



## Do iT With Pride!

**Monday, June 21, 2021**

**TUHSD Governing Board Vice President, Freddie Villalon,  
receives AZALAS Outstanding Governing Board Member Award**



Congratulations to TUHSD Governing Board Vice President, Mr. Freddie Villalon, who recently received the Arizona Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (AZALAS) award and recognition as the Outstanding Governing Board member of the year. Mr. Villalon has been on the Governing Board for 20 years, making decisions that positively affect the students in our district.

Mr. Villalon is a lifetime member of the TUHSD community and had humble beginnings starting out as a janitorial groundskeeper in the district. He has been a teacher and administrator and is currently an Academic Improvement Specialist with Imagine Schools helping struggling schools to improve.

A proud graduate of Tolleson Union High School, Mr. Villalon's children have also attended TUHSD schools. Mr. Villalon knows from personal experience how his family and teachers encouraged and supported him to graduate. As a Governing Board member, Mr. Villalon wants to do the same for district students.

"It is my turn to give back and encourage students to continue their education," Mr. Villalon said. "Sometimes, all it takes is for a student to hear that if they just persevere and don't give up, they too will be able to graduate and be successful in college, career and life," Mr. Villalon added.

## **Superintendent Gutierrez named AZALAS Outstanding Superintendent Award**



Superintendent Nora Gutierrez

"I am surrounded by the best, most qualified staff and together we make a positive difference for all students in TUHSD, with a focus on student academic achievement!"

Congratulations to TUHSD Superintendent Nora Gutierrez, who received the prestigious Arizona Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (AZALAS) Outstanding Superintendent Award. Superintendent Gutierrez is a champion for excellence and equity in education for all students. She truly is the epitome of AZALAS leadership that produces the best outcomes for all students.

Superintendent Gutierrez has strengthened postsecondary opportunities for all TUHSD students by diminishing the dropout rate to under 1%. In addition, through her leadership and guidance, TUHSD has had schools with the highest FAFSA completion rates for seniors in Arizona for two years in a row.

Under her leadership and direction in the pursuit of excellence and equity for all students, the Tolleson Union High School District became the only District in Arizona, that predominantly serves Latinos, to attain Moody's prestigious Aa1 credit rating. She then leveraged this credit rating to enhance the facilities at all high schools and build an award-winning high school in West Point.

During her tenure, Superintendent Gutierrez has also elevated the compensation and benefits for all employees, making the Tolleson Union High School District the district of choice for educators in Arizona.

Congratulations to Superintendent Gutierrez on receiving the AZALAS Outstanding Superintendent Award recognition for 2021!




## Principal Mandurraga honored as ASA Distinguished Administrator Award for High Schools

Congratulations to Mr. Felipe Mandurraga, Principal at Tolleson Union High School, on his selection as the recipient of the Arizona School Administrators (ASA) Distinguished Administrator Award for the Secondary Division. This recognition is indicative of the quality of leadership that Mr. Mandurraga has provided, as well as the overall respect and professional appreciation given to him by his peers. Mr. Mandurraga was formally recognized and presented the award during the ASA Summer Conference Awards Luncheon.



## TUHSD students receive scholarships through AZALAS

	<p>The Arizona Association of Latino Administrators (AZALAS) Board of Directors recently approved the provision of 30 scholarships to deserving Latino students across the state of Arizona. Fifteen of them were awarded to Tolleson Union High School District students.</p> <p>They are:</p>
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<b>Ailani Astudillo</b>	<b>1GPA</b>	<b>Tolleson Union High School</b>
<b>Alexia Ochoa</b>	<b>ADM</b>	<b>Tolleson Union High School</b>
<b>Arlette Aguilera</b>	<b>ASBA/ASBAIT</b>	<b>Tolleson Union High School</b>
<b>Adrianna Martinez-Lainez</b>	<b>Chasse</b>	<b>Tolleson Union High School</b>
<b>Kasyla Hodge</b>	<b>ConvergeOne</b>	<b>Tolleson Virtual High School</b>
<b>Leila Carranza</b>	<b>Core Construction</b>	<b>Tolleson Union High School</b>
<b>Ashley Araiza</b>	<b>Graduation Solutions</b>	<b>Copper Canyon High School</b>
<b>Ximena Marquez Perez</b>	<b>McCarthy</b>	<b>Copper Canyon High School</b>
<b>Danna Rosas</b>	<b>Grand Canyon University</b>	<b>Copper Canyon High School</b>
<b>Meadow Sandoval</b>	<b>Renaissance</b>	<b>University High School</b>
<b>Alexander Moreno</b>	<b>Southwest Food Excellence</b>	<b>Copper Canyon High School</b>
<b>Guadalupe Martinez</b>	<b>Vocabulary.com</b>	<b>Tolleson Union High School</b>
<b>Abigail Avila</b>	<b>AZALAS</b>	<b>Tolleson Union High School</b>
<b>Eduardo Escamilla</b>	<b>AZALAS</b>	<b>Copper Canyon High School</b>
<b>Carlos Beltran</b>	<b>AZALAS</b>	<b>Copper Canyon High School</b>



## Westview's Netia Rose Unger latest Flinn Scholar



Join us in recognizing Netia Rose Unger of Westview High School who was awarded the Flinn Scholarship. The Flinn Scholarship, valued at more than \$120,000, that covers tuition, fees, housing, and meals at one of Arizona's public universities, plus study abroad. Each year, about 20 top high-school seniors are chosen to learn from amazing faculty, business leaders, and civic innovators and join a vibrant, eclectic community—including a powerful alumni network. Netia also garnered quite a bit of media attention from the West Valley View recently as noted by the articles below. [Click on the link to see the entire story](#) on Netia. Congratulations Netia, we are so proud of you!



## TUHSD Outstanding Seniors

Please see the following profiles of some of our top graduating seniors.

**Note: You can increase the size of this PDF to better read the profiles.**

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### Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2021

**Nora Gutierrez, Superintendent, Tolleson Union High School District**  
To the Class of 2021, words cannot describe how very proud I am of each and every one of you! Through the latter part of your junior year until this culminating graduation moment, you persevered under circumstances no one could have imagined when you started as a freshman. Now, you have the entire world in front of you and your life is a blank page, and YOU get to write the narrative. Whatever you decide to do from this moment on will define what kind of life you lead. I have no doubt that you will continue to shine bright and put yourselves, your school and our district on the map for all the right reasons. I salute you and wish you the best as you move on to the next chapter of your young lives.

**Tim Madrid, Principal, Sierra Linda High School**  
Congratulations to the Class of 2021! You have proven that you have the resilience and fortitude to overcome the many challenges you have faced! Nothing can stop you now! Go out and make your mark on the world. Good Luck and never stop Dreaming, Believing, Striving and Achieving.

**Vickie Landis, Principal, University High School**  
To the Class of 2021: You are certainly resilient, persistent, and committed. You have adapted to your learning environment and the many challenges hurled your way. Certainly you have demonstrated you can do anything. Your teachers, school, and community are proud of you. Congratulations!

**Mindy Westover, Principal, Copper Canyon High School**  
We are Aztec Proud to announce the graduating class of 2021 from Copper Canyon High School! This class has endured challenges beyond what we could imagine and they have pushed through to finish...Aztec Strong. Their resiliency, commitment and drive to graduate during this time has been a pleasure to watch. We have thrown so many changes at them and they have been flexible, helpful to their classmates and teachers, and have worked together to make it happen. They really have demonstrated some amazing characteristics that will serve them well beyond high school. We beam with Aztec Pride to celebrate the class of 2021 and can't wait to hear about the mark they will no doubt make on this world!

**Felipe Mandurraga, Principal, Tolleson Union High School**  
I want to congratulate the Tolleson Union High School Wolverine Class of 2021. You did it! On behalf of all of the teachers, school staff and community, I want to let you know how very proud we are of all our seniors. We wish you all the best!

**Dr. John Renouard, Principal, Westview High School**  
The year 2020-2021 has been a roller coaster of a ride. The COVID 19 Pandemic swept the world and turned our lives upside down and just now we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. However, we are not out of the woods yet. Through the chaos, the class of 2021 never lost focus on your goals and were able to adapt and overcome to the challenges of the past year. It is a true testament of your Perseverance, Performance and Pride. Sigmund Freud, renowned psychologist, put these times into perspective, he states: "One day, in retrospect, the years of struggle will strike you as the most beautiful." If this is the case, then the year 2021 will go down as one of the most beautiful years in our lives. Congratulations Class of 2021!

**Stacie Almaraz, Principal, La Joya Community High School**  
Seniors, we are very proud of your hard work and dedication. Thank you for never losing site of your dreams. Try not to focus on the past, concentrate on what is ahead...your journey is just beginning. Congratulations class of 2021.



# Copper Canyon HIGH SCHOOL

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF MAY 2021: \$11.6 MILLION

## MOMENTS IN TIME

- Jose Parra Vazquez and Chris Bien-Nee Tsoumou were the students of the year.
- Evelyn Kerbs was one of four winners in the Sandra Day O'Connor Art Contest.
- Copper Canyon High School was named as a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) school program winner by the statewide PBIS advisory council. Copper Canyon was encouraged to apply because of its use of PBIS during the pandemic crisis to support students, staff and community.
- Citlally Arizaga Diaz, Dominique Martinez and Cassidy McDaniel have achieved the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency. Citlally earned the Dance Seal and Dominique and Cassidy both earned the Theatre Arts Seal.



Citlally  
Arizaga Diaz



Dominique  
Martinez



Cassidy  
McDaniel

## TOP STUDENTS

### Jose Parra Vazquez

**Profile:** Jose will be the first generation to graduate from high school after his family migrated from Mexico in 1995. He has a 4.60 GPA and he participated in football, track and field, and weightlifting. He is the youngest of three siblings. Jose came to Copper Canyon as an out-of-district student because he felt it would offer him better opportunities. Jose wants to major in construction engineering at Arizona State University.



### Chris Bien-Nee Tsoumou

**Profile:** Chris Bien-Nee Tsoumou is a first-generation Congolese American woman. She is the eldest of four, has a sister who also attends Copper Canyon, and has two brothers. Chris has a 3.9 GPA and is fluent in Spanish and French, as well as English. While at Copper Canyon, she has participated in extracurricular activities including being a dance choreographer, secretary of the Black Student Union, and co-captain of track and field. Chris is interested in majoring in sociology.



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# La Joya HIGH SCHOOL

Class of  
**2021**

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF MAY 2021: \$8 MILLION

## MOMENTS IN TIME

- Ruben Hernandez and Jocelyn Meredith were the students of the year.
- Roxana Del Toro Miranda was honored at the Avondale City Council meeting in January. Students were recognized for their character and achievement, as well as for making a positive impact for themselves, their family, school and community.
- Mike Flores received a \$28,000 award package from Northern Arizona University, with most of the money being grants and scholarships.
- Three students were selected for the regional honor band this year. The students are Lucas Garcia on bassoon, Ximena Castro Magana on clarinet, and Robert Contreras on clarinet.
- Paola Acuña has received a full-ride scholarship to attend Brigham Young University.
- Penelope Savatdy, Karen Vejar and Sarai Elenes Aviles received superior rankings for theater pieces submitted in the Arizona State Thespian competition. The students also qualified for the national thespian competition.
- Margarita (Maggie) Esqueda received the Dorrance Scholarship. The scholarship is \$12,000 per year for up to four years, totaling \$48,000. This includes a paid trip for Maggie to go to Italy during her sophomore year.

## TOP STUDENTS

### Ruben Hernandez

**Profile:** In high school, Ruben was in student government, serving as freshman class vice president, sophomore class treasurer, junior class vice president and student body vice president. In his sophomore year he joined the National Honor Society, and his senior year he was the organization's vice president. His junior year, he was the environmental club's vice president. Ruben considers himself "a student ambassador of my school. This year, I was rewarded by being named male student of the year." He will attend ASU on a full-ride scholarship to pursue a career as a family physician.



### Elysia Casillas

**Profile:** A Wolverine-Knight Foundation scholar, Elysia said she was relieved to receive the prize because she wanted to ease the financial burden on her father. "This is how I want to repay my dad by taking as many scholarships as I can to not burden him with my passion for media," she said. She will study journalism at ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She's been interested in the field since she visited Cronkite her sophomore year for the ALMA conference. "I just knew that this was where I needed to be, and I tried my hardest to get there."







# Sierra Linda HIGH SCHOOL

Class of  
**2021**

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF MAY 2021: \$2.7 MILLION

## MOMENTS IN TIME

- Vanessa Amavisca and Alec Ramirez were the students of the year.
- Angel Ledesma, a Sierra Linda graduate from the class of 2020, has received a \$24,000 scholarship from St. Vincent De Paul.
- Damirion Barber received scholarship offers from Rocky Mountain College, Ottawa University and Peru State for a total of \$242,000.
- Juan Ruiz received scholarship offers from Dickinson State University, Southwest Minnesota State, Ottawa University, Arizona Christian and Peru State for a total of \$320,000.
- Jarvis Rosas Gonzalez is one of four winners in the Sandra Day O'Connor Art Contest.



## TOP STUDENTS

### Vanessa Amavisca

**Profile:** Vanessa, the female student of the year, was a four-year letterman for varsity volleyball, and first team all-region. After high school, Vanessa plans on signing to play college volleyball and coach club volleyball for her club team. Vanessa is looking at attending community college in the fall with plans on transferring to a four-year college to possibly become a history teacher. No decisions yet as to where, but she has many options.



### Alec Ramirez

**Profile:** Alec will attend ASU to earn an art degree in painting and drawing with the hopes of publishing his own comic strip. Alec is also the recipient of the Wolverine-Knight Scholarship and the ASU President's Scholarship.



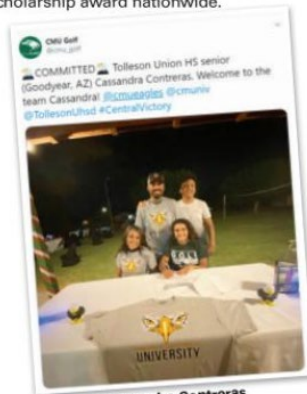
# Tolleson Union HIGH SCHOOL

Class of  
**2021**

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF MAY 2021: \$14.1 MILLION

## MOMENTS IN TIME

- Alan Serrano and Josselyne Gallegos Quintana were students of the year.
- Congratulations to Cassandra Contreras from Tolleson Union High School as she commits to Central Methodist University's golf team.
- Adrianna Martinez-Lainez was honored with a National Award for Females in Computing. Only 40 young women were selected for this scholarship award nationwide.



Cassandra Contreras

## TOP STUDENTS

### Amaru Bond

**Profile:** Amaru will attend Alabama's Tuskegee University to study agribusiness and eventually become an agricultural lawyer. His accomplishments from his last four years at Tolleson include going to nationals in robotics with Robokrew and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), as well as participating and staying in five clubs.



### Audacity Madrid

**Profile:** Audacity was recently chosen as an outstanding senior. She calls her four years at Tolleson "very valuable." Audacity is "eternally grateful for Mrs. Wolochuk." She also thanks her parents for pushing her to do her best in everything and "for truly believing that I can do anything I set my mind to." She will attend Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu to study psychology in hopes of becoming a holistic psychiatrist.





# University HIGH SCHOOL

Class of

2021

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF MAY 2021: \$3.5 MILLION

## MOMENTS IN TIME

- Berzelai Ponce Lopez and Vicky Nguyen were named students of the year.
- University High School students Cassidy Brewer, Samantha Lu, Daniel Rodriguez and Brooke Thompson were awarded Capstone Diplomas from College Board. The AP Capstone Diploma program allows students to develop critical thinking, research and presentation skills, both individually and as a team.
- Mauricio Juarez, Jeremy Nguyen and Guillermo Robles Barron were awarded the AP Seminar and Research Certificate. To receive the AP Capstone Diploma, students must earn scores of three or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP Exams. To receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, students must earn scores of three or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research.
- Rook Bowman was named a National Merit Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- Rebecca Kimme was named a National Hispanic Scholar by the College Board.
- Alexander Fenlon won the AZEdNews Scholarship sponsored by The Brand Agency. Fenlon is planning on attending Arizona State University to study conservation biology and ecology.
- Aliciana Lopez and Tolani Olatunde had perfect attendance all four years.

## TOP STUDENTS

### Kidist Taye

**Profile:** Kidist will attend Washington University in St. Louis for international and area studies major with a concentration in economic development on the prelaw track. Her fervor for bridging socioeconomic gaps and looking into UN Sustainable Development Goals started in her freshman year in Mrs. McClellan's AP Human Geography class. As St. Louis is a city that significantly faces socioeconomic inequality, she anticipates exploring legal and social issues with a more hands-on approach, like working with inner-city schools and organizations. In her college years, she hopes to travel to several different countries to grasp a real world understanding of how society works both economically and culturally along with attaining Spanish fluency. She received the Annie Lewis Scholarship and Tolleson Academic Achievement Award.



### Edmond Yip

**Profile:** Edmond Yip accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy as part of the incoming class of 2025. After graduating from the Naval Academy, Edmond will earn a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as an officer in the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps. This year, Edmond was a recipient of the Annie Lewis Scholarship Fund as well as the Ethical Cadet Scholarship. Edmond hopes to make a positive difference through service to others and leading with compassion.



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# Westview HIGH SCHOOL

Class of

2021

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AS OF MAY 2021: \$4.8 MILLION

## MOMENTS IN TIME

- Jacob Gennuso and Gabriella Miranda were students of the year. Jacob played football and ran track all four years at Westview. He has a 4.5 GPA. Gabriella has carried all AP classes this year and maintained her 4.0+ GPA.
- Alondra Villalpando is one of four winners in the Sandra Day O'Connor Art Contest.
- Netia Rose Unger was awarded the Flinn Scholarship, valued at more than \$120,000. It covers tuition, fees, housing and meals at one of Arizona's public universities, plus an opportunity to study abroad.



## TOP STUDENTS

### Netia Rose Unger

**Profile:** Netia's high school accomplishments are graduating top 10 of her class, having a 4.49 weighted GPA, 4.93 unweighted GPA, receiving medals for her academic GPA, awarded the Flinn Scholarship, and participating in multiple AP and rigorous courses. Her plans for after graduation are to pursue nursing at ASU and get her BSN.



### Gabriella Miranda

**Profile:** While at Westview, Gabriella participated in track, cheer and National Honor Society. Her proudest accomplishment is being No. 1 in her class. She will attend UA to study biology with the hopes of working in the medical field.

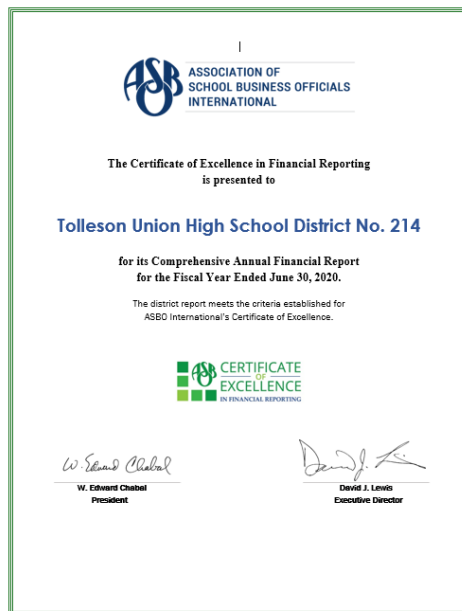


## **Wolverine-Knight Foundation Scholarship Awards for 2021 announced**

The Wolverine-Knight Foundation was founded in 1982, as a non-profit organization/corporation (501.c.3) that assists students of the Tolleson Union High School District by offering financial assistance through scholarships. The following students received Wolverine-Knight Foundation Scholarships.

<b><u>Copper Canyon High School</u></b> Brandon Juarez                      \$3,000 Mia King                                \$3,000 Jasmine Sotelo                        \$3,000	<b><u>Sierra Linda High School</u></b> Alec Ramirez - Sean Tessmer Memorial Scholarship                      \$2,825 Kassidy Barnes                      \$3,000 Octavia Casteneda                      \$3,000 Alissa Cruz                              \$3,000 Jade Sinai Tellez                      \$3,000
<b><u>La Joya Community High School</u></b> Elysia Lynae Casillas                      \$3,000 Ava Vandernaalt                      \$3,000	<b><u>University High School</u></b> Roberto Ruiz Felix                      \$3,000 Amber Nguyen                      \$3,000 Aliciana Lopez                      \$3,000

## **Business Services Department receives top recognition**



TUHSD's Business Services Department, under the direction of Jeremy Calles, Chief Financial Officer, was recently notified that it had received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International. The recognition was for the district's FY2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. It was noted that "our participation in the Certificate of Excellence program is a testament to our district's commitment to transparency and high-quality financial reporting."

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report informs stakeholders about the financial and economic state of the district, making it an important communications tool for building trust and engaging with the school community. Congratulations Business Services!



## **University High School student named National Cyber Scholarship Scholar**

Sean Cabahug, a junior at University High School, has been named a National Cyber Scholarship Scholar—a top-tier winner of the National Cyber Scholarship Competition.

He was one of 5,000 students to qualify for the competition from a pool of 50,000 peers. Sean is one of only 500 high school students nationwide to be ranked as a finalist and win further training and scholarship opportunities in cybersecurity. Sean earned an invitation to participate in the Cyber Foundations Academy – a multi-week online program based on the nationally-recognized SANS Foundations training course and certification – valued at more than \$3,000. He plans to attend college in fall 2022 to pursue study related to cybersecurity.

“I am very proud to be named a Scholar in the National Cyber Scholarship Competition,” said Sean. “The competition was steep. The puzzles and challenges were really difficult. I am thrilled to be invited to the Cyber Foundations Academy to continue my cybersecurity education.”

“The National Cyber Scholarship Competition recognizes high school students who have demonstrated exceptional cybersecurity prowess and who wish to pursue a career in a growing field in critical need of their talent,” noted David Brown, executive director, National Cyber Scholarship Foundation. “The NCSF mission is to identify and develop the next generation of cyber professionals. Each and every student who participated in this competition has the potential to develop their skills and build a successful career in cybersecurity.”

The National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF) is a national nonprofit whose mission is to identify, nurture and empower the next generation of cybersecurity experts; and eliminate the cybersecurity skills gap in the United States



## **Debbie McKintosh receives Executive Citation Award from ACTEAZ**



The Association for Career and Technical Education of Arizona (ACTEAZ) recently announced that Debbie McKintosh, our District Career and Technical Education Director, was selected for the Executive Citation Award. Debbie is also the “Outstanding Affiliate Award” recipient from ACOVA.

The application and nomination statement clearly spoke of Ms. McKintosh’s accomplishments and dedication to students and to Career and Technical Education in the State of Arizona.

“I honestly do not know what to say other than thank you,” said Ms. McKintosh. “The opportunities I have had to work with the ACTEAZ Executive Board and with so many other exceptional CTE educators and leaders since coming to Tolleson and to ACOVA continues to blow my mind daily.”

“I have learned so much from this amazing group of individuals and I would not trade my time within the ACTEAZ family for anything,” Ms. McKintosh continued. “I look forward to continued work via ACOVA and any other ways I might lend a hand to our organizations’ efforts. I am truly honored and, once again, humbled. Thank you.” Congratulations Ms. McKintosh on yet another CTE award and recognition!

## **U-High Students receive laptops as part of AZ FAFSA Challenge recognition**

The Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education awarded University High School with the Arizona FAFSA Challenge MVP- Highest FAFSA Completion award for the 2020-2021 school year. U-High accomplished an incredible FAFSA completion rate of 92% as of April 2, 2021, leading the state in its small school category. U-High’s commitment to increase FAFSA completions among its students was recognized throughout Arizona.

A personalized trophy was mailed to the school, celebrating this great accomplishment. University High School also received three laptops to award to three current graduating seniors of the school’s choice who had completed the FAFSA. The three students that were chosen are Mauricio Juarez, Neely Van Loon, and Siena Maese. All three were very excited and happy to have brand new laptops to start their college careers.



**Neely Van Loon**

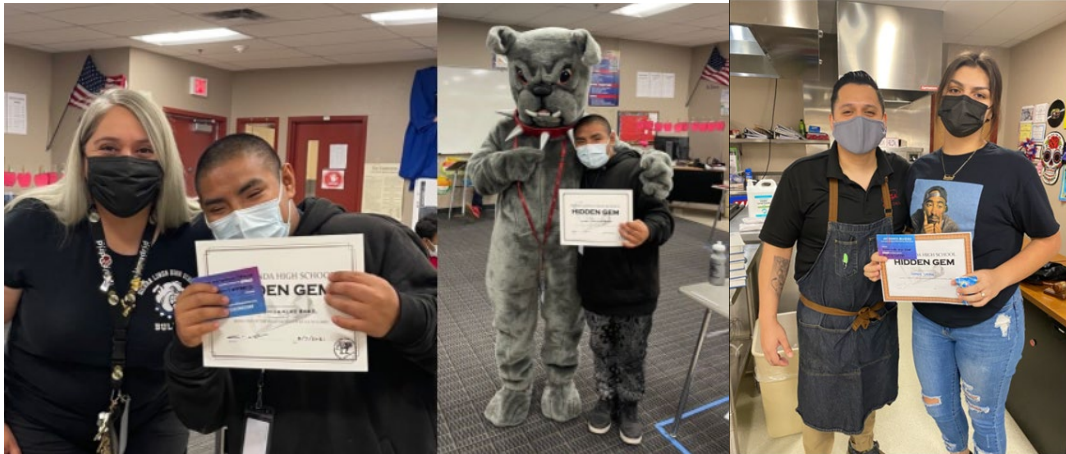
**Mauricio Juarez**

**Siena Maese**

## **Students are Sierra Linda's Hidden Gems!**

We have hidden gems throughout the entire district, including administrators, certified and support staff. We are all asked to look for the unique hidden gem in all of the students we serve. This happens everyday in big and small ways across the district.

Sierra Linda recently honored two of their talented students as hidden gems. SLHS mascot, Buster, presented a hidden gem award to Angel Morales Baez. Chef Michael Valenzuela presented student Destiny Lozoya with her award.



## **Copper Canyon's Folklorico group spreads the cheer at lunchtime**

On Cinco de Mayo, the Ballet Folklorico group at Copper Canyon High School performed a great, socially distanced performance during lunch to celebrate the festive day. Under the direction of Roy Aldaba, this marked the first live performance for the group at the school this year. Many teachers, administrators, staff and students enjoyed seeing this live performance.

If you are interested in seeing more performances from the group, follow them on the YouTube links below: <https://youtu.be/oLJcnqws4n0>, <https://youtu.be/zxhOhv14-gw>







## New AP Deadline

Checks are printed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Beginning July 1, 2021, packing slips and invoices must be received in AP by 12:00 PM (noon) on check processing days for payment to be issued that day.

*The Deadline above is the only change to AP processes for the new year.*

## Reminders:

Submit documents with original signatures and date for payment.

electronic signatures only accepted for emergencies

*Clearly indicate the PO number on all documents*



Submit documents as each delivery is received.

*Please do not hold packing slips for completed order.*

### Returns

*Submit documents to AP for processing of credit memos*

Original receipts required for payment of in-store purchases.

*Copies will not be accepted.*

### P-Card Payments

*Submit signed and dated credit card receipts to AP with "Paid by P-Card" noted on receipt*



## Michael Aguilar

### Technology Support Specialist/IT Help Desk



This month, we welcome Michael Aguilar, Technology Support Specialist/IT Helpdesk. Michael started working for the District on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Michael comes to the district from a company called SimonMed where he worked on the IT Helpdesk Team. Michael has worked for a school district before. “I did summer grounds crew work for the Isaac School District,” said Michael. “Hard physical work in ridiculously hot weather was all made bearable by the great people I worked with in that crew. Grounds crews at any district will always have a special place in my heart,” Michael added.

So far, Michael seems to like it here, especially since he went to school in the district. “For high school, I went to La Joya Community High School,” said Michael. Since leaving high school, Michael has done a lot of learning and a lot of growing and found a fantastic path he really enjoys with IT. “Working here now almost feels like full circle,” Michael added.

Michael doesn’t live too far from work. “I live in Avondale and have lived there ever since 5<sup>th</sup> grade,” said Michael. These are exciting times for Michael and his wife, who are in the final stages of their new house build, which will place them in Buckeye. Michael is also grateful for the district’s location because even after his move, it will not be too bad of a drive, he says.

You can try to take the boy out of Avondale, but you can’t take Avondale out of the boy. In addition to attending La Joya, Michael also went to Littleton, Quentin, and Underdown. Underdown was a middle school that only fed into La Joya and Tolleson Union when Michael attended. It had 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only and it was a part of the Littleton School District.

As for family, Michael has one son. “He is my first baby and it has been better than I could have ever imagined, seeing him grow and learn every day,” says Michael. “He is 16-months old and I am already proud of who he is every single day.”

Michael is also quite the musician. “I have music on all platforms; Spotify, Apple Music, etc.,” he said. “I love words and have done poetry before, including coaching a poetry team with Arizona Masters of Poetry,” said Michael. “I am currently working on making videos and building a YouTube channel,” he added. “I just love creating and it’s a passion of mine outside of the normal work hours.”

Welcome to the Tolleson Union High School District Michael. We’ll see you at the Grammy’s!

**And finally...**

You can't say that our HR Department doesn't know how to have fun! See for yourself!



Please check the #TUHSDStrong tab on our website ([www.tuhsd.org](http://www.tuhsd.org)) for archived versions of our updates. Take care and stay healthy.

