EVERYDAY HEROES 2003 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Pursuing Victory with Honor AIA Student of the Year Award:
Sponsored by the Arizona Department of Health Services
Timothy Ashcraft
Sahuaro High School
Timothy is a member of the football, soccer and baseball teams at Sahuaro, and is also involved in the school orchestra, choir and musical theatre productions. He is also the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including Congressional Nominations for the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy and Merchant Marine Academy. Timothy also volunteers his time with Arts Express and the American Diabetes Association.

Pursuing Victory with Honor Administrator of the Year Award:
Sponsored by the Arizona Department of Health Services
Tim Carter
Prescott High School
Mr. Carter has been an administrator at Prescott High School for 13 years. It has been said that he “teachers, advocates and lives the six pillars of character everyday.” He is a well respected and admired member of the community, as well as on the Prescott High School campus. “He always tries to determine what is right and then tries to do the right thing.”

Pursuing Victory with Honor Official of the Year Award:
Sponsored by the Arizona Department of Health Services
Beverlee Nielsen
Ms. Nielsen has been an AIA Official for 23 years, officiating boys and girls volleyball. Her volunteer activities include Special Olympics, Mesa Association for Sports for the Disabled and the Camp Fire Girls. Beverlee is known for her positive energy and enthusiasm and is regarded as “an inspiration to her coworkers.”
Pursuing Victory with Honor Coach of the Year Award:  
Sponsored by the Arizona Department of Health Services  
Mike Brown  
Greenway High School  
Coach Brown has coached baseball, girls basketball, football, track & wrestling at various Valley high schools for the past 17 years. He is also a science teacher and avid supporter of the AIA’s Pursuing Victory with Honor program. Coach Brown encourages his players to do their personal best, on and off the field, and his leadership inspired his football team to adopt the slogan, “Do the Right Thing.”

Tony Komadina Awards for Outstanding Girls’ Athletic Programs:  
Flagstaff High School  
4A/5A Recipient  
Ray High School  
Scottsdale Christian Academy  
1A/2A/3A Co-Recipients  

Cox Technology in Education Award:  
Kitty Robinson & Libby Sparks  
Tolleson Union High School & Westview High School  
Ms. Robinson and Ms. Sparks began the Web Publishing classes at Tolleson Union and Westview high schools to provide students with the opportunity to learn industry-standard web page design software packages and prepare them for web-related jobs in the real world. The classes now design and maintain their school websites, with information such as a calendar of events, team updates, homework assignments and community services opportunities.

Cox9 After the Bell Award:  
Best Buddies Program  
Thunderbird High School  
The mission of the “Best Buddies” program is to integrate the developmentally disabled with their non-disabled peers. The nationwide program begins with high school and extends onto college campuses and even into the corporate world. This is the first year of the “Best Buddies” program at Thunderbird High School.
Dr. Voie Stuart Chase Coy Scholar-Activity Participant of the Year Awards:
Sponsored by Fry’s and Fry’s Marketplace
1A/2A/3A Boys

**Tyler Cook**
Northwest Community Christian High School
Tyler is a member of the National Honor Society, his school band, and the football and track teams, and is involved in peer counseling, performing arts and community services. Tyler has also taken on several leadership roles and “has the maturity to handle them”. Tyler plans to attend either ASU to study engineering or Portland Bible College to train to become a youth minister, believing that he has “been given the opportunity to influence the youth of today” by his own example.

1A/2A/3A Girls

**Brittany McFadden**
Northwest Community Christian High School
Brittany has participated on the Girls Basketball team, the school play, dance, gymnastics and the band during her high school career, and has received numerous honors and awards, such as the Honor Roll, Principals List, and Miss Teen Spirit. One of her administrators said, “Brittany is a diligent student with the self-discipline to accomplish any task she accepts.” She plans to attend ASU West and pursue a career in occupational therapy.

4A/5A Boys

**Robert Lepore**
Salpointe Catholic High School
Robert is involved in speech and debate, the marching and concert band, National Honor Society and the school senate. He has won numerous awards in debate and also received the Leonardo da Vinci Scholar Award. Robert plans a career as a constitutional lawyer.

Dr. Voie Stuart Chase Coy Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards:
1A/2A/3A Boys

**William Valencia**
Rio Rico High School
William has participated on the cross country and track teams his entire high school career. He is also involved in peer tutoring and various community service projects, and is the Student Body President, Public Relations Officer for the National Honor Society, Editor-in-Chief for the school paper, and Captain of both the cross country and track teams. William plans to attend Arizona State University and hopes to become a lawyer.
1A/2A/3A Girls

Katheryn Nuckolls
Fountain Hills High School
Kathryn has participated on the volleyball team for four years and the track team for three. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Future Community Leaders of America and the National Spanish Honor Society and has been on the “Who’s Who Among American High School Students” list for two years. Katheryn plans to major in human biology and pursue a career in occupational therapy.

4A/5A Boys

Marc Martinez
Greenway High School
Marc is a letterman in football, wrestling and track. His hobbies include growing carnivorous plants in his greenhouse and breeding poisonous dart frogs. He is considering several universities and hopes to become a physician.

4A/5A Girls

Kristen Kuhl
Apollo High School
Kristen has participated in volleyball, soccer and softball and is also a member of the National Honor Society, Anytown and the student council. She plans to attend the University of Arizona and become a physics teacher.

Overall Excellence Awards

1A Conference
Joseph City High School
2A Conference
Thatcher High School
3A Conference
Seton Catholic High School
4A Conference
Catalina Foothills High School
5A Conference
Mountain View-Mesa High School