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**California Credit Union and Los Angeles Unified School District
Announce 2022 “Rookie of the Year” Teacher Awards**

Los Angeles, CA – July 13, 2022 – California Credit Union, in partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), recently honored 17 first-year District teachers through its annual Rookie of the Year program. California Credit Union, which has served the education community with premier financial services for 90 years, created the Rookie of the Year program in 2015 to recognize exceptional new LAUSD teachers within the greater Los Angeles community.

California Credit Union CEO Steve O’Connell said, “We are proud to honor each of the 2022 LAUSD *Rookies of the Year* for a wonderful start to their new career in education. 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.”

“Teachers play an integral role in the academic outcomes of our students,” Los Angeles Unified Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho said. “We are incredibly impressed by the service, insights and performance of our 17 Rookies of the Year, each who has provided outstanding academic support during their first year in the classroom as a teacher. Thank you to each of our honorees!”

Representing elementary, middle and high schools throughout the greater Los Angeles area, the 2022 Rookies of the Year are:

2022 Winner	School
Stacey Amezcuca	Gerald A. Lawson STEAM Academy
Victoria Andal	Bushnell Way Elementary School
Nestor Avelar	Liggett Street Elementary School
Stephanie Bartolo	Esteban Torres HS Social Justice Leadership Academy Magnet
Jennifer Camacho	Hollenbeck Middle School
Lizette De Santos	Liberty Blvd. Elementary School
Isabella Fritch	Susan Miller Dorsey Senior High School
Berenice A Galvan Ramirez	Miguel Contreras LC - Business and Tourism
Erik Garcia	Alexander Fleming Middle School
Jacqueline Gongora	Cantara Street Elementary School/VAPA Magnet
Jennifer Isbell	Panorama High School
Kimberly Kircher	Sun Valley Magnet: Engineering Technology
Jasmin Martinez	Gulf Avenue Elementary School
Tamara Morozov	Palisades Charter Elementary School
Alyssa Newman	Calabash Charter Academy
Martha Estrella Novoa	Amestoy Elementary School
Melissa Ruano	Ranchito Ave. Elementary School

The Rookie of the Year winners were recognized during a ceremony at Dodger Stadium on July 1st, which included the teachers and their guests, as well as California Credit Union and Los Angeles Unified School District officials.



California Credit Union and Los Angeles Unified School District celebrate 2022 “Rookie Teacher of the Year” Award winners at Dodger Stadium on July 1, 2022. California Credit Union, which has served the education community with premier financial services for 90 years, created the Rookie of the Year program with LAUSD in 2015 to recognize first year teachers within the greater Los Angeles community.

The winning 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.

California Credit Union created the Rookie of the Year program in partnership with LAUSD to acknowledge first-year District teachers who have shown exemplary commitment to education. Teachers are nominated by school administrators, and winners are selected by a LAUSD committee. Since the program began in 2015, California Credit Union has recognized 147 LAUSD teachers as a Rookie of the Year.

About California Credit Union

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