



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:

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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:

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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:

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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 Suart Chase Coy Scholar-Activity Participant of the Year Awards:

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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. Kathryn 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