



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

Monday, May 4, 2020

- Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week/Day



This week across our nation, we celebrate our teachers; those that have a profound impact on the lives of our students. It is because of you that we exist to serve the students and families of TUHSD. Regardless of what subject matter you teach, understand how much I appreciate each and everyone of you, especially with the circumstances regarding this school year. You have been asked to go above and beyond the call of duty and do something entirely different than what many of you have been used to. And we had to do it without much advance notice. Nevertheless, you haven't complained and you have continued to do your job under not ideal circumstances. For that, I applaud you and celebrate you, not only this week and tomorrow, but every day of every school year. You are the best of the best and I salute you! Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nora Gutierrez'.

Nora Gutierrez
Superintendent
Tolleson Union High School District



On Friday, May 1st, Governor Ducey proclaimed the day as School Lunch Hero Day. At the Tolleson Union High School District, we appreciate our Food and Nutrition workers throughout the District. They work tirelessly everyday to make sure that our students are fed healthy and nutritious food to help keep them strong and alert for the school day. Our cafeteria staff are much appreciated and they are an important part of our daily operations. Thank you to Kimberly Luvisi, Director of Food and Nutrition, and her entire staff of frontline employees for the work that they do. You are awesome!

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- **Fantastic JAG (Jobs for Arizona Graduates) News for Sierra Linda High School**



We are so proud of the Sierra Linda High School JAG Students!

They worked hard and even through the Covid-19 Pandemic and not being able to attend school (completing everything virtually), they have outdone themselves in JAG's 2020 Career Development Conference!

Although this year JAG didn't have all of the usual competitions, such as Program of the Year and Career Association of the Year, (due to Covid-19, the title winners from last year will hold on to those titles for another year) the students were motivated, engaged and worked extremely hard with Shiya Pillars, JAG Coordinator and teacher at Sierra Linda, via zoom to complete their projects.

Out of 9 Virtual Competitions, Sierra Linda won 5 and one Ken Smith Scholarship.

1st place in:

Project Based Learning (PBL Competition based on the 2019 JAG-A-Palooza)

Please Congratulate: Luis Ruiz (Senior), Analicia Zamora (Senior), Shayla Zamudio (Senior)

Writing Skills Competition (2nd year in a row winning 1st Place):

Please Congratulate: Soriah Agnew (Junior)

Upper Apparel Competition "T-shirt Competition" - (2nd year in a row winning 1st Place):

Please Congratulate: Andrea Hurtado (Junior)

2nd place in:

Chapter Picture

Please Congratulate: Destiny Barela (Junior)

Out of 1,400 Jobs for Arizona's (JAG) Graduates, only two students won most improved academics

(This includes most improved GPA, most improved attendance, most improved credits obtained)

Please Congratulate: Andrea Hurtado (Junior)

Out of all of the Jobs for America's Graduates programs, only 22 Senior students were awarded the Ken Smith scholarship, 6 were students from the state of Arizona, one of which was Sierra Linda's own Senior.

Please Congratulate: Analicia Zamora (Senior)



Click the link below to watch the virtual CDC award ceremony or cut and paste the link into your browser: <https://youtu.be/7294AsfW4uk>

- **Outstanding Student Athletes – Softball at La Joya Community High School**



La Joya Community High School would love to recognize some of their softball athletes.


Please recognize the following student athletes for making the Sports360AZ (6A) First Team All-Academic Softball Team.

Elena Bernas	La Joya Community	4.0 unweighted GPA
Denice Rosario	La Joya Community	4.1 weighted GPA
Keilani Tahah	La Joya Community	4.17 weighted GPA

Additionally, please recognize the following student athletes for making Honorable Mention.

Alyssa Grandpre –	La Joya Community – 3.3	unweighted GPA
Camila Vitela –	La Joya Community – 3.4	unweighted GPA
Fernanda Torres –	La Joya Community – 3.0	unweighted GPA
Lizette Chavez –	La Joya Community – 3.3	unweighted GPA
Sofia Salgado –	La Joya Community – 3.6	unweighted GPA
Vianey Ramirez –	La Joya Community – 3.3	unweighted GPA

- **Updated FAQ's on the TUHSD Website**




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SCHOOL-RELATED FAQ'S DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please refer to this page for school-related frequently asked questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- When will school resume?
- What does this mean for the school calendar and days/minutes that students have to complete?
- How are students supposed to learn if schools are closed?
- What do I do if I don't have an Internet connection?
- What about graduation and other school events?
- Will food services still be provided for families?
- My child has personal items or medications at school. Will I be able to retrieve them?
- Will these school closures impact school registration for next year or registration for any summer programs?
- What can I continue to do to protect myself and my family from COVID-19?
- How and when will parents receive graduation items they purchased through Balfour?
- What about state testing and other assessments this year, including end of quarter exams (finals)? In accordance with the Arizona Department of Education Guidance to Schools: COVID 19, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shared that students ca
- How are CTE programs affected due to COVID-19?



Click the link below to go to the FAQ page or cut and paste the link into your browser: <https://www.tuhsd.org/School-Related-FAQ's-During-COVID-19-Pandemic>

- **Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Glendale Community College on Thursday, May 7, 2020**
(See the flyer below)



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Thursday, May 7, 2020

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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