

District Recognitions

September 25, 2018

First up we have a nomination from Nikki Stefan, our Director of School Health Services.

--She nominated **Kate Straub**, who is a school nurse at Pueblo High with a Master's degree in Public Health.

--In May, Kate was awarded the title of a 2017 Fabulous Fifty Nurse in the Tucson Community.

--She was a key leader in the Healthier U.S. School Challenge. Pueblo High School was the only high school in Arizona to win that challenge.

--She advocated for Pueblo students to have healthy food options in the cafeteria and in vending machines. She was also instrumental in bringing Pueblo Teen Cuisine to Pueblo. Teen Cuisine is a partnership between Pueblo and Pima Prevention Partnership that works with at-risk teens providing job training skills and employment opportunities.

--Kate is involved with meeting the medical needs of the City of South Tucson by facilitating appointments for the U of A Mobile Health Van. The van visits Pueblo on a regular basis to meet the needs of students and families who do not have access to other health care services.

--She mentors and provides clinical experiences for students from the U of A College of Nursing, Northern Arizona University Nursing Program, and medical residents from U of A College of Medicine.

--Lastly a primary role for Kate as a school nurse at Pueblo is providing health care and kindness to students with multiple needs.

--Kate looks at the entire picture of health and education and understands people need an all-inclusive model to manage educational success, wellness and happiness. Many students have no health care outside of the school. It is Kate's passion to provide health information and then link families to health resources in the community.

Come on up, Kate!

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The next recognition tonight is, **Janet Rico Uhrig**, the Executive Director of our Human Resources department. During the 2018 Arizona Society for Human Resource Management (or SHRM for short) Conference in August Janet was awarded the Ann Byrnes SPHR Memorial Award for Professional Excellence in Human Resources. Janet is a wonderful leader for Tucson Unified, she takes the time to know our employees and understand their needs. As well as she is an active participant and supporter in the Tucson community. We are proud that her efforts have been recognized and appreciate her dedication to Tucson Unified.

Congratulations, Janet! Please come on up.

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