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## **Gabe Navaja named Branch Manager of Inspirus Credit Union's new Lynnwood branch**

LYNNWOOD, WASH. – Inspirus Credit Union announced Gabe Navaja will manage the organization's new Lynnwood branch, located at 3405 188<sup>th</sup> St. S.W., one block southwest of Alderwood Mall.

Navaja is a 22-year Inspirus veteran who has worked in member service and supervisory roles throughout his tenure, most recently as a corporate trainer. He holds a Bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Washington and is a member of the Credit Union National Association Operations, Sales & Service Council. He volunteers at Bothell's Saint Brendan Parish School as a basketball coach.

"We're delighted that Gabe is heading up the new branch," said President Scott Adkins. "He brings tremendous technical and organizational expertise to the position and is respected among his colleagues as a mentor and leader. He also cares deeply about our members, education, and supporting the Lynnwood community, which has been so welcoming to us."

The Lynnwood branch opened in September and celebrated its Grand Opening on Oct. 10 with check presentations (totaling more than \$35,000) to local schools).

Guests can visit the Inspirus Community Wall, a quarterly rotating tribute honoring a local education success story (currently, the [Edmonds School District's Career and Technical Education program](#)).

Since expanding eligibility last year to all Washingtonians who share a passion for education, the credit union (formerly School Employees Credit Union of Washington) has grown significantly and anticipates opening additional branches in 2017.

### **About Inspirus Credit Union**

Founded in 1936 by a Seattle math and journalism teacher, Inspirus serves about 80,000 members across Washington who share a passion for education. With \$1.1 billion in assets, Inspirus operates branches in Seattle, Spokane, and Lynnwood. Its philanthropy model includes education-giveback programs that allow members to direct charitable contributions to schools in their communities. Inspirus employees donate upwards of 1,000 volunteer hours each year in support of education. In addition, Community Education Representatives provide free financial seminars, professional development, and recognition to school employees statewide. For more information, visit [inspirusCU.org](http://inspirusCU.org).

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