeley



## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**Independence Day**  
Friday, July 4, 2025

**Labor Day**  
Monday, September 1, 2025



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