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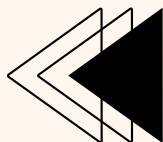
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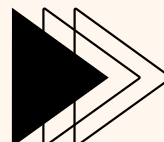
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TUHSD IN THE NEWS

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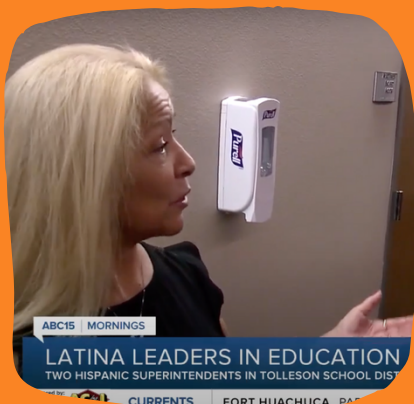
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LATINA LEADERS

As part of this past Hispanic Heritage Month, ABC 15 produced a feature story on Latina leaders in education, featuring Tolleson superintendents Nora Gutierrez and Dr. Lupita Hightower.

The story gives a great rundown of all the struggles that Latinos face regarding education, and even more so in administrative roles. Watch the rest of the interview and segment on ABC 15's YouTube page [here!](#)





ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Tolleson Service Committee held its annual Mickie Diaz/Dr. Charles A. Landis Community Thanksgiving Day dinner (click on previous link for the West Valley View article) which was held at the Tolleson Union High School Cafenadium from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. Many volunteers came together to cook and serve the community where around 1,700 meals were served. Tons of people were in attendance and the event was also featured on Channel 12 news (click on previous link for video). The event was free and was available for anyone in the community who wanted a plate of food.



AND THE EMMY GOES TO...

»»» **THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC -
BEYOND THE GRIDIRON: TOLLESON**



The Arizona Republic secured two Emmys for their Beyond the Gridiron docuseries that featured our Tolleson Union High School Football Team. The annual Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards was held at the Chateau Luxe in Phoenix on Oct. 1 and The Arizona Republic won in the categories of Post-Produced or Edited in episode 6 and Teen Content in episode 4. Congrats to The Arizona Republic and thank you for shining a light on our wonderful Tolleson Union High School football program!



SIERRA LINDA HS MARCHING BAND WINS BIG!



On Saturday, October 8th, the Sierra Linda Marching Band went to Shadow Ridge High School for their first competition of the year. We are happy to announce that the band took first place out of 7 bands at the competition! The band also took 3 out of 5 captions, which are individual awards that represent the highest achievements in each category.

The marching band followed up that performance with an even better one as the Bulldog marching band went to Perry High School for another competition. Sierra Linda took first place out of 7 bands in that one.

On Saturday, November 5th, the marching band traveled to Gilbert High School to compete in the ABODA Marching Band Semifinals competition. Out of 16 of the best bands in their division, Sierra Linda took first place and took two out of five of the individual awards (Outstanding Music Performance and Outstanding General Effect). This means the Sierra Linda High School Marching Band was the top seeded band in their division going into the ABODA Championship on November 19th. In the history of the Tolleson Union High School District, no other marching band has accomplished this feat. The band remains undefeated this year!

On Saturday, November 12th, the Bulldog Marching Band went to the State Marching Festival and got 4th place out of 21 bands.

To end their great competition season in November, the marching band took home gold against 8 of the best bands in the state and in the division. The marching band took first place and got 2 individual awards, Outstanding music and Outstanding percussion! This is the first time ever in the school's history to win these individual awards! The band scored a 77.225, the highest score that has ever been recorded in the school's history!



Great effort and congratulations Bulldogs!

FIGHTING FENTANYL TOGETHER

COMMUNITY FORUM

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Join us for an in-depth discussion about fentanyl and its impact on our community.

November 14, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

**West Point High School Auditorium
11620 W Encanto Blvd, Avondale, AZ**

Join the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, the Avondale Police Department, Community Bridges, and the Tolleson Union High School District for an in-depth discussion about the fentanyl crisis in Maricopa County. Learn from subject matter experts about how we can work together to keep families safe. This event is FREE and open to the public. A bilingual translator will be available for Spanish speakers.

To learn more visit bit.ly/TOLLNOV14 or call 602-506-7057.



On November 14, 2022, the Tolleson Union High School District hosted a discussion event on the fentanyl crisis in Maricopa County. The event took place at West Point High School on November 14th.

Many people learned from subject matter professionals on all things about the drug and how to keep our families safe. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend, and for fighting this together.

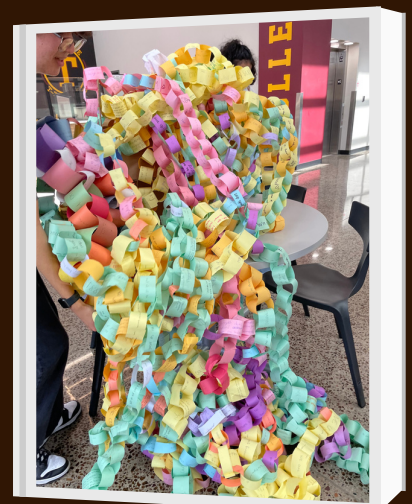
Recently, Tolleson Union High School students participated in the “Chains of Hope” contest, that is hosted every year by Teen Lifeline. Students write positive and uplifting messages on pieces of paper and then create a loop to make a Chain of Hope.



TEEN LIFELINE CHAINS OF HOPE



Together, students from across the Phoenix area made over 18,000 chains to promote hope for their school's community. We are proud to announce that Tolleson Union High School received recognition for having the highest enrollment number and highest percentage of Chains. Congratulations!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MARLINA ROSE



In this month's employee spotlight, we have Marlina Rose, CTE Student Support Analyst for the Tolleson Union High School District.

Ms. Rose started as a receptionist at West Point High School in July 2019 but quickly became the administrative assistant to instruction and registration within the same year. In July 2022, she became the CTE Student Support Analyst and she hopes to grow even more within the district while working toward her master's degree.

"I love working for TUHSD because of my opportunity to learn and grow professionally and individually. The district has inspired me because I am consistently surrounded by professionals who are passionate about their missions for student achievement and creating a culture of community," said Ms. Rose.

Ms. Rose currently resides in Surprise but grew up in St. Cloud, Florida, and has also lived in Utah. She has three children – ages 12, eight, and six.

Ms. Rose is also big on coffee and she mentioned she doesn't get enough sleep and says "coffee is essentially water to me and caffeine is my lifeline." She also takes good care of her health and wellness as she said she enjoys a rigorous hike and mentioned "I love the gym probably a little too much."

Thank you for your time and commitment to TUHSD Ms. Rose. We are lucky to have you!

WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HONORED

On Monday, October 17th, the Avondale City Council honored one of our students at their Council meeting as part of the City's Exceptional Student Awards. Westview Principal Natalie Quiñonez attended the council meeting to honor student Janet Lopez. Janet has an impressive resume of awards and achievements dating back to middle school.



She has received numerous perfect attendance and high GPA awards. She received the Rosa Parks Community Service and Leadership award. As a high school student, and has maintained a 3.52 GPA while balancing her time between National Honor Society duties, yearbook, student government, the anthropology club, the Hispanic Heritage Club, and managing the football and track teams.

Janet plans to attend Northern Arizona University to major in Forensic Psychology and Criminology. Janet is a bright light at Westview High School and deserves to be recognized for her personal achievements and contributions to her school. Congratulations Janet!

TOLLESON PAC RIBBON CUTTING



You're Invited

Tolleson Union High School District Ribbon Cutting Event

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

at Tolleson Union High School

9419 W. Van Buren St., Tolleson, AZ 85389

Superintendent Nora Gutierrez cordially invites you to join school administrators and community partners as we celebrate our commitment to excellence in education.

5-6 p.m.	Tour the impressive new Science building, Media Center, and Performing Arts Center
6:00 p.m.	Celebration with Ribbon Cutting in the Performing Arts Center followed by a special screening of the Emmy award winning docuseries produced by the Arizona Republic called "Beyond the Gridiron: Tolleson". This docuseries followed the 2021 TUHS football team through the football season, highlighting our students, our coaches, and our community.

Parking will be available in the parking lot off of Van Buren Street.

CANVA STORIES

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On November 16, 2022, the Tolleson Union High School District held a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the new performing arts center. The event included tours around some of the new buildings, the performing arts center, and the media center. The celebration was then followed by a special screening of the Emmy award winning docuseries called "Beyond the Gridiron: Tolleson." The Arizona Republic series featured the 2021 Tolleson High football team. Thank you to everyone that came out to support this event!

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