

# **District Recognitions**

**July 27, 2017**

First up tonight, I want to thank a group of staff who assisted the U.S. Forest Service during the Burro Fire. The Forest Service used Sabino High School as their headquarters and Sahuaro High School for public meetings.

These individuals took time out of their vacation schedules, weekends or other plans to pull together and do what was needed to help. Each ensured that matters of technology, facility access and security were in place so the U.S. Forest Service and the hot shot crews could focus their attention on battling the blaze that consumed almost 28,000 acres extending between Redington Pass and Mt. Lemmon.

The Southwest Area Incident Management Team sent in this photo to show their appreciation for the support.

Thank you for your assistance, you are truly appreciated. Please come on up when I call your name.

**Russell Doty**, Sabino High School, Principal

**Jill Ronsman**, Sabino High School, Assistant Principal

**Jay Campos**, Sabino High School, Assistant Principal

**Gilbert Quijada**, Sabino High School, Engineer

**Miguel Carrion**, Communications and Media Relations

**Jeff Coleman**, TUSD School Safety

**David Vildusea**, TUSD School Safety

**Wes Babcock**, Technology Services

**Rabih Hamadeh**, Technology Services

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Next up tonight, we'd like to honor our Higher Ground athletes who are currently international or national champions!

**Kenji Azarias** is a 9 year old at Hollinger K-8 who back in February became the 2017 Pan American (all of North and South America) Champion of the International Brazilian JiuJitsu Federation.

17 year old **Taylor Peercy** of Rincon High School is number one in her cadet female weight category for the USA Judo!

17 year old **Michael Richardson** of Cholla High Magnet school is number seven in his male weight category for USA Judo!

The students are coached by **Jansen Azarias, Steve Owen, Michael Sumner** and

**Ryo Sato.**

Thank you for all of your hard work and congratulations students!

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Our last recognition is a talented group of students from Tucson High Magnet School who traveled to Philadelphia recently for the National Engineering Design Competition.

Advisor **Shelia Marquez** chaperoned her 11<sup>th</sup> Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) group of students to the National competition in June.

The competition consisted of building a prosthetic arm for less than eighty dollars and using arduino coding to open and close the fingers and to not actuate the motor with the other arm. Then, students used the arm complete three tasks: dexterity, distance accuracy, and object relocation. Lastly, students had to write a 15 page technical paper, design and create an academic display, and give an oral presentation.

Students placed in the following categories:

**First Place** in Dexterity, which is putting bolts in holes on a board then picking up a nut and screwing it on.

**Third Place** in Distance Accuracy, which is grabbing bean bags and tossing them at a target.

**First Place** on the Technical Paper

**Second Place** in Academic Display

**Third Place** in Design Efficiency, which takes into account the weight and cost of device.

Overall, the team placed **Third**.

Congratulations to the team and coaches! I'd like to ask the students to come on up to perform a demonstration and accept their certificates. {note: They will have a video}

**Airam Arce Parra**

**Prashamsa Raut**

**Roman Rivera**

**Ryan Stancliffe**

Advisor: **Sheila Marquez**

Volunteer Engineer: **Leonard Vance**

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