

## June Superintendent Report

### Recognition:

Seth Aleshire, Pueblo Gardens K-8, ASA Dissertation award

Alan Myklebust, Ben's Bell honoree

Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and I had a great experience last week. We dropped in on Mansfeld Middle Magnet School to join children enjoying lunch through our Summer Meals program.

We had a lot of fun helping to pass out lunches and talking with the kids. Our Food Service department is serving thousands of meals to children 18 and under at school sites as well as partner organizations.

We're going to play a video that shows a little of our visit and more about the program.

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I would like to show some of the new videos our Human Resources and Communications teams worked on to help with our recruiting efforts. This is part of a larger project for supporting and improving our hiring processes.

As you know, our application process has been streamlined, and we are now working with Recruiting.com on our website presence. These videos are one part of this exciting project. I really like the way the videos capture our people and our mission here at Tucson Unified School District.

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Next I would like to highlight two jewels in our district: The Davis Bilingual Elementary Magnet School physical education program and University High School's College and Career Counseling Center.

I recently visited the schools, and we have a little video of that.

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These very different programs support our children in special ways, and my wife and I have chosen to support them with personal donations.

I would like to invite anyone from Davis to come up as we present a check to support the PE program and the great work Daniel Mejia does with the program. I had a lot of fun visiting him and the children in his summer program last week, and I am honored to support him and the Davis community.

I'm also honored to support University High School's College and Career Center. The center was created through the hard work of parents and staff and provides UHS students with a place to do homework, meet college recruiters and fill out college applications. They also have an awesome peanut butter and jelly station, where any child can get a little fuel for the day.

Can we ask any UHS guests to come on up, I'd like to present the check for the College and Career Counseling Center.

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I would like to congratulate Seth Aleshire from Pueblo Gardens K-8 for earning the Arizona School Administrators' Dissertation Award. This award is given to one doctoral student from each of the three state universities as well as selected private universities.

Mr. Aleshire's dissertation was selected following his graduation from the University of Arizona in December and was called *The Spectrum of Discourse: A Case Study Utilizing Critical Race Theory and Critical Discourse Analysis*.

His study examined how various stakeholders and policy makers defined and discussed the Mexican American Studies program during the time it was being investigated for possible violation of state law.

The ultimate aim of the research was to provide an authentic case study to help practitioners understand their role in shaping discourse around policy issues that impact our schools and how complex and challenging this is when one's view differs from that of the State and/or those in power.

Congratulations, Mr. Aleshire!

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Finally, I'd like to recognize Alan Myklebust from the Exceptional Education department. Mr. Myklebust was recently honored by Ben's Bells in a weekly "belling" ceremony. He was nominated by a TUSD family that wanted to thank him for the wonderful work he has done to ensure their daughter received the services and inclusive treatment through her elementary school years.

Mr. Myklebust is retiring soon, and we wanted to be sure to congratulate him on his "belling" and to thank him for being an excellent advocate and champion for children in our Exceptional Education programs.