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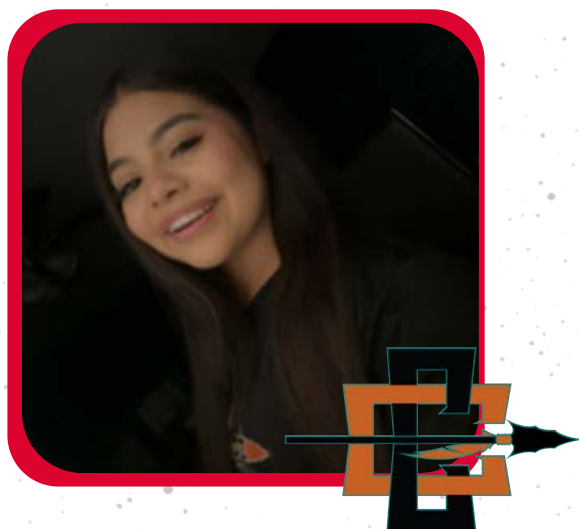


Adolfo Miranda Alvarado

Adolfo is hardworking, resilient, and full of genuine curiosity about the world around him. He worked hard in all his classes and challenged himself to be the best version of himself every day. Adolfo earned a Quest Bridge scholarship. He sets a marvelous example for all La Joya Lobos.

Evelyn Perez Chun

Evelyn is an exemplary student who showed resilient dedication to her education. She consistently achieved high honors, earning a place on the Superintendent's Honor List and dedicating countless hours to community service with the National Honor Society. Additionally, Evelyn was an active member of Jobs for Arizona Graduates, which fueled her passion for engineering and solidified her commitment to attend ASU to pursue a degree in Engineering Management. Evelyn credits her success to the invaluable support of her counselor, inspiring sister, dedicated teachers, and encouraging parents, who motivated her to embrace life's challenges.



Sergio Acosta

University High School has provided me the opportunities necessary for my success. Thanks to the challenging curriculum, I learned how to hone my skills and apply them for the benefit of my future. The relationships I made with my teachers and classmates only extends my gratitude for my time here at University High. Going to college at Hofstra University in Long Island, New York will be a completely new experience and it would not have been possible without the education I received at University High School.



TOLLESON UNION

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Accomplishments



Joanna Lafarga

Joanna Lafarga's classmates call her a great friend and a problem-solver, who has truly developed several of her leadership and personal skills, such as self-awareness, self-direction, self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-reliance. Joanna excelled academically this year, earning her the #1 ranking of her class! She exemplifies the true spirit of a champion. Joanna's resilience in the face of challenges, her humility in victory, and her grace under pressure are qualities that will serve her well both on and off the field.

Jorge Perez

Jorge is not only an outstanding student, he is an outstanding person. Jorge participated in cross country, football, wrestling, track, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), City of Tolleson JAG Works, and City of Tolleson Teen Council. He will be attending an in-state university to study finance.



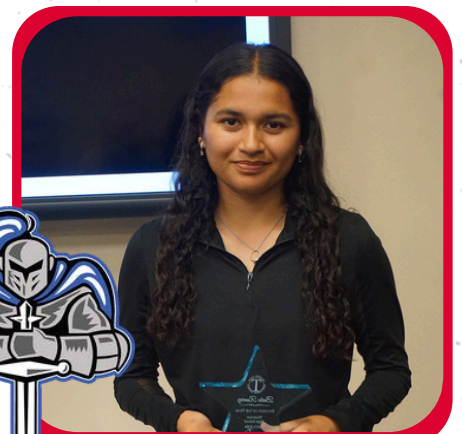
Ayari Villareal Amaya

Ayari Villarreal Amaya will be attending Grand Canyon University to study Exercise Science, with an emphasis on pre-athletic training. She has big dreams to work for the Arizona Diamondbacks someday. Ayari is a first-generation college graduate in her family. At Sierra Linda, she ran blood drives stating "every person who donates blood can save three lives." As the Vice President of Student Government, Ayari created a positive, engaging, and fun environment for her peers. She is thankful for the opportunities provided at Sierra Linda which have allowed her to learn, grow, and enjoy her time as a Bulldog.

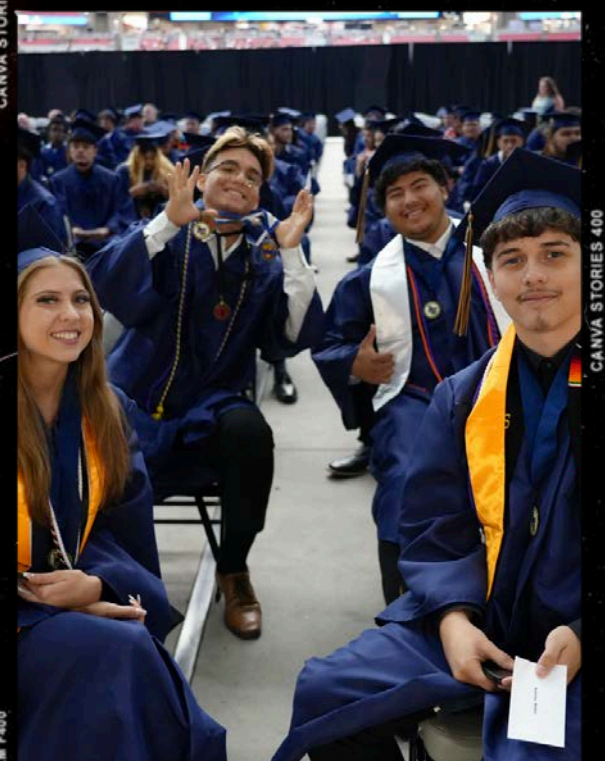


Bailee Ramirez

Bailee Ramirez plans to attend McNeese State University to continue her soccer career and earn a degree in Business. She plans to pursue a degree in Sports and Wellness Management. "My favorite memory is scoring the game winning field goal against Willow Canyon in overtime my senior year," she said. Bailee received both athletic and merit-based scholarships from the college, as well as a scholarship from TUHSD for participating in a peer tutoring program.



LIVESTREAM GRADUATIONS - EVEN AFTER THE BIG DAY



TUHSD graduated approximately 2,832 grads this year on May 20-21 at State Farm Stadium in Glendale. It was a momentous occasion celebrating the hard work of our students, devoted teachers, and supportive families.

Parents, families and friends can view the graduations in their entirety with the provided links, which do not expire.

To access the link, you must have a registered account with the NFHS Network.

Step One: Go to
https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/users/sign_up

Step Two: Type in the following information:

A - First name

B - Last name

C - Email address

D - Add a password for your account

Step Three: Find your school in the search bar by typing <School Name Graduation 2024> Please note, Tolleson Union and University High students graduate at the same ceremony. To find that graduation, you will search under the school name "Tolleson Union".

The direct links for each school are below:

Copper Canyon

La Joya Community

Sierra Linda

**Tolleson Union and
University High**

Westview

West Point



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



MEET

ANGELA MADSEN

Director of Grants and Federal Programs



Angie Madsen is the new Director of Grants and Federal Programs. She started her position in March 2024.

“My career journey has been diverse, marked by enriching experiences that have contributed to my professional growth and my commitment to serving underrepresented students,” Madsen said.

Before joining our district, she served as the Director of Academic Services for the Cave Creek School District and held the role of Deputy Associate Superintendent of Educator and School Excellence at the Arizona Department of Education, overseeing ESEA applications for Arizona. Earlier in her career she worked for the Agua Fria Union High School District as the Director of Federal Programs and Community Outreach, and as an interim principal. She has also been an English teacher and a high school principal.



Angie's two children, Abby and Aidenn

“What I particularly enjoy about working at TUHSD is the sense of community in the West Valley — it feels like coming home,” she said. “I've been living in the Valley for eight years now, having moved here from North Dakota with my two children, Aidenn and Abby. My previous experiences have taken me to Utah, Minnesota, and England. I have a passion for teaching and lifelong learning.”

Madsen would like to invite anyone with questions about grant funding or anyone needing assistance in achieving goals for their students to reach out.

“I'm here to be a supportive thought-partner and problem-solver,” she said.

Welcome to the TUHSD family, Angie!

EARN AN EXTRA \$500 – REFER A FRIEND!



On June 6, a support staff job fair will be held at Sierra Linda High School and you could earn an extra \$500!

Any current employee who refers a new hire has an opportunity to earn \$500 after the new hire has completed six months of work. This bonus will automatically be added to your paycheck.

Referring friends or family to work at our district is a great way to share the culture and community we work so hard to maintain. TUHSD is truly a family, pulling together to work toward the shared goal of student success and achievement.

The support staff job fair is from 1-5 p.m., June 6 in the gymnasium of Sierra Linda, located at 3434 S. 67th Ave. in Phoenix. Positions with the most need are bus drivers, bus monitors, nutrition service employees and security guards. Check out the human resources department page for more vacancy details.



PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT UPDATES



Is your social media feed blowing up with TUHSD content? We hope so! And we hope you are following along and sharing in the experiences we have captured of students, employees and programs throughout our campuses this school year.

In addition to X and Facebook, our social media efforts recently expanded to include Instagram and YouTube. You will discover student-focused shortform video content on Instagram, while the YouTube channel will house recruitment videos, school specific content, program highlights and more.

We are always looking for content and ways to share what's happening at TUHSD. Please feel free to send ideas to social media guru Sara Clawson.

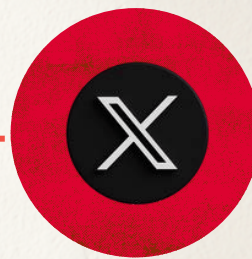
Two projects currently underway are the production of a TV commercial and a new podcast – The Education Exchange, hosted by Supt. Jeremy Calles.

The TV commercial was shot on the campuses of Tolleson Union and West Point, but it showcases the variety of options students have to learn, play and succeed at all of our campuses.

The Education Exchange podcast (launching this summer) will be a discussion between our superintendent and various leaders in the community who are helping to shape the future of our students. For example, Supt. Calles will sit down with Mattel Adventure Park CEO Mark Cornell to discuss the importance of strong community partnerships and how our students benefit from these relationships.



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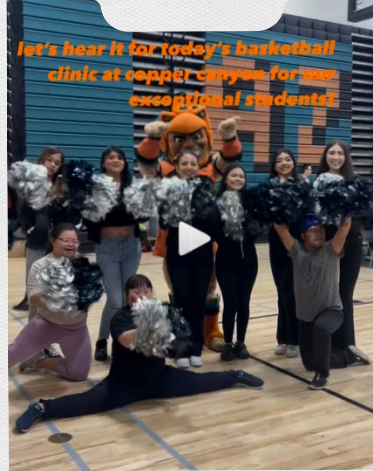


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Minutes away from these graduates joining the floor and walking the stage! #lajoyagrads2024 #graduationday #fup @lajoyalink @lajoya_jag @ljstugo #lajoyagrads24



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SOCIAL MEDIA



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It hits a little different here.

Thank you @teaching_mrsh for being our Taylor!

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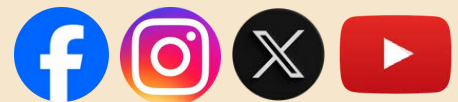


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