

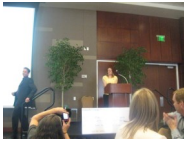


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FUSD Teachers are Recognized

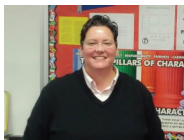
The 2014 Coconino County Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony May 1st was a great event. Several FUSD teachers were honored including; 2013 -2014 STEM Teacher of the Year, Christine Sapio (CHS)



Rodel Exemplary Teachers, Chris Hull (MEMS)



and Veronica Villegas (SMS)

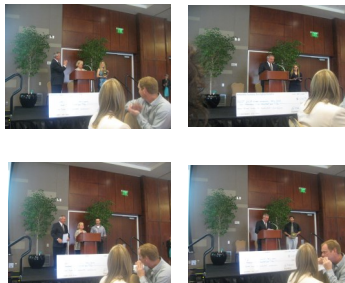


and the SEDI TASC (Teacher Awards for Sustainable Curriculum) Award Teacher Awards for Sustainable Curriculum. Four prizes of \$2,500 each were awarded for a total of \$10,000! The purpose of these awards is to recognize development and implementation of inno-

vative educational approaches that instill in students the importance, value and practicality of local environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainability.

The awards were granted to teachers for the development and implementation of lessons, units or projects that reflect and reinforce the three principles of sustainability: social equity, economic prosperity, and ecological health. The lesson, unit or projects had a clear connection to the environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainability as reflected by the guiding principles of SEDI. The awards were based on innovative approaches, actions taken, and outcomes that demonstrated practical application at the local level.

This year's winners are; Joy Bergeron (DeMiguel) Kristie Kay (Knoles), Josh Armstrong (MEMS), and Jeff Taylor (FHS).



The 2014 Coconino County Teacher of the Year is Jeff Taylor (AP Science FHS).



In addition to a cash award and a 1 year loan of a car from Findlay Toyota, Mr. Taylor will now be a nominee for the Arizona State Teacher of the Year!

FUSD would also like to congratulate Patti Pastor (FHS) and Jennifer Hamilton (CHS) who were finalists for the 2014 Coconino County Teacher of the Year Award.

Congratulations to all of these great teachers and thank you to the Coconino County Superintendent of Schools Office for a spectacular event honoring these representatives of the great teachers throughout the county and FUSD.

Please check the FUSD Facebook page throughout the summer for updates, registration date reminders and other messages.

Upcoming Events

May

School is in-session due to snow day used.	5
No School—due to snow day not used	12
No School— due to snow day not used	23
Memorial Day— No School	26
Last Day of School	29
Summit High School Graduation	29
FHS and CHS Graduations	30

July

4th of July Parade	4
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August

First Day of School	7
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Congratulations to the Class of 2014

As is the case every year FUSD graduates over 600 students and we are proud of every one of them. Highlighting only a few is always difficult because we have so many accomplished students but we would like to introduce you to several. At Coconino High School among the graduates will be Nikaila Glassy, Jarred Kay and Bailey Womble. Nikaila will be fulfilling her lifelong dream of attending a military academy. After 15 months, an application to each academy, 10 interviews, countless essays, interviews and eventual nominations from Representative Ann Kirkpatrick and Senator John McCain, Nikaila has received her appointment to West Point. She spent her high school years in the Jr. ROTC, served as an officer of the National Honor Society, is a student in the CIT (Coconino Institute of Technology) Program where her senior project was on "The Effects of Wing Shape on Turbulence". Nikaila "enjoyed high school but cannot wait to see what opportunities lay ahead." Bailey is also a very accomplished graduating senior. Three weeks before walking across the stage at CHS she will be receiving her Associates Degree from CCC (Coconino Community College) through the CAVIAT (Coconino Association for Vocations, Industry and Technology) Program. Bailey attends the CIT Program while taking her classes at CCC and playing soccer for the CHS Panthers. She will attend one more semester at CCC before entering the Nursing Program at NAU in the spring. Bailey is very proud of her accomplishments "CAVIAT was very good for me, it was nice to interact with college students and the program saved me at least \$10,000 in tuition". Jared is also an outstanding member of the 2014 graduating class. In addition to serving as a board member of Grand Canyon

Youth and National Honor Society he is a student in the CIT program and has been accepted to the University of Arizona School of Pharmacy. Jared "had a lot of fun in high school but I am really looking forward to college."



Flagstaff High School has hundreds of high achieving students as well and among them are Ivie Mendonca, Adrian Meyer and Marcus Todechine. Ivie will be attending Grand Canyon University in the fall to study Athletic Training and plans to work for a professional football team after earning her Master's Degree. Ivie has known what she wants to do since she was seven years old. She chose FHS because of their great Athletic Training Program and the chance to learn from Mr. Lyle. While at FHS she was the treasurer of the Health Occupations Student Association, a team captain on the track and field team, a member of the band and was in the Certified Nurse's Assistant Program in the CAVIAT Program through which she will receive her CNA certification a few weeks before her high school graduation. In her spare time Ivie can be found singing at events to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Adrian will attend the University of Arizona's Honors College and is still deciding what she wants to major in. After

receiving her academic letter for all four years at FHS she has received the Wildcat Excellence Scholarship. Adrian was co-captain of the softball team, ran cross country, was a Links Leader, a member of NHS and her freshman year was the Freshman All Region Academic Athlete. Marcus's home is three hours outside of Flagstaff and he has attended FHS and lived in the dormitory for four years. He chose to come to FHS as his brothers and sisters did for the "great education and sports". Marcus will attend ASU to study criminology and upon earning his Bachelor's Degree would like to attend the police academy and join the Navajo Nation Police Force and serve in his home town of Pinon. While at FHS Marcus was a member of the track and field team, the cross country team and in his sophomore year qualified as the captain of the team and was the "most improved wrestler". Marcus also took advantage of the CAVIAT Program through their Law Enforcement classes and will graduate high school with forty two transferable college credits.



Summer Camp Contact Information

Camp IWANNAGO - www.fusd1.org Programs and Services)
Camp Invention - www.campinvention.org
Camp CocoNuts - www.fusd1robotics.org
YES Camp for High School Students - www.nacet.org-yes-week-2014

News Briefs

Congratulations to the CocoNuts

At the World Championships in April, the CocoNuts finished qualifying rounds with a record of 8 wins and 2 losses, ranking them 11th out of 100 teams in Newton Division. CocoNuts senior Kinney Anderson was named a FIRST Dean's List Winner at an award ceremony. Teams can nominate students who have made strong contributions to their team for the Dean's List. Two Dean's List Finalists are chosen at every regional, and 10 Winners are chosen from among the Finalists at Championship. Kinney was a finalist at the Arizona Regional. The Dean's List winners are considered FIRST superstars who emulate the values of FIRST.



Alpine wins again and has fun too! In addition to \$5,000 worth of science equipment that Mount Elden Middle School's Alpine Academy received through the Diamondbacks School Challenge they were also given 1000 tickets to a Diamondbacks game against the LA Dodgers. Alpine families and friends took up two sections of the stadium and had a wonderful time.



Three great fashion shows took place this spring by Flagstaff High School, Coconino High School and Sinagua Middle School. The FHS event showcased the Design and Merchandising program and was a lot of fun for the students and the audience. Coconino High School Link Leaders teamed up with the Shadows Foundation for a spectacular show at Twin Arrows and the 4th annual SMS Fashion show brought together the students (who did a lot of the planning themselves) and teachers for a wonderful school community show.



CHS



SMS (Picture taken by Barbara Sherman)



FHS

Important Contact Information for Flagstaff Unified School District

Administrative Center Main Number – 527-6000
Curriculum and Instruction Office – 527-6021
Human Resources – 527-6070
Food Services – 527-6090
Bilingual Education – 527-6107
Student Support Services – 527-6160
Transportation – 527-2300
Family Resource Center – 774-1103



FHS Students Visit Washington DC

This year's trip to Washington DC included 39 students. Highlights of the trip included; a tour of the White House, a private tour of the Capital via Representative Kirkpatrick's office, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery honoring those from Flagstaff that have served and given their lives, lunch with the Senators in the Dirksen building and much more. Thank you to Randy Hopson and Jeannine Brandel for again providing a once of a lifetime experience for students.





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FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Vision, Mission, Core Beliefs, Motto and Goals

Vision Statement:

Excellence for All by All

Mission Statement:

The mission of FUSD is to provide the best comprehensive educational opportunities for all in a safe, collaborative environment of high standards and expectations.

Core Beliefs:

We believe in the power of expectation; in the impact of high standards; in the value of diversity; and in the six pillars of character.

Motto:

Education at the Top of Arizona

Goals:

- Maintain and Improve Comprehensive Student Opportunities and Services
- Recruit and Retain Highly Qualified, Motivated, and Excelling Staff
- Improve Student Preparedness and Mastery
- Research and Create Desirable and Relevant Educational Opportunities and Services
- Increase Public Engagement and Support for FUSD
- Develop Innovative Revenue Opportunities



MEMS Animal Society

A Very Focused and Engaged Club of Students

Mount Elden Middle School Animal Society Club is a wonderful group of students who meet weekly with teacher Barry George, his wife Dr. Elizabeth Caspian and their dogs who have become the club's mascots. Students learn about careers which involve animals, the role of animals in our lives, various animals around us in Flagstaff, how to care for domestic pets and how to interact with animals they encounter and are not familiar with. In addition, Dr. Caspian talks to the students about brain similarities, differences and functions of the reptilian brain, the mammalian brain and the human brain. The classroom fills up with these eager students who are engaged and fo-

cus. The club is taught beyond the concept of helping animals but respecting each other and showing appreciation for those who help our community. Recently the club invited representatives from the Coconino County Sheriff's Office to talk to the students about the use of animals in their work and so the students could thank them for the work they do to keep the community safe.



FUSD will once again participate in the Flagstaff 4th of July Parade. Please check the FUSD Facebook page in June for the meeting time and place.

FUSD would like to wish all of our families and staff a safe and happy summer!