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**California Credit Union and Los Angeles Unified School District
Announce 2019 “Rookie of the Year” Teacher Awards**

Glendale, CA – September 4, 2019 – California Credit Union, in partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), recently honored 18 LAUSD teachers through its annual Rookie of the Year program. California Credit Union, which has served the education community with premier financial services for more than eight decades, created the Rookie of the Year program in 2015 to recognize first year teachers within the greater Los Angeles community.

The 2019 Rookie of the Year teachers were selected based on a number of factors, including effectiveness in preparing and delivering instruction, providing a positive classroom climate with strong routines and procedures, adopting a dynamic and engaging teaching style, and showing high levels of professionalism.

“We are proud to honor each of the 2019 LAUSD *Rookies of the Year* for a wonderful start to their new career in education,” said California Credit Union CEO Steve O’Connell. “We all know the life-long influence a special teacher can have in our lives. We applaud the commitment and passion of these new educators, and want to thank each of these inspiring new teachers for their dedication to their students and schools.”

Representing elementary, middle and high schools throughout the greater Los Angeles area, the LAUSD 2019 Rookies of the Year are:

Winner	School	City
Yanela Alvarez	Angeles Mesa Elementary	Los Angeles
Aviva Alvarez-Zakson	Hamilton High School	Los Angeles
Alma Bautista	Hazeltine Elementary School	Van Nuys
Carmen Cullen Gomez	Leichman Career Preparatory and Transition Center	Reseda
Emmanuelle Enos	Limerick Elementary School	Winnetka
Maria Figueroa	Carlos Santana Arts Academy	North Hills
Alejandro Flores	Murchison St. Elementary School	Los Angeles
Garrett Follmuth	Robert Fulton College Preparatory School	Van Nuys
Andrea Gonzalez	Christopher Dena Elementary School	Los Angeles
Ereka Gordon	Ambler Avenue Elementary School	Carson
Brian Learn	Early College Academy @ LATTC	Los Angeles
Kiersten Newquist	Melrose Avenue Elementary School	Los Angeles
Michael Ng	King Drew Magnet High School	Los Angeles
Stephanie Orozco	South East High School	South Gate
Jihyun Park	UCLA Community Elementary School @ RFK	Los Angeles
Desirae Ramirez	Carnegie Middle School	Carson
Maribel Rubio	Haddon Elementary STEAM Magnet	Pacoima
John Walker	Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School	Los Angeles

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"Thank you to all of our Rookies of the Year," Los Angeles Unified Superintendent Austin Beutner said. "We hope our amazing honorees will be with us for many years to come."

On August 11th, California Credit Union hosted this year's winners, as well as LAUSD representatives, school principals and guests, at Dodger Stadium. The Rookies of the Year were then recognized during a private ceremony in the Emirates Lounge.

California Credit Union created the Rookie of the Year program in partnership with LAUSD to acknowledge first-year teachers who have shown exemplary commitment to education. Teachers are nominated by school administrators, and winners are selected by a LAUSD committee and a credit union representative. Since the program began in 2015, California Credit Union has recognized 95 LAUSD teachers as a Rookie of the Year.

About California Credit Union

California Credit Union is a federally insured, state chartered credit union founded in 1933 that serves public or private school employees, community members and businesses across California. With more than 165,000 members and assets of \$3 billion, California Credit Union has 24 branches throughout Los Angeles and San Diego counties. The credit union operates in San Diego County as North Island Credit Union, a division of California Credit Union. California Credit Union offers a full suite of consumer, business and investment products and services, including comprehensive consumer checking and loan options, personalized financial planning, business banking, and leading-edge online and mobile banking. Please visit ccu.com for more information, or follow the credit union on Instagram® or Facebook® @CaliforniaCreditUnion.

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California Credit Union and Los Angeles Unified School District celebrate "Rookie Teacher of the Year" Award winners at Dodger Stadium August 11, 2019. California Credit Union, which has served the education community with premier financial services for more than eight decades, created the Rookie of the Year program in 2015 to recognize first year teachers within the greater Los Angeles community.