

# **District Recognitions**

**January 29, 2019**

First up tonight, we have our **Sabino High School** Girls Division 3 Swim Team. They are State Champions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row! What a fantastic streak. Please come on up as a team with Head Coach **Melanie Paulsen** while I talk a bit about the individual awards received.

**Skylar Dikeman**, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50 free and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100 backstroke

**Kaylin Farnum**, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 free and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100 free

**Mandy Farnum**, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50 free and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100 fly

1<sup>st</sup> Place Girls 200 free relay (**Kaylin Farnum, Mandy Farnum, Skylar Dikeman, Angela Malone**)

1<sup>st</sup> Place Girls 400 free relay (**Kaylin Farnum, Mandy Farnum, Skylar Dikeman, Angela Malone**)

*Separate boys swim recognition below.*

Sabino also had a Division 3 Boys Swimmer of the Year, **Grant Nations!** Grant also came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 free and 1<sup>st</sup> in 100 breaststroke. Come on up, Grant!

**NEXT RECOGNITION**

Next up we have an amazing group of **Borton Magnet Elementary** students who recently competed in the MathLeague.org Competition. Students were under the leadership of the amazing Nina Miller (Math Coach at Borton and Howell). The Borton team took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the last competition at St. Michaels (beating BASIS), and many students placed individually in 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> places in their grade level category at several competitions. Half of the students have qualified for the District level competition.

Here are the members of the team, please come on up when I call your name:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**Ben Flagg**

**Alejandro Garcia-Franco**

**Ronan Howard-Amary**

**Alton Sakall**

**Jacob Schwartz**

**Cadence Spilsbury**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Jacob Chevas**

**Sebastian Garcia**

**Michael Goode**

**Ariel Green**

**Andrew Kandell**

**Luis Linares**

**Santiago Patterson**

**Milo Peters**

**Nicholas Rochon**

**Grady Sakall**

**Owen Wilbur**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Ethan Garn**

**Fletcher Roberts**

**Zoey Rosano**

**NEXT RECOGNITION**

Our next recognition is very exciting! Ms. **Miriam Romero**, an ELD teacher at **Carrillo Magnet School** received the **2018 Arizona EL Teacher of the Year** award. This is the first time a Tucson Unified teacher has been selected! The State Superintendent of Schools, Diane Douglas presented the award during a surprise school assembly on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Romero was also honored during the OELAS Conference in December.

During the same conference our student, **Houda Makansi** at **Palo Verde High Magnet School** was honored as an ELL Student of the Year, 2018 EL Student Success Story. Houda was nominated by ELD Coordinator, Christina Negrete. Only four students in the State of Arizona receive this recognition!

Here's a quote from Ms. Negrete, "There is no doubt Houda is a motivated and brilliant student. In addition to her educational achievements, she has contributed to her new community in many extraordinary ways. She is part of a local group, Tucson Welcomes Refugees that helps newly settled refugees feel welcomed and supported in their new environment." What a wonderful way to support your community.

Ms. Romero and Houda, can we please have you both come up and take a picture?

## **NEXT RECOGNITION**

Our next recognition tonight is a thank you. Bob and Beverly Elliott have supported our amazing African American Student Services Department and the A Legacy of Excellence College Scholarship Banquet.

**Mr. and Mrs. Elliott** have donated approximately \$40,000 over the past 6 years to support college scholarships, support the Historic Black College University tour, support male mentoring and helped two Tucson Unified staff members complete their education.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, thank you very much. Your support is an outstanding contribution to the community! Please come on up.

#### **NEXT RECOGNITION**

Another thank you we have tonight is for **Mr. Lamont Martin**, with Texas Instruments. Mr. Martin donated approximately \$240,000 in office modular furniture to Tucson Unified in July 2018. The entire African American Student Services office was transformed by the donation as well as other offices across the district.

Thank you Mr. Martin! We appreciate your support of our district. Please come on up.

#### **NEXT RECOGNITION**

Our last recognition tonight is to acknowledge our wonderful TKAP – Tucson Korean Ambassador Program partners from South Korea. TKAP builds cultural, language, and friendship ties between students from Tucson Unified School District and students from Ulleung-gun (“Ooh-loong goon”) and Yeongyang-gun (“Young young goon”) in South Korea. Thirty-four students from Ulleung (“Ooh-loong”) stay with host families and student ambassadors representing **Dietz K-8, Gridley MS, Magee MS and Safford K-8**. Students live and learn the culture of our schools and the culture of the southwest. This partnership would not be possible without the support of our participating Tucson Unified principals, our department coordinator **Ms. Yoon Lee**, and the great educators from South Korea.

We have a short 1-minute video to share of the most recent visit. **(VIDEO)**

Please join me in recognizing these educators for the international collaboration.

From Yeong Yang (“Young Young”) – **Ms. Choi (“Che”)**

From Yeong Yang (“Young Young”) – **Mr. Ju**

From Ulleung (“Ooh-loong”) – **Ms. Yoon**

From Ulleung (“Ooh-loong”) – **Mr. Park**

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