



Do iT With Pride!

Monday, October 6, 2020

- **TUHSD HIDDEN GEMS for August 2020**

TUHSD has grown from a Hidden Gem to a beacon in the West Valley, thanks to our amazing teachers. We all treasure our gems. We keep them in the best condition possible because we are so proud of them. We polish them regularly and love to see them shine. We celebrate our Hidden Gems for Academic Achievement and Doing iT with Pride!

Thank you for going above and beyond and doing your jobs with Pride!



Elisha Grant

Credit Recovery Teacher
Tolleson Union High School



Amanda Conrad

Leadership Teacher
West Point High School

Congratulations!

- **Arizona English Teachers Association Presenters**

On Sept. 19, three of Tolleson's librarians presented at the Arizona English Teachers Association Annual Conference. They discussed a variety of books that teachers can incorporate into their classroom instruction, including suggestions for book pairings of Own Voices modern novels with commonly taught literature. The three District librarians were Lynn Trembly from West Point High School, Nicole Benson from Tolleson Union High School and Courtney Moss from Sierra Linda.

Session 4b (30 minutes): A Face Like Mine: Connecting Classic Literature to Modern YA Books
Your Presenters: Courtney Moss, Lynn Trembly & Nicole Benson
STRAND FOCUS: Reading & Literature

A panel of five high school librarians will discuss the importance of diverse representation in high school libraries through Young Adult literature, with an emphasis on modern YA books that share similar themes and ideas as classic literature commonly taught at the high school level. We will discuss ways to incorporate modern YA books in with teaching classic literature in the classroom. Other topics to be discussed include books on mental health, LGBTQ representation, the importance of #OwnVoices, and the significance of book covers showing "a face like mine."

Meet the presenters

Lynn Trembly
 Librarian, West Point High School,
 Avondale, AZ

Courtney Moss
 Librarian, Sierra Linda High School,
 Phoenix, AZ

Nicole Benson
 Librarian, Tolleson High School,
 Tolleson, AZ



- **West Point Counselors show their spirit**

West Point High School counselors recently showed their spirit by wearing matching shirts. Even though the counselors appear to be next to each other in this photo, it is five separate pictures edited together. It's the counselors way of showing their students that they are there for them (six feet apart), but that Dragons can count on their counselors to be there for them!

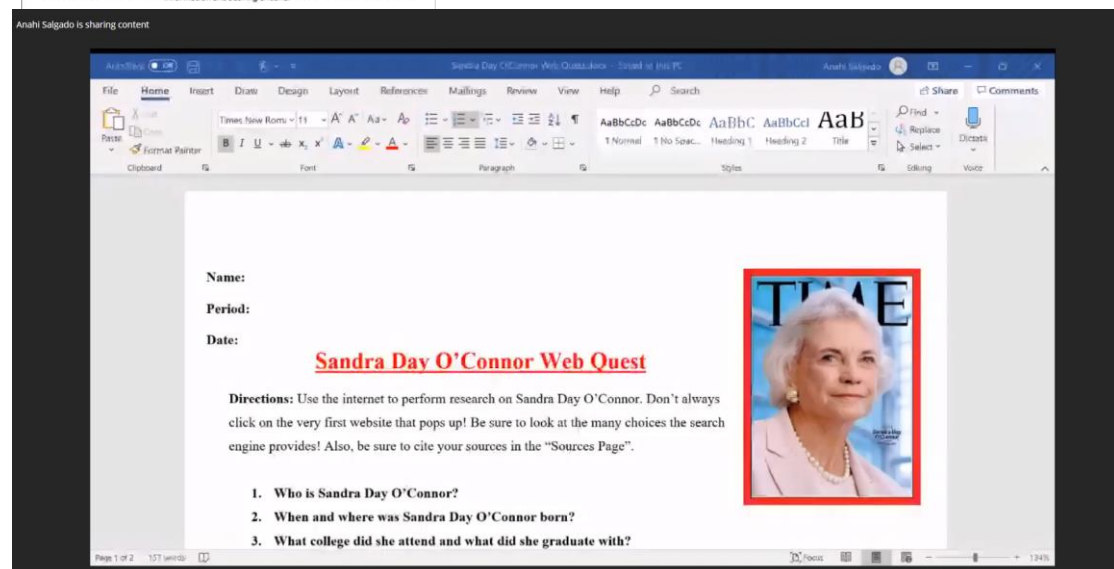
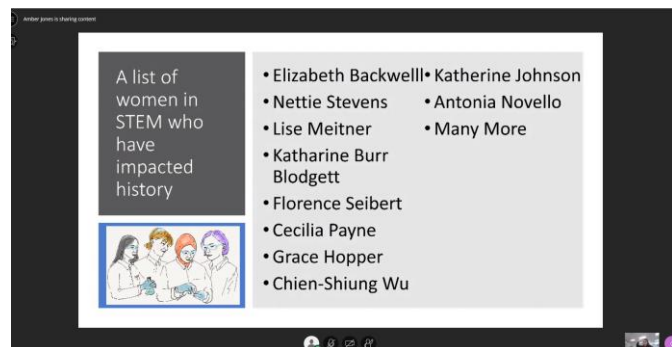
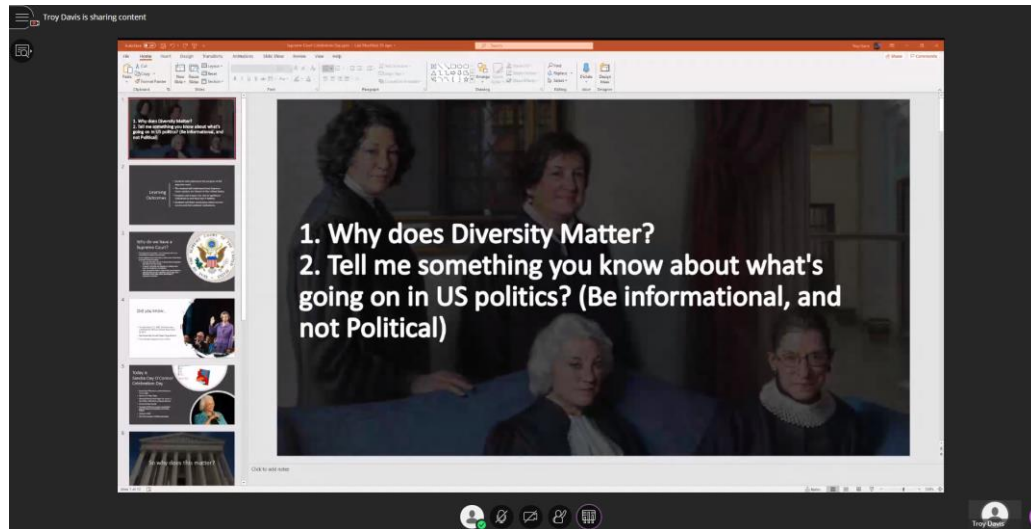


Team Dragon!

The counselors are (from left to right),
 Jennifer Quiver
 Tina Muñoz
 Phil McNamara
 Kala Bambard
 Tracy Waldrop.

• Update on Sandra Day O'Connor Day

Beginning in 2020, September 25th will be observed as Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day annually. Each public school in Arizona is asked to dedicate the majority of the school day to civics education. **Thank you Mr. Chris Bennet**, District Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator, for diligently planning the event last Friday for TUHSD! Mr. Bennett has provided some photos of the presentations that took place that day to share with you. Enjoy!



- **West Point Football Stadium wins award**

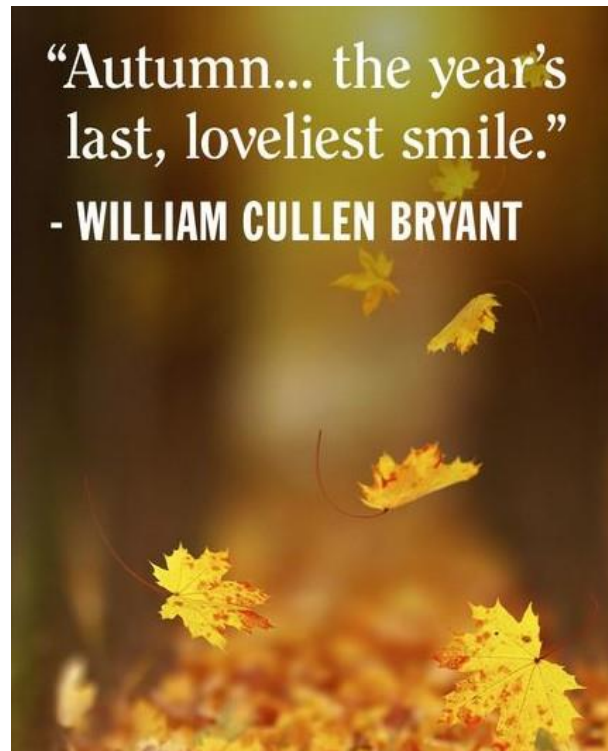
The American Sports Builders Association (ASBA) Awards Committee and Board of Directors recently informed the Tolleson Union High School District on West Point High School's Stadium being recognized as a winner in the Track & Field category and will be featured at ASBA's annual awards program in December. The project is still in the running for an upper tier award.

This is a huge honor for West Point, our district and everyone involved in the project. Several trade publications will be featuring this award in their magazines.

Recognition of the award winners takes place during the Virtual Technical Meeting held on Dec. 1-3.



- **Fall Break is October 12-16 – Enjoy!**



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