

UHS Dance teacher Beth Braun

The Chief Medical Officer for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The former White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy.

The CEO of the YWCA.

An Emmy award winning documentarian.

and a Tucson Dance Teacher.

What do they all have in common?

They've been named "Disruptive Women to Watch for 2016," an elite list of women who are making a profound impact in health and health care.

I'm proud to announce that University High School teacher **Beth Braun** is being recognized as one of those amazing women!

Beth could you come up, along with Principal Amy Cislak?

Here's what the "Disruptive Women in Health Care" website says about Ms. Braun:

"There is a popular saying that goes, 'If you meet someone who is able to turn pain into poetry, don't let them go.' Ms. Braun is one of those people. She turns personal pain into beautiful performance art—helping others to begin healing their own emotional and psychological wounds.

"Ms. Braun is a professional dancer and formed the Esperanza Dance Project in 2011 as a way to help raise funds for treatment for a young woman who suffered through years of sexual abuse. That effort continues today for others."

By the way, Esperanza means "hope" in Spanish. We want to thank you Ms. Braun for using your extraordinary talent at UHS and beyond to bring hope to so many.

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MathMovesU

We've heard of super heroes and super teachers. Today, I get to introduce you to someone who is both. Mr. Billy Campbell of Pueblo Magnet High School is one of just 25 teachers in the U.S. to receive the Raytheon "Math Heroes" award!

Mr. Campbell could you please come up, along with Principal Romero and any other staff or family?

So what makes Mr. Campbell special? Here's what Raytheon says:

"The Math Heroes grant recognizes educators who implement innovative techniques and transformative programs that excite students and motivate them to pursue careers that include mathematics.

"Raytheon Math Hero winners are nominated by students, parents and school administrators and selected based on the effective and creative ways teachers work with students in math and science, drawing on new and advanced approaches."

What did he win? \$2,500 and another \$2,500 for the school! Way to go! (Dr. Romero might want to talk)

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Mansfeld Boys win City championship

You hear a lot about basketball here in Tucson—after all we are home to many of great Wildcats turned NBA stars. And everyone has to start somewhere. right?

How about starting out as the City wide Basketball champs---for middle school.

Come on up Mansfeld Magnet Middle School boy's basketball team, coach Marvin Beckwith and assistant principal Yvonne Torres—this year's champs!

Coach Beckwith can you tell us a little bit about your team?

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Arizona PTA Support Staff of the Year

When you think of the PTA, PTO or PTSO you may first think of parent volunteers. But, many of our staff and teachers are important members and supporters of our Parent-Teacher organizations.

Earlier this summer---the state PTA handed out its awards for the 2014-15 school year, and we are proud to announce that Mr. Tom Graham of Soleng Tom Elementary School won the award for Support Staff of the Year.

That's for the ENTIRE STATE!

Mr. Graham could you please come up, along with Principal Dotson and all of our Soleng Tom supporters?

PTSA president, Rachael Hambacher will you tell us more about Mr. Graham?

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the community!

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Honoring Coach Mike Argraves

Next I'd like to honor Coach Mike Argraves, an outstanding Cholla High Magnet coach who recently retired after 27 years of teaching and leading student athletes.

During his long career on courts and on fields, he has coached girl's basketball, softball, track and field and cross country.

According to his son, Tucson High Football Coach Justin Argraves, Mike Argraves has coached 225 girls' varsity basketball wins. Not to mention he has coached multiple teams to the state playoffs!

(Frank Armenta or Mr. House may want to speak)

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Legacy Volunteers

Since 2011, an amazing group of volunteers have been working behind the scenes to bring together the annual “Legacy of Excellence Scholarship Banquet.” The banquet has raised more than \$54,000 dollars in scholarships for graduating seniors in TUSD.

The volunteers have put in thousands of hours to pass on the gift of education to the next generation of students.

We’d like to ask the group to come up to be acknowledged. Jimmy Hart, Director of African American Student Services is here to say a few words of thanks.

Jeffrey Sawyer, TUSD
Richard Langford, TUSD
Miles Warrior, TUSD
Elaine Buckner, TUSD
Natalie Clark, Community Member
Lee Simpson, Community Member
Shani Stewart, Community Member
Marilyn McGlory, TUSD
Student Selection Committee
Teresia Albritton TUSD.
Keisha Coleman, TUSD
Patricia Spencer, Community Member
Jamie Cox, Community Member
Debbie Worthy, TUSD
Keisha Coleman (listed above)
George Brown, TUSD
Zeta Phi Beta, Omega Rho Zeta Inc. (Silent Auction scholarship)
Patricia Spencer

Ashley Hale
Rhonda Killingsworth-Lett
Fatima Terrell
Leigh Burns
Nita Ocansey
Sharon Harper
Marisha Findley
Michelle Scott
Beverly Laidlow
AnnKatri Littleton, TUSD
Yvette Leonard
Marissa Owens, TUSD Grad and past AASSD intern
Maisal Gae
Jerri-Lynn Kinkade, TUSD Grad
Kimberly Wilson
Evelyn Cassidy
Angel Austin
Deshanaye Williams

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Operation School Bell

Earlier this year, CBS News named Tucson number five on its list of America's poorest cities. Talk to the teachers and staff at many of our schools, and they will tell you they see it first hand.

Today we want to honor a local organization that takes helping to a whole new level. [\(Play video\)](#)

Could our friends from the Assistance League come up? Johnny Williams, Sally Johnson, Sue Rieger and Jannine Mathis.

In addition to Oyama, students from Davidson, Van Buskirk, Pueblo Gardens, Miller, Myers Ganoung, Mission View, Hollinger and Cavett are participating in Operation School Bell.

The schools are chosen because of their Title One status—a high percentage of their families are low income.

You can see from the video, the field trip to the Operation School Bell store made their day!

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Magnet funding update

2014-15 Magnet Schools: \$8,662,695

2014-15 Magnet Department: \$944,759

2014-15 TOTAL (Magnet Schools + Department): \$9,607,454

2015-16 Magnet Schools Budgeted: \$11,598,170

2015-16 Magnet Department: \$504,452

2015-16 TOTAL (Magnet Schools Budgeted + Department): \$12,102,622

*schools will receive an additional \$318,589 for a school total of \$11,916,759 (and a total of \$12,421,211 – including the dep't)

I also want to thank the magnet school community parents and volunteers for organizing a meeting last night regarding funding, staffing and the future of their children's schools.

The organizers invited all parties to the meeting, including the Special Master, plaintiffs, the district and the school board. President Grijalva, Dr. Stegeman and Mr. Juarez along with me and members of district leadership attended and spoke. Congressman Grijalva and Representative Victoria Steele were also among the attendees.

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AZALAS

I also wanted to take a moment to thank so many of our district staff for taking part in the Arizona Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents conference this week.

You can see from this picture, Tucson Unified School District had a big presence and presented valuable information to fellow school districts about serving the Latino community in our state.

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Your Voice Invitation

Finally, I'd like to extend a special invitation to the board along with all of the Tucson Unified School District community to the Your Voice Legislative Advocacy Info Session.

We are hosting the event November 16th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Tucson High Magnet School on 2nd Avenue.

Tucson Unified has joined with every local school district and board in Pima County to bring the Arizona School Boards Association advocacy training to Southern Arizona.

We'll all learn how to engage our neighbors, build relationships with legislators and understand how the bill process works.

Also on hand, community partners who can help answer questions and get you plugged in to issues you care about—including of course K-12 education.

We have this information for you at TUSD1.org or LIKE us on Facebook to share the event. We'll also be streaming the training on our website if you are unable to be there in person.

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At the same event, we will be collecting donations for the Tucson Unified School District Clothing Banks. Our clothing banks are in need of socks, shoes and skivvies and we're hoping to stuff the bus that night!

If you're unable to make it we have collection boxes at our district offices at 1010 E. 10th Street or you can drop off here at the Duffy Center or at the Wakefield Family Center. All that information can be found at TUSD1.org

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