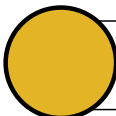
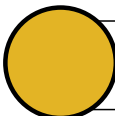
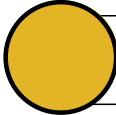
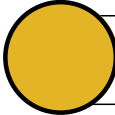
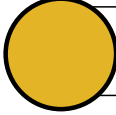
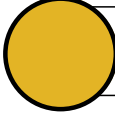
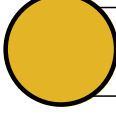
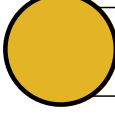
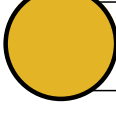
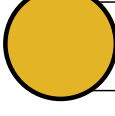
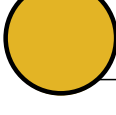
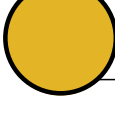






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## **Congratulations to our 2020 National Merit Semifinalists:**

Semifinalists must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, demonstrated leadership abilities, participation in school and community activities, be recommended by the school principal, write an essay, and earn SAT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

# October

## October Events

Here are some upcoming events at our schools!

Please visit your school's website for a full calendar of events, performances and game schedules.

- **OCT. 3: MARCOS DE NIZA BROADWAY CONCERT @ 6 PM**
- **OCT. 7 - 11: FALL BREAK — NO CLASSES**
- **OCT. 11: AHWATUKEE BOWL @ DESERT VISTA | KICK OFF @ 7 PM**
- **OCT. 14: COLUMBUS DAY — NO CLASSES**
- **OCT. 16: PSAT TESTING**
- **OCT. 18-19, 25-26: MOUNTAIN POINTE HAUNTED HOUSE FUNDRAISER @ 6 PM**
- **OCT. 21: THE TEEN BRAIN | I'M [IN]FORMED WORKSHOP @ MARCOS DE NIZA | @ 6 PM**
- **OCT. 22: TEMPE HIGH ORCHESTRA CONCERT @ 7 PM**
- **OCT. 23: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA NIGHT @ CORONA DEL SOL | @ 6 PM**
- **OCT. 24: CORONA DEL SOL BONFIRE @ 6 PM**
- **OCT. 28: CORONA DEL SOL TRUNK OR TREAT @ 6 PM  
FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!**
- **OCT. 30: MCCLINTOCK HIGH BONFIRE @ 5:30 PM**
- **OCT 30: EL COLEGIO COMUNITARIO DE MESA — JUNTA INFORMATIVA @ 6:30 PM**
- **OCT. 31: HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

### These are our Semifinalists:

#### McClintock High School

Caio Dengi  
Connie Devenport  
Theodore Strich

#### Desert Vista High School

Megan Chen  
Jessica Condon  
Lauren Jobe

Jonathan Pak  
Evan Travis  
Michelle Wei  
James Wen  
Mutian "Jerry" Xin  
Nathan Zhang

#### Corona del Sol High School

Justin Bai  
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Kristen Roehling  
Christopher Shin  
Sarah Stellburg  
Shane Tokishi  
Luca Welch  
David Wu  
Jessica Zhang

# SPECIAL BOUNTY FOR SPECIAL TEENS



Between the brick walls and bustling footsteps of Tempe High School sits an unlikely display: A community garden. The garden, which can be found in the middle of campus, started out as a sustainability project for a student in need of credit recovery. At the start, Tempe High teacher Mr. Michael Werner oversaw the project.

Then the project grew legs as Ms. Jennifer Laurence,

Tempe High Student Services Specialist, got her special education students involved.

Mr. Werner, who has been given the nickname of "Tempe High unofficial gardener", tended to the garden over the long, hot Arizona summer. Along with plants typical to Arizona, such as tomatoes, peas and flowers, students grew an unusual crop: Wheat.

*"[Mr. Werner] has been working with my students in building a sensory garden that we had started," Laurence said. "He thought growing wheat from native seed would be interesting since it's used in so many things that we eat but it looks so different after being processed."*

The wheat from Tempe High's garden was donated to Tempe bakery Great Harvest Bread Company, a local bread making company that mills their own flour. The bakery

# Special Ed

then invited the teens back to the store for a hands-on experience to see how their wheat would be turned into bread.

Though some were hesitant at first, 15 students of Ms. Laurence's Autism Class were guided through the bread making process. They were given individual balls of dough that they kneaded, scored and set aside to watch rise. The students then watched their bread loaves bake and rise in the large ovens of the bakery.

*"They learned that baking bread from scratch is a lot of work, but for those who like bread, they said it was worth it,"* Laurence said. *"A few*

*even described the difference as being able to taste the attention, love [and] care that went into it."*

The bakery staff introduced the students to professional bakery machinery, including a flour mill, commercial mixers and large convection ovens.

Leslie Walston, owner of Great Harvest Bread Company, incorporated activities to play to the students' different senses. She gave them tubs of different types of flour to feel textural differences, and asked them to smell the aroma of freshly baked bread.

*"It was wonderful to have such amazing youth and staff make*

*bread with us,"* said Watson. *"We did incorporate their flour into this project. So they really did get to enjoy the fruits ...er... bread loaves of their labor. The Little Red Hen would be proud (and so are we)."*

Walston's goal of the afternoon: To help the students realize the full circle of farmer, miller, baker and consumer of fresh bread.

*"Just making the bread was an experience that none had been a part of before. Most were hesitant because it was a new place with new people,"* Laurence said. *"Amazingly, within a few minutes, Mrs. Leslie had just about every student engaged and involved and asking for her approval."*



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## CORONA DEL SOL, MOUNTAIN POINTE CHOIR STUDENTS SING NATIONAL ANTHEM

Over 250 choir students from Tempe Union High School District were invited to sing the national anthem for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Roughly 200 singers from Corona del Sol and about 50 singers from Mountain Pointe

High School joined together to sing the National Anthem at Chase Field on August 29, 2019, just before the Arizona Diamondbacks played the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The choirs were led by Corona choir director Greg

Hebert, Corona's Andrew DeValk and Mountain Pointe Choir Director Katie Hixon.

To see their performance, visit: [https://www.TempeUnion.org/TUHSD\\_Newsroom](https://www.TempeUnion.org/TUHSD_Newsroom)

## TEMPE UNION OPENS MINDFULNESS ROOMS

This school year, Tempe Union High School District will be opening a mindfulness room at each of its seven school sites. Corona del Sol is the first to complete the renovation of their room. All other campuses will open their rooms throughout the remainder of 2019.

The rooms will host mindfulness practices at designated times throughout the day. The schedules will differ on each campus to best

serve students.

Funded by a partnership with the Governor's Office on Youth, Faith and Families and the High School Health and Wellness Grant, select staff at each site have received training to lead mindfulness practices and oversee the use of the rooms. The grant provides funding to support drug and alcohol prevention on all seven TUHSD campuses. Offering mindfulness practices on a

high school campus supports the efforts of the grant to prevent drug and alcohol use by students.

Corona del Sol also received grant funding from the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation to support the opening of their mindfulness room.

For more information on our High School Health & Wellness Program, please visit: [TempeUnion.org/HighSchoolHealthWellness](https://www.TempeUnion.org/HighSchoolHealthWellness)

# TEMPE UNION LAUNCHES ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAM: TUOL

To meet the growing demand of the virtual student, Tempe Union High School District has launched a new online education program.

Tempe Union Online (TUOL) offers students online learning opportunities to provide flexibility for personalized student success.

Students work with their teacher in a virtual, online environment to study and complete all coursework at their own pace.

The district offers a total of 14 classes each semester, and includes courses in subjects like Math, English,

Social Studies and Electives. Students can also take courses for credit recovery.

TUOL is an open entry, open exit program, meaning students can enroll at anytime and will have 18 weeks to finish a course.

TUOL students receive one-on-one instructional support and tutoring from highly qualified, certified teachers. Students also have access to Online Learning Labs at every Tempe Union campus where computers are available for student use in a supervised classroom lab setting.

All courses are aligned to the Arizona Standards and

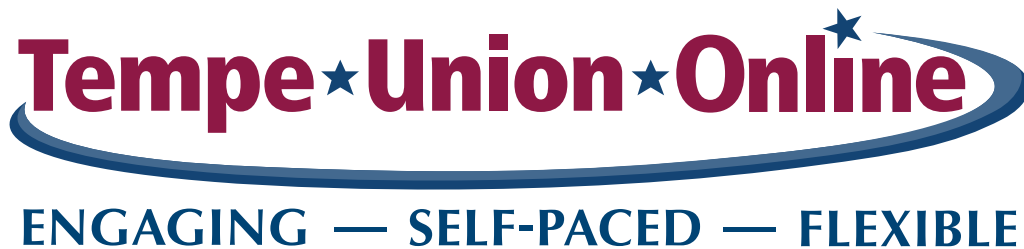
curriculum standards of the District.

The district first launched Tempe Union Online during the 2019 Summer Education Academy, where nearly 200 students were enrolled in the Program.

Over 230 students are actively taking courses online in the 2019-2020 school year.

For more information on Tempe Union Online, please visit:

[TempeUnion.org/TUOL](https://TempeUnion.org/TUOL)



## TUOL COURSES AVAILABLE:

- English: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior
- Math: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, College Math
- Social Studies: World History, American History, US/AZ Government, Economics
- Electives: Psychology, Sociology
- PLUS the credit recovery version of each course listed above.

*Please Note: TUOL is open entry open exit, which means one can start a course whenever as long as there are 18 weeks left in the school year to finish.*

# MCCLINTOCK STUDENTS RECOGNIZE TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

Students at McClintock High School honored Teen Suicide Prevention Week with a school-wide activity.

On Tuesday Sept. 10, 2019, students wrote inspirational quotes on thin slips of paper, as part of the state-wide Chains of Hope campaign. These slips were stapled together in a chain-like fashion and hung up along the front of the school.

Students wrote positive messages, like the phrases "Life Matters" and "You are not alone".

The Chains of Hope campaign was started by Teen Lifeline, a confidential crisis service where teens help other teens make healthy decisions through a 24-hour peer counseling crisis hotline. Across the state, McClintock High School created the most links in the campaign at 1,937 links.

"Even though this was our first year creating #ChainsOfHope, the schools and students that participated put their all into it," Teen Lifeline said on Twitter.

Earlier in the month, Arizona Superintendent Kathy Hoffman declared September Suicide Prevention Month for the state.



If you or anyone you know is struggling with suicidal thoughts, consider calling the Suicide Crisis Line: (602) 248-8336.

Tempe Union High School District students can call the

Teen Lifeline number on the back of their school ID to talk with a student crisis line.

McClintock Guidon reporters Sade Tine and Lucy Tayrole contributed to this story.

*Photo by Sade Tine.*





## DESERT VISTA FILM & TV BRING HOME STUDENT EMMY AWARD

Desert Vista Film & TV students took home an Emmy for their student newscast: DDTV.

Desert Vista won an award in the category of Best High School Student Newscast. Students Noah Terrell, Michelle Coro, Lauren Goebel, Tatum Sailors, Ava Schwartz and Abby Arnold accepted the award on behalf of the DDTV program.

Several Desert Vista students were also nominated for Emmy awards for individual projects, including Noah Terrell, Alexandra Waters and

Matthew Neal.

DDTV, led by Film & TV teacher Michelle Coro, is a student-produced media news show that airs on Tuesday and Thursday during the beginning of 3rd Period AcLab.

Broadcast are produced by students, and feature segments such as teacher spotlights, upcoming school events and seasonal sports round-ups.

Students from Arizona high schools and colleges were honored at the 2019 Rocky Mountain Student Production

Emmy awards ceremony at Omni Montelucia Resort on Sept. 14, 2019. Awards were given out for numerous categories, including individual reporters, longform projects and student broadcast programs.

The DDTV broadcast is part of the Film & TV program, offered at several Tempe Union High School District schools. Film & TV is part of the Career & Technical Education Department (CTE).

For more on CTE, visit: [TempeUnion.org/CTE](https://www.tempeunion.org/cte)

# Partners

## COMPADRE MUSIC ROOM



### COMPADRE OPENS FALL SEMESTER WITH INAUGURAL MUSIC ROOM

Of TUHSD's seven schools, Compadre Academy was the only school within the District without a music classroom or program. The Tempe Leadership Class XXXIV wanted to help.

The Tempe Leadership Program, in partnership with the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Foundation, identifies projects around the City of Tempe that better the community. Tempe Leadership Class XXXIV heard numerous project proposals, and ultimately agreed to help create a music room for the students and faculty of Compadre Academy.

*"I'm overwhelmed,"* said Compadre Academy Principal Dora Samson at the April 2019 grand opening. *"I had no idea when they started it would go to this level."*

Susan Manning, who leads Compadre's Jobs for Arizona Graduates (JAG) program and teaches student government, worked tirelessly with Tempe Leadership, Compadre Administration and other community partners to bring the music room to life. Her vision for the room includes expanding classes, offering



## CORONA DEL SOL ROBOTICS RECEIVES STEM GRANT FROM D-BACKS FOUNDATION

music therapy and creating a safe, creative space for students to be themselves.

*"Compadre really owes her a lot today," Samson said. "To everyone who was part of this, you have changed the lives of students today."*

The newly unveiled room includes over 25 guitars, bass guitars, ukuleles and amps, as well as a full library of replacement strings, picks and other accessories. The room also features a stage, generously donated by the Tempe Diablos.

Along with the room, the Tempe Leadership Class XXXIV donated a check topping \$8,000 to the school to keep the room up and running.

Music teacher Amy Smith, who also teaches orchestra at McClintock High School, is leading the first ever Guitar 1-2 class at Compadre. At a whopping 24 students, Guitar is one of the largest classes for the 2019-2020 fall semester at Compadre.

The school plans to open additional sections in the coming semesters.

Corona del Sol Robotics was named a 2019 recipient of a new STEM Grant offered by the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation. The \$2,500 grant was donated by the Diamondbacks Foundation in partnership with Chase Bank.

The money will go toward general club expenses and competition entrance fees for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Corona del Sol Robotics team was recognized on Chase Field at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Arizona

Diamondbacks vs. San Diego Padres pre-game show and during the 2019 D-backs Science of Baseball STEM Arizona Showcase.

Corona del Sol's robot will also be shooting out the first pitch on October 4, 2019, at Sloan Park in Mesa at the MLB Fall League game. The first pitch will be thrown at 6:30 PM.

For more on Corona del Sol's Robotics program, visit: <https://team6479.org/>



# Award Win

## Corona QB named Arizona Cardinals High School Player of the Week



Corona del Sol quarterback Quade Swearingen was named the Arizona Cardinals High School Player of the Week.

Swearingen, a junior at CDS, helped lead the team to a victory over Mesa Mountain View during the season home opener, 41-31.

The Arizona Cardinals recognize one Arizona high school football player and one coach each week during the high school football season.

All students and coaches will be recognized at the Arizona Cardinals final home game of the regular season.

## Tempe High students receive Tempe Tardeada Scholarship



Tempe High Buffaloes Karla Chavira and Maria Garcia were awarded the 2019 Tempe Tardeada Scholarship, funded by the City of Tempe Strategic Management and Diversity Office. They each received a \$1,000 scholarship to be used for educational purposes.

The scholarship is only open to high schools students living or attending school in Tempe. Five finalists were selected and interviewed by the Tardeada Scholarship Selection Committee in September.

The panel judged applications based on school honors and activities, community involvement and academic achievements.

## PADRE THEATRE

The annual ASU Gammage High School Musical Theatre Awards celebrates the achievements of young Valley artists in a world-class performing arts center. Marcos de Niza submitted student performances from their 2019 spring musical: Annie!

*Here are the 2019 nominees and finalists from Marcos de Niza High School:*

- **BEST MUSICAL (Nominee) - Annie!**
- **BEST LEAD MALE (Nominee) - Rashad Moore**
- **BEST LEAD FEMALE (Nominee) - Hailey Reihl**
- **OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE - FEMALE (Nominee) - Sydney Storment**
- **OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE - MALE (Nominee & Finalist) - Kyrian Sowards**
- **OUTSTANDING VOCALIST (Nominee & Finalist) - Brach Drew**
- **OUTSTANDING DANCER (Nominee) - Kyla Jackson**
- **OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT - COSTUMES (Nominee & Finalist) - Dorian Williams**
- **OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT - HAIR & MAKEUP (Nominee & Finalist) - Presley Symington**
- **OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT - LIGHTING (Nominee & Finalist) - Jonathan Fishman**
- **OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT - SOUND (Nominee & Finalist) - Jason Johnson**



## ANNIE



Photos Credit: Marcos de Niza Theatre Boosters

# TEMPE HIGH TEACHER NAMED 12 NEWS A+ TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Longtime English Teacher Mr. Bryan Snyder was named the 12 News A+ Teacher of the Week, a recognition of his nearly 30 years of service to the Tempe High School community.

Mr. Snyder has been a Buffalo since 1991. Over the past 28 school years, he has assumed the roles of English teacher, Department Chair, coach and mentor to young Buffaloes.

*"In his heart, in his mind and in his soul, he represents everything that is good about Tempe High School,"*



said Tempe Co-Principal Art Lebowitz as he presented Mr. Snyder with the award. Thank you for your

dedication to our Tempe High community. We are lucky to have you in our Buffalo family!

## Tempe★Union

Career & Technical Education

# SHOWCASE

**Thursday, November 21, 2019**  
4:00 – 6:00 PM  
Compadre Academy Gymnasium

*Come join us in this celebration of all things CTE in TUHSD, and learn about all of the exciting skills students are learning and doing.*

**At this event we will have:**

- Information and presentations on all 18 different CTE programs
- Presentation facilitated by current CTE students in the programs
- Students available to share information about what they are learning/doing in their programs and how this relates to their future aspirations
- Teachers from each of the programs on hand to discuss their programs and answer questions
- Representation from all seven schools in the district

**All TUHSD Students, Parents, & Community Members are invited to the 2<sup>nd</sup> TUHSD CTE Showcase!**

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Graphic/Web Design

Law, Public Safety & Security  
Marketing  
Software & App Design  
Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation  
Technical Theatre

# DESERT VISTA GOLFER COMPETES IN PGA CHAMPIONS TOUR



Desert Vista Boys Golf team member Scott Schlader competed with an elite group of golfers.

He competed at the PGA Champions Tour- Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach. The event features 78 tour professionals, many of them major champions, and 78 qualifying juniors and amateurs.

Schlader, a senior at Desert Vista, is currently ranked the #1 player in Arizona High School Golf.

*“He is an excellent young man and an outstanding golfer,”* said Head Boys Varsity Golf coach Matt Russo.

The golf event was a 54-hole event with a “cut” after the first 36-holes. Schlader played in a grouping featuring Ken Tanigawa (2019 Senior PGA Championship winner and defending champion of this event), and former Vice-President of the United States Dan Quayle.

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