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Gulf Coast Educators FCU Awards 2023 Appreciated Teachers



Pictured above: Our Appreciated Teacher Award winner Mrs. Ashley Miller, receiving her award. From left to right: Joe Saavedra, Michelle Leblue, Townsley Tatebianpour, Linda Lukaszewski, Ashley Miller, Tammie Hinton, DeeAnn Powell and Caylee Smith.

Pasadena, TX: On May 22, 2023, 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.

The credit union decided this year to select five finalists, and let the public decide which of those should be awarded the "2023 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 2023 are listed below:

Ashley Miller- Red Bluff Elementary School, Pasadena ISD
Aaron Boudreaux- Bailey Middle School, Spring ISD
Adriana Sanchez- Bel Nafegar Sanchez Elementary School, Alvin ISD
Kristie Sparks- H.M. Carroll Elementary School, Sheldon ISD
Ashley Henderson- Edaward "E.F." Green Junior School, Goose Creek CISD

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 2,307 votes. Mrs. Ashley Miller received the most votes, winning with a grand total of 898, making her Gulf Coast Educators FCU's 2023 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.

