

Credit Union to Host Spanish Students

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In an effort to help foreign exchange students learn English, a local company has offered their training room as a classroom.

E-Central Credit Union partnered with Center for Cultural Interchange to host 13 exchange students from Spain this month, all of whom will now be in the Pasadena area due to the generosity of the local business.

"We are excited to accommodate the CCI and their 13 students with a location to assist in their education," E-Central Credit Union President and CEO Mike Theodore said in a released statement. "We enjoy being part of the community and helping when we can."

The 13 students are visiting Southern California from Spain in their effort to learn English. However, they did not have a classroom location to assist with their learning.

Accordingly, E-Central Credit Union stepped up and offered its training room at the company's Fair Oaks location as a classroom. They will have access to the classroom throughout the month of July.

"When we turned to E-Central, we were surprised how accommodating the credit union was," Nerea Urgoiti, area representative for the CCI, added.

The students are a part of the Center for Cultural Exchange Program.

More than 1,000 exchange students participate in CCI study abroad programs here in the United States, spending as little as a few weeks here or living here for an entire 10-month school year. CCI places its students in the home of an American family during the course of their studies.

E-Central Credit Union, established in 1943, offers a full range of financial products and services for consumers and businesses, as well as being an approved SBA lender. E-Central Credit Union has \$175 million in assets, and serves 24,000 members and more than 600 companies in the Los Angeles, Ventura, and Orange counties. It can be found on the web at www.ecentralcu.org.

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