

#### NEWS OF INTEREST WITH OUR MEMBERS IN MIND

Spring 2023

## INSIGHT

A Few Words From Our CEO

Following up on my last message pertaining to the Vision Planning Meeting we conducted in October 2022 that

included 15 local educators in leadership positions representing all East County school employees, I wanted to update you on our progress from that meeting.

We received more than 65 separate ideas for how we can better serve our member-owners in the days and years ahead. Most of the suggestions centered on digital banking and out-of-thebox enhancements to our impressive array of innovative school employee-centric products and services.

We immediately formed a Vision Planning Committee to sort through every single idea in order to consolidate and prioritize them all.

Several of the suggestions have already been implemented and many others are being worked on and scheduled to be implemented this year.



Our deep and valued relationship we have with all of our East County School Districts continues to help us to stay on the leading edge of service to all East County school employees.

"Advocating for those that advocate for our kids" is not just a slogan, but a way of life here at East County Schools Federal Credit Union.

I hope to "C U" soon,

Steven A. Devan President & Chief Executive Officer

# Maximize your CSESAP

(Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program) Without Losing 10% of your Paycheck!

You may already know that eligible classified employees participating in this California Department of Education (CDE) program may withhold up to 10% from their monthly paychecks and have it matched dollar for dollar next summer. You may NOT know that if you also participate in our CSESAP Line of **Credit** that you won't have to give up 10% of your pay, in order to get the CDE match next Summer!



Visit EastCountySchools.org/CSESAP or call (619-588-1515) to find out how you can participate and all the details!

#### **Get Your Solar Loan from ECSFCU**

Save on energy bills and add equity to your home. See how much you can save — finance new solar equipment and installation, or refinance your existing solar equipment. Our solar loans are available for Owner Occupied and Non-Owner Occupied properties. Call (619) 588-1515 for more information.

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EastCountySchools.org/solar

#### **Digital Payment Options with ECSFCU**

We want to make payments hassle-free for our members. Add your ECS debit or Platinum Visa credit card to your mobile device, smartwatch or Fitbit for a safe and ultra-convenient solution!

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#### Person to Person (P2P) Payments

Every day ECS members use apps like Venmo and Cash App to send money to friends and make purchases. Link your ECS checking account or debit card for easy transfers.

When you receive money, you can keep it in your Venmo or Cash App balance, or transfer it to your ECS account, where it is NCUA insured. ECSFCU does not charge for using Venmo or Cash App. You may also receive transfers from others through Zelle to vour ECS accounts.



## Exclusive Member Discounts -JUST FOR YOU!

We are happy to bring you member discounts on tax prep solutions this tax season! ECS members can **save up to \$15 on TurboTax** federal products when you scan the QR code below.

**New H&R Block clients save \$25** on in-office tax prep services and returning clients get the Tax Identity Shield® add-on for FREE (\$35 value).

Scan the QR code to get your discounts or visit https://taxservices.lovemycreditunion.org today for offer details and disclaimers!



### Our 2022 Annual Report is Now Available

View and download your copy online at: EastCountySchools.org/Annual-Report

#### TruStage<sup>™</sup> Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Benefit

AD&D Insurance pays a cash benefit in the event of a covered accidental death or if an accident causes specific permanent injuries. East County Schools FCU members have the opportunity to receive \$2,000 basic coverage as a benefit of your credit union membership. Enrolling in no-cost coverage takes just a few minutes. Your acceptance is guaranteed.

Visit EastCountySchools.org/ADD to enroll.

## Thomas H. Gould / Paul R. Marsh \$1,000 Scholarships Available

High school seniors who are graduating in 2023 from any high school district and will be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college or university this fall are eligible to apply for one of two \$1,000 scholarships. Students who are not ECSFCU primary account holders are eligible to apply if a parent, grandparent, or immediate family member is an ECSFCU member. Good luck!

#### Apply online at EastCountySchools.org/Scholarships

HURRY! Applications Due April 28th,

2023

#### Introducing our Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee

Our 2023-24 volunteer Board of Directors are ECSFCU members who are responsible for the general direction and control of the credit union. **Following our February Annual Meeting, our Board includes:** Paul Schnaubelt, Chairman; Dr. Leo Smith, Vice-Chair; Scott Buxbaum, Treasurer; Natalie Ray, Secretary; and directors Rachel Kenny; Dr. Randy Montesanto and our newest director Ken Leighton.

The 2023-24 volunteer Supervisory Committee are ECSFCU members who meet to ensure that the credit union's financial records are in order and that internal controls are in place to protect the assets of the credit union. They are appointed annually by the Board of Directors.

#### The committee for 2023-24 are:

Ken Leighton, Chair, and members Alba Orr, Dr. Randy Montesanto, Grant Nelson and David Yeager.



#### **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Memorial Day Monday May 29, 2023 Juneteenth

Monday, June 19, 2023 Independence Day Tuesday, July 4, 2023



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