

Superintendent's Report 04.29.14

The Governing Board and I would like to begin the meeting by recognizing the partnership and generous support of the **Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Pima Community College.**

Here representing Pima Community College are **President-Dr. Louis Albert, Shani Stewart, Dr. Daisy Rodriguez-Pitel and Geneva Escobedo.**

Representing the Pascua Yaqui Tribe is **Tribal Council Treasurer, Francisco Munoz.**

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe provided food for the Multicultural Symposium – an actual sit-down dinner – and Pima Community College West Campus hosted our annual Parent University and sponsored lunch and paid for PR materials.

Both of these events involved approximately 250-300 people! We are so thankful for their generosity and wanted to let them know how much it meant to us by presenting them with a small token of appreciation.

Thank you, again.

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Next we would like to honor the **Mansfeld Middle School Chorus.**

According to Tom Levario, the Choral/General Music Director at Mansfeld, on April 5, the chorus participated in the annual Arizona Choral Educator's spring choral festival. This festival attracts vocal music groups from throughout the state to compete for scores and comments from well-known adjudicator's (Phoenix Boy's Chorus). The Mansfeld group was one of 3 choral groups from Tucson, and the only one from TUSD. Their piano accompanist is Christopher Anderson, another TUSD employee and a parent of one of the chorus members. They scored a rating of Excellent!

This year, Mr. Levario worked at getting the students to listen to each other. As many of you who have teenagers know, this is no small feat. They are a mixture of 7th and 8th graders with many different personalities but with a common interest in singing. Mr. Levario had them sing through modern songs blended with some not so modern that they found interesting when they heard each other stumble through similar parts. Some last minute curves were thrown at them – listening to a harmonized Christmas Carol and then they were given one week to try and put it together...they succeeded. They all worked very hard...causing some tears, some singing in their sleep – in GERMAN – and, in the end, some great singing.

A recording of their performance was provided for review. Mr. Levario found a recording from several years ago with other students singing the same song...they were not very successful. He played it for this year's group without telling them it wasn't them and their faces dropped. They thought they had done better than that. Mr. Levario asked, "Wasn't that great?!" He says they were speechless. Then he told them, "That was not you." He then played their recording and he so enjoyed the look of relief and contentment that showed in their expressions.

He says he was so proud of them and still is and now he cannot wait until next year! Let's hear them sing for just a moment and congratulate them all on a job well done!! Please come forward when your name is called:

Eileen Anderson

Christina Archer

Leanna Avitia

Genesis Baez Moran

Brittney Brackett

Troy Briggs

Mikailah Caamano

Jacqueline Cabrera

Diana Cadena

Taylor Casillas

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Kayla Chandler

Sophia Dunn

Eryn Dye

Rayven Evans

Valyssa Flores

Trinity Furtado

Anthony George

Isabella Gonzalez

Rojina Khatri

Britney Lerma Contreras

Maya Leyva

Natalee Mercado

Allena Orozco

Angelica Ortiz

Crystal Ortiz Sanchez

Samantha Powell

Victoria Redondo

Eimonie Diamond Rivers

Araceli Romero

Charlotte Ronstadt

Brianna Sahagun

Amaris Sanchez

Danyel Thomas

Destiny Williams

Yalyssa Zermeno

Again, congratulations on a job, well done!

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Our next group of honorees competed in a **Digital Media Competition** at Tucson High called “*What is Great Teaching?*” **The teacher is Ms. Beth Slaine**, also recently honored at a Governing Board meeting.

Students had to submit a 30-60 second video promoting their idea of what makes for great teaching. Participation in the competition was open to all Tucson High students.

The videos were judged by four people: Dr. Sánchez, Jeff Ell – a local realtor and Tucson Values Teachers board member, Vicki & Scott Hough – retired Tucson High educators and members of the Badger Foundation. The judges used a rubric to rank the videos.

Students who are here tonight representing the class are:

Jacqueline Alvarez

Natalie Marinos

Nathaniel Gallegos

Brisa Ocampo

The winners of the competition are:

Diego Rocha – 3rd place

Morgan Darby – 2nd place

Candra Villa – 1st place

And we would like to share the winning videos with you now. Congratulations – I had a lot of fun with this competition!

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We have many winners from the **Science Fairs**. I know we may have missed some schools – these are the ones that were in contact with us. If we did, please let us know and we will recognize those students at an upcoming board meeting.

A few of these students have competed and done well enough to represent us at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in May. All the students have received awards from the Southern Arizona Regional Science and Engineering Fair; some have been awarded through the Arizona Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, which is a prestigious scholarship program in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). Some have competed and been awarded through the Arizona Science and Engineering Fair, which draws students from all over Arizona.

We, unfortunately, do not have enough time to list all of their accomplishments, which are many, but did want to present them with certificates and congratulate them all for their outstanding work. **Those representing us at ISEF will be Meagan Bethel and Diego Aubert Vasquez from Tucson High and Kelsey Barter, Shelby Yuan and Stephen Yao from UHS.** I did want to point out that Tucson High was awarded Top High School and their teacher, Margaret Wilch, was awarded Top High School Teacher.

I am very excited to call up the first group from Morgan Maxwell – they are only in the 1st grade and just beginning their interest in science.

Morgan Maxwell – SARSEF Grand Award - 1st Place

Teacher: Rebecca Peralta

Aniza Cardenas Bravo

Dulce Castro Fierro

Zahaira Contreras Seleyandia

Yara Guevara

Hana Heras

Yezabelle Leal

Aliyah Morones

Nicole Oros Cruz

Ana Sofia Ramirez

Aileen Rosiles

Gael Ruiz Parra

Carlos Urias Nuñez

Juliana Zarazua

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From Tucson High:

Teacher: Margaret Wilch

Diego Aubert Vasquez

SARSEF Grand Award – 1st Place

ISEF Finalist 2014

Meagan Bethel

SARSEF Grand Award – 1st Place

ISEF Finalist 2014

Zachary Benz

SARSEF Grand Award – 3rd Place

Eric Carver

SARSEF Grand Award – 3rd Place

Craig Johnson

SARSEF Grand Award – 1st Place

Allison Kath

SARSEF Grand Award – 2nd Place

Jasmine Lopez

SARSEF Grand Award – 1st Place

Shania Pablo

SARSEF Grand Award – 2nd Place

Ariella Peskin-Owens

SARSEF Grand Award – 3rd Place

Lily Ptacek

SARSEF Grand Award – 3rd Place

Mette Story

SARSEF Grand Award – 3rd Place

Rowen Stokes

SARSEF Grand Award – 3rd Place

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Cassidy Vernon

SARSEF Grand Award – 3rd Place

Jason Villegas

SARSEF Grand Award – 2nd Place

From Pueblo:

Teacher: Dr. Andrew Lettes

Maricela Bravo

SARSEF Grand Award – 2nd Place

Nawal Mohammad

SARSEF Grand Award – 2nd Place

Jezabel Meza

SARSEF Grand Award – 2nd Place

Salma Reyes-Flores

SARSEF Grand Award – 2nd Place

Ashley Parra

SARSEF Grand Award – 1st Place

Anabel Vera

SARSEF Grand Award – 1st Place

From UHS:

Teacher: Pamela Tautz

Shelby Yuan

SARSEF Grand Award – 1st Place

ISEF Finalist

Stephen Yao

AZJSHS – 6th Place presenter

AZSEF – Grand Award: 1st Place

U.S. Public Health Service 1st Place

ISEF Finalist

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Kelsey Barter

SARSEF Grand Award – 1st Place

ISEF Finalist

Ashling Whelan

SARSEF Grand Award – 2nd Place

Rachel Done

AZSEF Grand Award – 3rd Place

Itai Kreisler (he cannot attend)

AZSEF Grand Award – 1st Place

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Yesterday the Governing Board room was transformed into a television studio. The Superintendent's Student Advisory Council produced and live - streamed a one half-hour show with student producers from Pueblo Magnet High School's media program. The Communications Department supported the effort.

I will provide the YouTube link to the show in my Friday report.

Here is a 2-minute trailer.

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