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## **Garcia of Veritas Federal Credit Union Awarded Scholarship for Leadership Seminar**

**Del Mar, CA – June 25, 2019** – Michelle Garcia, chair of Veritas Federal Credit Union (Franklin, TN), was selected as the 2019 Norma Benson Memorial Scholarship recipient to attend NACUC’s 2019 Leadership Development Seminar from June 23-25 in Austin, Texas.

Garcia joined Veritas’ board of directors three and a half years ago, and has served as chair for the last two years. As the longest serving member of a relatively “new and young” board, she recognized that being able to attend the Leadership Development Seminar would not only benefit her in her role, but would also benefit the entire board. Garcia commented, “We are a small credit union with a lot of potential to continue to grow. I will share the experiences and lessons learned with the board and supervisory committee in the board meeting, and also in our planning session. I intend to identify a few key lessons and bring this back to our team to discuss and develop our own action plans to improve. I am a firm believer in the value of connecting with others and discussing experiences – real experiences of others – is where the greatest value exists in learning.”

NACUC named the scholarship in honor of the late Norma Benson, past chairperson of Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union. In the 30 years Benson served on the board of the Alaska-based credit union, assets grew from \$18 million to approximately \$250 million. In 2005, she was awarded the prestigious Eugene Ball award for her exemplary leadership efforts. She enjoyed the process of developing new leadership and recognizing individuals for their unique talents.

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