



## **For Immediate Release**

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### *Horizon Credit Union receives Award of Excellence from the Moses Lake School District*

MOSES LAKE, WA—Horizon Credit Union (HCU) was honored with an Award of Excellence at the Moses Lake School District's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence Awards Celebration. The event is held every year to recognize people who work or volunteer in the school district.

HCU's Basin Regional Manager, Juanita Richards, said the event was really impressive. "The school district really celebrates the successes of their employees, and it was an honor to be recognized along with so many outstanding individuals."

HCU was nominated by Moses Lake High School (MLHS) teachers, Kristy Swartz and Lonny Brown. In their nomination form, Swartz and Lonny wrote that Horizon Credit Union has been a partner of MLHS's financial literacy class for two years.

Swartz and Brown elaborated on the partnership saying, "...Our students receive one-on-one attention... HCU employees explain to them the consequences of their financial actions and provide support to help them make responsible, mature, and sometimes challenging financial decisions. HCU is truly excellent, in both the work they do as a credit union and as a supporter of financial education at MLHS."

As a financial education partner, HCU provides student workbooks and teacher materials, free of cost, to MLHS. Additionally, HCU opens their branch doors to students by hosting several financial field trips each semester. Some HCU employees also go to the classroom to present on various financial topics.

Richards said, "It's exceptional to work with the students, help them understand the financial world, and give them the confidence to walk into a financial institution."

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### **About Horizon Credit Union**

Horizon Credit Union is a leading financial cooperative with an extensive branch network spanning from Northern Idaho to Central Washington. The credit union has been serving members since 1947 when it started as Kaiser Employees Federal Credit Union in Spokane, WA. From its humble beginnings as a single branch serving the needs of Kaiser employees, the credit union has now grown to 16 branches and over 35,000 members. Horizon aims to provide the most secure, opportune and innovative financial services to members. For additional information on Horizon call 1-800-852-5316 or visit [www.hzcu.org](http://www.hzcu.org).

**Pictured below—Regional Branch Manager, Juanita Richards with Horizon’s Excellence Award from the Moses Lake School District**

