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**California Credit Union Foundation and Los Angeles Unified School District
Award 2024 “Rookie of the Year” Teacher Awards**

Award Program Celebrates 10 Years of Exceptional New LAUSD Teachers

Los Angeles, CA – August 28, 2024 – California Credit Union Foundation, in partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), recently honored 16 first-year District teachers through its 10th annual Rookie of the Year program. California Credit Union created the Rookie of the Year program in the 2014/2015 school year to recognize exceptional new LAUSD teachers within the greater Los Angeles community.

“California Credit Union Foundation is proud to honor each of the 2024 Rookies of the Year for the significant impact they have made as they begin their career with LAUSD,” said California Credit Union Foundation President Marvel Ford. “Recognizing and supporting the life-changing impact educators have on their students is an important aspect of the Foundation’s purpose, and we have the greatest respect for the commitment and passion of these new teachers. We want to thank 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 2024 Rookies of the Year are:

2024 Winner	School
Sophie Anam	Carlos Santana Arts Academy
Haley Burgess	Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. Middle School
Trinity Caballero	John B. Monlux Elementary
Chloe Campbell	Northridge Academy High School
Christina Chiranian	Sylmar Charter High School
Peter Choi	West Adams Preparatory High School
Alejandro Rodriguez Corona	Orchard 2C Global Studies & Technology Academy
Tylyn Fields	107th St Elementary School
Anissa Hoveyda	Peary Middle School
Thomas Kato	Paul Revere Charter Middle School
Joel Kim	Virgil Middle School
Naila Mayers	Ascot Avenue Elementary School
Raechelle Poquiz	Dodson Middle School
Nubia Rodriguez	Hollenbeck Middle School
Sophia Rowen	Vladovic Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy
Charles Styrbicki	Venice High School

“Congratulations to the next class of Los Angeles Unified Rookie of the Year teachers who are 16 incredible first-year educators,” Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho said. “Your profound dedication and commitment to excellence will undoubtedly inspire students to reach beyond limits and foster a passion for lifelong learning. We’re excited to see the lasting impact you’ll continue to have and are grateful for your amazing contributions.”



California Credit Union Foundation and Los Angeles Unified School District celebrate 2024 “Rookie Teacher of the Year” Award winners at Dodger Stadium on August 25. California Credit Union, which has served the education community with premier financial services for over 90 years, created the Rookie of the Year program with LAUSD in 2015 to recognize first year teachers within the greater Los Angeles community. Pictured are (center) Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Alberto Carvalho and Board Member Scott M. Schmerelson, District 3, with the 2024 Rookies of the Year .

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 180 LAUSD teachers as a Rookie of the Year and contributed more than \$200,000 towards the program.

About California Credit Union Foundation

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