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MEMBER PROFILE

Member Spotlight:

Linda Herrera

*University of California,
Santa Barbara Student*



When Linda Herrera thinks about the path that led her to the University of California, Santa Barbara, she can trace part of it back to a moment in elementary school.

A Visalia native and Redwood High School graduate, Linda attended Houston Elementary School where she remembers a guest speaker visiting their classroom to talk about college. As a first-generation college student, it was one of the first times she began to imagine what higher education could look like for her.

(Cont. inside—Linda Herrera)

PRODUCT/SERVICE PROFILE

Celebrate and Save This Summer

We're celebrating our nation's independence with special rates on Share and IRA Certificates July 4 – 31, 2026. Open a Freedom Certificate today and enjoy the stability of a fixed rate and the predictability of a guaranteed return, with the flexibility to choose the term that works best for you.

FREEDOM CERTIFICATE SPECIALS

Type	Term	APY*
Share Certificate	9 months	3.85%
Share or IRA Certificate	18 months	4.00%

To open a certificate, call our Member Service Center at 1-800-538-3328 or visit any EECU branch. You may also complete the Share Certificate Request Form in online banking and the mobile app; requests are processed in two business days.

*APY = Annual Percentage Yield. Certificate must be opened between 7/4/2026 - 7/31/2026. Penalty for early withdrawal; fees may reduce earnings. Minimum balance to open and earn the stated APY is \$500. EECU membership required. Insured by NCUA

Bulletin Board



Holiday Hours

In observance of the following holidays, we will be closed:

Independence Day –

Fourth of July

Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

Normal business hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

Labor Day – Monday, September 7

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 8.



Homeownership Within Reach

Owning a home may be closer than you think. EECU is offering mortgage loan options with lower down payment requirements, making it easier for members to take the first step toward homeownership.

For many homebuyers, especially first-time buyers, saving for a large down payment can be one of the biggest obstacles. Our lower down payment options help reduce that barrier, allowing qualified borrowers to move forward sooner with less money upfront.

Whether you're buying your first home, upgrading to a new one, or refinancing, EECU offers competitive rates, personalized service, and local mortgage experts who can help guide you through the process.

Talk with an EECU mortgage loan specialist today to learn how our affordable home loan options can help make your homeownership goals a reality.

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A Special Thank You to Our Members

EECU hosted Member Appreciation Days June 15 to 18 at all 22 of our physical branch locations, bringing members and employees together for four days of fun, food, and gratitude.

Throughout the week, members enjoyed complimentary food truck lunches or sweet treats as a small thank you for their loyalty and support.

The event provided an opportunity to connect with members, share conversations, and celebrate the people who make EECU such a special community.

Member Appreciation Days remain one of our favorite traditions and a reminder that our members are at the heart of everything we do.



Welcome New Members

We are proud to now offer membership to employees of Camarena Health.

Expanding our field of membership allows us to provide our affordable products and services to even more people and contributes to our overall continued growth and success.

Welcome to our new members, we look forward to serving you!



Clovis West Branch Celebrates 10 Years

EECU is proud to celebrate 10 years of serving members and preparing students for their futures at our Clovis West branch.

Opened in 2016, the branch is a unique partnership with Clovis Unified School District and operates as a full-service, student-run branch on the Clovis West High School campus.

Students participating in the Clovis Unified Business and Finance CTE Pathway gain hands-on banking experience working alongside EECU employees at the branch, while developing valuable financial knowledge and professional skills that help prepare them for future careers.

Over the past decade, the branch has provided real-world learning opportunities for hundreds of students while continuing to serve members and the community.

We thank our members, student financial services representatives, and employees for helping make the Clovis West branch a success over the last 10 years.



Linda Herrera (Cont. from Cover)

Today, Linda is a rising junior at UCSB studying Environmental Studies. She is also a two-time recipient of EECU's Student Grant, which she said has helped relieve financial stress and given her more freedom to pursue the hands-on learning opportunities that are shaping her future.

"I am extremely grateful and honored to be a two-time recipient of the EECU grant," Linda said. "This support has made a meaningful difference in both my academic journey and personal growth."

Linda's passion for the environment began to grow during high school, when she volunteered as a camp counselor for the Clemmie Gill School of Science and Conservation, participated in sustainability activities through Green Club, and took part in Inspiring Girls Expeditions: Girls on Ice Alaska. That trip, she said, was especially formative. It was her first time traveling by plane and she flew to Alaska on her own to join a team of students, scientists, and guides for a glacier expedition.

Looking back, Linda said the experience helped her step outside her comfort zone and gave her confidence to pursue new opportunities.

"It gave me the confidence and self-efficacy that I needed," she said. "Coming back from that trip, I became more interested in science, the environment, and nature."

At UCSB, Linda has continued to follow that curiosity. She is involved with Off

the Grid as a general officer and serves as an Acts2Fellowship student leader. She also works with the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration, where she contributes to restoration efforts at the Ellwood Butterfly Grove in Goleta.

The grove is a migratory site for monarch butterflies and Linda helps with projects, such as native planting, hand weeding, site maintenance, and habitat restoration. She said the work has shown her how environmental restoration can protect wildlife, reduce wildfire risk, and improve public spaces for the community.

"What makes these opportunities particularly meaningful is the sense of collective effort," Linda said. "Working alongside students, staff, and community volunteers has shown me how collaboration can create lasting, positive change."

Linda has also volunteered with Your Children's Trees, where she's learning about planting and caring for trees, including coast live oaks, and helped with science nights for local elementary students. Through these experiences, she has been able to share environmental education with younger students while deepening her own understanding of restoration work.

Her service work has also taken her beyond California. This year, Linda traveled to Pasaco, Guatemala, with her Acts2Fellowship group for a Filter of Hope mission trip. The group partnered with local organizations to distribute water filters to families and demonstrate how to use and maintain them.

Linda said the trip gave her a greater understanding of the needs that exist

in the world and reminded her how important simple acts of service can be.

"It was a reminder of how small actions, when done collectively, can make a real difference in people's daily lives," she said.

As she continues her studies, Linda is especially interested in restoration, sustainable farming, soil science, and conservation planning. Growing up in the Central Valley, she said her interest in agriculture and food systems feels especially close to home.

This summer, Linda will spend 10 weeks in Colorado through the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, where she will participate in beaver dam research. She hopes the experience will help her continue exploring the research side of environmental studies.

While Linda is still discovering the exact career path she wants to follow, she hopes to one day work as a restoration consultant or manager, helping communities create healthier, more sustainable spaces.

"The impact I would want to leave is leaving a community in better shape than I found it," Linda said. "I hope I can be a good educator to other people, but also someone who is continually learning."

As she continues exploring her future in environmental studies, Linda said the EECU Student Grant has helped give her the flexibility and confidence to fully invest in her education and experiences.

"Personally, receiving this grant has also boosted my confidence and motivation," she said. "It feels encouraging to know that others believe in my potential and are willing to invest in my future."

Congratulations to our Student Grant Recipients

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 EECU Student Grant Program. Each recipient will receive \$2,000 to be used toward college education expenses.

Our Student Grant Program started in 2003 and to date we have awarded more than \$2 million in grants to students who are pursuing higher education.

We congratulate this year's 50 grant recipients and wish them continued success in their field of study. Applications for the 2027 grant program will be available in October.



2026 Member Grant Recipients

Shaelyn Adams
Sophia Alcalá
Ashley Alleman
Amber Barboza-Estrada*
Kaimely Bawanan
Sierra Beeman
Trevor Berry
Jauda Bosen
Amrit Chahal*
Hannah Chamberlin
Isabel Cobb
Hannah Contreras*
Micaela Cors
Meagen Drinnon
Amber Francis**
Faith Franklin
Savannah Galindo
Lucero Garcia-Lopez

Ian Hansford
Elizabeth Hernandez*
Lindamarie Herrera*
Ben Johnson
Araya Jones
Ralphyal Kajitani
Farin Martinez*
Daniel Martinez-Rico
Autumn Milburn
Bryce Minturn
Brianna Moya
Ryan Oleksa
Mayra Osornio
Ainsley Parker
Isabella Perez*
Leslie Quitoriano
Rocio Rodriguez-Espino*
Nathan Salazar

Alissa Saldivar
Christian Sanchez
Audrey Steele
Mark Topozian
Abigail Soto Toscano
Noah Tully
Pahoua Vang*
Emmanuel Velasco
Jade Verduzco
Alicia Villalpando
Haidyn Washburn
Serenity Xiong
Victoria Yang
Luke Yoder

**Two-time recipient*

***Three-time recipient*



GOLD – Credit Union
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Voted the Best for 20 Years and Counting

We are honored to share that EECU has been voted Best Credit Union in The Fresno Bee Best of Central California People's Choice Awards for the 20th consecutive year! In addition, EECU earned Gold Awards for Best Auto Loans and Best Home Mortgage.

Thank you for your continued support and for making this milestone possible. We are proud to be your trusted financial partner!



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Fresno Police Warn of Courier Scam

Courier Scam Alert: What Members Need to Know

The Fresno Police Department is warning residents about a courier scam in which fraudsters pose as trusted organizations and send individuals to collect cash, valuables, or financial information from victims.

What it is:

Scammers call, claim your account or money is “at risk,” and ask you to withdraw your funds. The scammers arrange for a courier to pick up your money or ask you to purchase gift cards.

Example:

A scammer calls and identifies themselves as an agent of a federal agency. They claim your bank account is compromised and instruct you to withdraw cash, while giving the impression that they are protecting your funds.

Red Flags:

- Anyone telling you to withdraw cash or gold to “protect it”
- A stranger coming to your home to pick up money
- Pressure to keep the call secret
- Caller ID that looks official, but the story feels urgent or unusual

Remember:

No bank, police department, or government agency will ever send someone to your home to collect money or valuables. Stay safe by hanging up on unsolicited calls and verifying the information directly with your financial institution. Report all suspicious calls to your local law enforcement agency.

Source: Fresno Police Department