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#### **OCCU recognized as top global work culture innovator**

**Eugene, Oregon – OCCU** is among 32 companies honored in Kudos, Inc.’s, annual Best Culture Awards program.

The award highlights organizations that demonstrate a commitment to creating workplace environments through improving employee recognition, engagement and experience. OCCU was recognized as a “Culture Innovator,” which Kudos, Inc., characterizes as building a strong and supportive culture through creative efforts and outside-the-box strategies to boost engagement, morale and regular recognition.

“This honor from Kudos is proof that our team members are big-hearted, tenacious and humble here at OCCU,” said Russ Kukini of OCCU’s employee engagement team. “At the heart of this award are our incredible team members, and they deserve all the accolades. To see a group of people so passionate about lifting up each other is incredible. This award is because of them.”

Kudos is an internal social platform that encourages team members to recognize each other for living up to company values in their work. Each month, team members are given Kudos “points” which they can message to each other to highlight actions that exemplify exceptional company culture. Employees can then redeem these points for perks like gift cards, time off and charitable donations.

OCCU began using Kudos in August 2021. Since then, more than 43,000 messages have been sent between employees.

The recipient companies were chosen from Kudos’ 1100+ clients worldwide. Alongside OCCU is a diverse array of both large and small international organizations, ranging from Denmark’s Lego Group and South Africa’s telecom giant MTN to the University of Auckland in New Zealand and Kanika Hotels and Resorts in Cyprus.

**About OCCU**

OCCU was founded in 1956 in Eugene, Oregon. Today, as a not-for-profit financial cooperative, OCCU has more than $3 billion in assets and serves more than 250,000 members through digital channels and 12 Oregon branches in Eugene, Junction City, Keizer, Salem, Springfield and Wilsonville. Most members live in Oregon and the state of Washington. Others reside throughout the United States and even abroad, keeping their membership active through online and mobile banking. Learn more at MyOCCU.org.

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