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## Gulf Coast Educators FCU Awards 2022 Appreciated Teachers



Pictured above: Our Appreciated Teacher Award winner Mrs. Brandi Perry, receiving her award. From left to right: Jamieson Mackay, Gabriel Perry, Brandi Perry, Joseph Ditta, Angeles Lopez, Kyle Ford and Kristin Moffitt.

Pasadena, TX: On May 16, 2022, Gulf Coast Educators FCU announced the finalists and grand prize winner of their annual Appreciated Teacher Awards. Since 2012 the credit union has used this recognition program to highlight the exceptional work that dedicated teachers do for their students, schools, and communities. Since the credit union's statewide expansion, they continued to make this year's Appreciated Teachers Awards bigger and better than previous years.

At the commence of the program, only educators within Harris, Galveston, and Brazoria counties were eligible to win. Each recipient was given a \$100 honorarium and their school was given a \$100 donation. The credit union decided to follow last year's decision to select five finalists, and let the public decide which of those should be awarded the "2022 Appreciated Teacher of the Year" title. The finalist with the most votes received a \$2,500 grand prize and the remaining four finalists each received a \$500 honorarium. The Appreciated Teacher of the Year finalists for 2022 are listed below:

Brandi Perry- Westwood Elementary School, Friendswood ISD  
Teresa Black- Baytown Junior High, Goose Creek ISD  
Jacob Miller- Southside Elementary School, Cleveland ISD  
Victoria Way- Jordan High School, Katy ISD  
Lauren Palos- Stuchberry Elementary School, Pasadena ISD

A committee composed of credit union employees read through the nominations received and narrowed it down to the five finalists. The finalists were then displayed on their website during Teacher Appreciation Week and their voting period became available for the public to choose their top favorite. In total, the credit union received 3,055 votes. Mrs. Brandi Perry received the most votes, winning with a grand total of 1,086, making her Gulf Coast Educators FCU's 2022 Appreciated Teacher of the Year.

About Gulf Coast Educators FCU: In 1948, eleven Pasadena ISD educators got together and formed what today remains a credit union dedicated to serving the financial needs of school employees in the state of Texas. The credit union offers its member-owners a full line of banking services, but through a cooperative ownership structure. To learn more about the credit union, visit [www.gcefcu.org](http://www.gcefcu.org).

