

# From the Office of Superintendent Nora Gutierrez

Updates from the Tolleson Union High School District

This is the newsletter where you can receive the latest information on what is going on in the Tolleson Union High School District

# Tuesday, August 18, 2020

### SAVE THE DATE – TUHSD Staff Professional Development Day

Mark your calendars for September 16, 2020 for our full-day professional development day for staff members. We are currently making preparations to provide a high quality <u>virtual</u> professional development program. The theme this year is "TUHSD Strong: We Are All In This Together".

Check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. A one-hour lunch is built into the schedule.

If you do not have access to a computer, laptop, or smart phone, please notify your supervisor and we will work to accommodate you.

More information will be published soon including times, course offerings, and more!

Tolleson Union High School District STRONG: We're All In This Together!

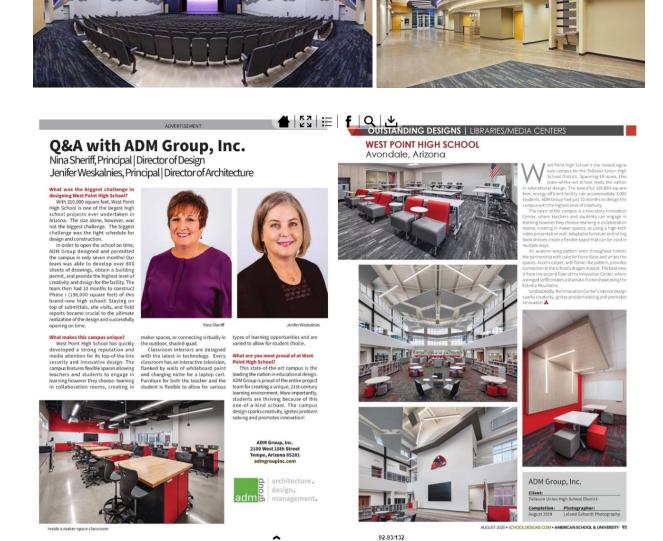


### TUHSD Facilities receive prestigious recognitions

Two of the District's great facilities have been featured as award winners recently.

- 1. The Sierra Linda Performing Arts Center received the <u>"2020 Best Cultural Project" by ENR Southwest.</u>
- 2. The Innovation Center at West Point High School received an award from American School and University for its amazing interior design.

We want to thank the ADM Group for their wonderful designs for these great facilities.



Click on the link below to see the above article:

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#### TUHSD Mentors featured in K-12 Resources

TUHSD teacher mentors, Elizabeth Sgrillo and Jesse Delgado, have both been featured in K-12 resources highlighting mentoring and the impact that mentorship has on teacher retention and student achievement. Ms. Sgrillo said it was a great opportunity to reflect and share their experiences. These are just two of our many TUHSD hidden gems.



Elizabeth Sanchez Sgrillo is a full release mentor and a secondary career and technical education certified teacher in the Tolleson Union High School District. She supports new teachers with less than two years of experience in the district, school, and profession. She began her teaching career for Tolleson Union High School 20 years ago and is in her seventh year of mentoring. Elizabeth is also a high school graduate of Tolleson Union High School.



Jesse Delgado earned an associate degree at Glendale Community College in 2006 and a Bachelor of Arts degree in cross-categorical special education from Arizona State University in 2008. He is dual certified to teach elementary education and K–12 special education. Through his role as a resource teacher and co-teacher, he has kindergarten through 12th grade classroom experience teaching students with disabilities. Currently, he serves in the Tolleson Union High School District as the special education mentor, supporting first- and second-year teachers to accelerate their pedagogical practices while building trusting and positive relationships. In addition to facilitating professional development at TUHSD, Jesse serves on the Arizona K12 Center's Arizona TeacherSolutions® Team and focuses on identifying and breaking down inequitable barriers that challenge both today's and tomorrow's learners.

To see the entire PDF where Ms. Sgrillo and Mr. Delgado are featured, please follow the link: <a href="https://www.azk12.org/homeroom-management/introducing-case-studies-in-mentoring/">https://www.azk12.org/homeroom-management/introducing-case-studies-in-mentoring/</a>

#### Kudos to our student athletes

Congratulations to Cassandra Contreras from Tolleson Union High School as she commits to Central Methodist University's golf team. Good luck Cassandra. We know that you will represent us with pride!



Please check the #TUHSDStrong tab on our website (<u>www.tuhsd.org</u>) for archived versions of our updates. Take care and stay healthy.

