

Guest List and order:

Marnie Robles, Rodel Teacher of the Year

Principal Elsa Corral-Aguirre, Cavett

Taylor Nations, Sabino High School

Patsy and Derek Nations (Taylor's parents)

Lisa Sartori, Sabino High School

Melanie Paulson, Sabino High School

Dr. Andrew Lettes, Pueblo Magnet High School (plus Guest)

Diego Aubert-Vasquez, Tucson Magnet High School (plus three guests)

Rachael Done (plus guest)

Mr. Russell Doty, Sabino High School

Representatives from Hughes, Miles, Dodge and University High

I would like to recognize **Marnie Robles**. She teaches first grade at Cavett Elementary.

Ms. Robles was named a 2015 Rodel Exemplary Teacher last week.

If you're not familiar with the Rodel Foundation, it selects up to two teachers from each county every year who:

- Achieve outstanding student performance in high-need schools
- Have effective classroom practices

and

- Have the capacity to become strong mentors for future teachers

Rodel teachers are asked to be mentors for new teachers. The idea is that great teachers can help develop more great teachers.

Principal Elsa Corral-Aguirre says Ms. Robles is definitely one of those great teachers who has a lot to share.

Here is what she says about Ms. Robles:

“I cannot think of a more qualified person to mentor future teachers for the Rodel Foundation. When one enters Ms. Robles’ classroom, you see how she exemplifies excellence. I am humbled by her commitment to our students at Cavett Elementary. “

Thank you and congratulations to Ms. Marnie Robles. We are proud to have you in TUSD.

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Next I would like to recognize Taylor Nations. Taylor is a junior at Sabino High School and is an excellent swimmer and an outstanding student. Here are some of her accomplishments.

- She was chosen as the 2014 Swimmer of the Year by the Arizona Daily Star and AllSportsTucson.com.
- Won the 2014 State titles in 100 free and 100 back. She also won the 100 back in 2013.
- She was the anchor leg for the 400 free relay that placed third at State.
- She is a Scholastic All American with a perfect score for 2014. A perfect score requires having a 4.0 GPA for the school year and at least one Junior National B cut time. Taylor has 4 cuts.
- A member of a 800-yard relay team that has qualified for Junior Nationals. She leaves for Seattle TOMORROW.
- And she has received interest from a large number of universities including Pac 12 schools, one of them the U of A.

I would also like to recognize **Lisa Sartori**, the swim coach at Sabino, who has been named the AIA Swim Coach of the Year! That is a great achievement. Congratulations to Coach Sartori. And Taylor and Coach Sartori are joined by Sabino's assistant swim and dive coach, **Melanie Paulson**.

Taylor's parents Patsy and Derek Nations are here as well.

Great job everyone!

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Next I'd like to recognize **Dr. Andrew Lettes** (LETTUCE) of Pueblo Magnet High School. He was recently named the Teacher of the Year during the 2014 Governor's Celebration of Innovation. Congratulations!

Dr. Lettes has taught at Pueblo for the past six years. During this time, the biosciences program has grown from 17 to 128 students.

Two students were also winners: **Diego Aubert-Vasquez** of Tucson Magnet High School and **Rachael Done** of University High School.

They were named 2014 Governor's Celebration of Innovation Future Innovators of the Year.

Diego reported on the effects of bacteria in wastewater on fuel cells.

Rachael researched a fusion protein for a breast cancer drug.

It's much more complicated than I can explain here—but I assure you it's students and teachers like these that will change the world. Great job!!!

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Mr. Russell Doty has been named Administrator of the Year by the Arizona Thespian Board. Mr. Doty is an Assistant Principal at Sabino High School.

In the past three years, Sabino has hosted three large statewide theatre functions, including two one-act festivals and one event where the school hosted members of the national touring cast of Wicked.

Mr. Doty was recognized because he throws his full support, excitement and encouragement behind everyone. He also makes sure kids in the arts programs know that what they're doing is valuable. And he is actually going to perform with them in our Improv Show for Charity in January.

Congratulations, Mr. Doty!

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I would like to invite our folks from **Miles, Dodge** and **UHS** to come up for the November Attendance Awards.

These schools have once again won our monthly attendance awards contest. Congratulations to these schools for continuing to emphasize the importance of coming to school each day.

And we have a new winner this month---Hughes Elementary has come in 1st place!!! Way to go Hughes!

If you don't know about the attendance contest, the elementary, K-8, middle and high schools with the best attendance by percentage win the honor of flying a special attendance flag on their flagpoles.

The flags have been at these schools for three months now! Every month, it's a pretty tight race so everyone needs to work hard to encourage kids and their families to make sure they get to school.

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