SCHOOL DAYS

she began as a student teacher in the communications department at South Mountain.

She was hired at Metro Tech in 1999, taught social studies for 14 years, served as the instructional leader of the department and has been the professional development specialist there for six years. Her principal, Bryan Reynoso, who is also a Master Teacher and a mentor, suggested she pursue the distinction.

The Master Teacher Program is an effort to place outstanding and experienced teachers into leadership roles to provide mentoring to new teachers or coaching English or math content teachers.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teachers graduate from training program

Dozens of Washington Elementary School District teachers are embarking on this new school year on a high note. Just before the end of last school year, the WESD honored 64 teachers who graduated from BEGIN III (Beginning Educators Growing in Knowledge), the district's teacher induction program.

The BEGIN program focuses on providing peer support and training opportunities to teachers new to the profession. It enhances new teachers' abilities to provide education that prepares students for the challenges of an increasingly diverse community and changing society. It is one of the longest running "teacher/mentor" programs in the state.

Graduates were honored at a special reception that included speeches from Governing Board Vice President Tee Lambert, Superintendent Paul Stanton and Director of Professional Development, Maggie Westhoff. Each graduate was presented with a special award. Among the honorees were Shayna Adams, Megan Knowles, Ylicia Ramirez and Amber Walker of Royal Palm Middle School; Megan Allen and Martin Brown of Sunnyslope School; Dominic Colonero of Orangewood School; Rachel Dean, Claudia Gallardo and Anne Marie Kessler of Mountain View School; Chanel Turner of Maryland School; and Taylor Roseberry of Desert View School.

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

MHP students recognized for language skills

The Arizona Department of Education and Madison Highland Prep recently recognized graduating students who demonstrated proficiency in English and at least one other language, as shown by their performance on a state board approved assessment, with the Arizona Seal of Biliteracy on their high school diploma and transcript. In order to be eligible for the diploma distinction, graduating students must complete all English Language Arts requirements for graduation with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale; pass all English Language Arts end of course examinations; and demonstrate proficiency in a second language by attaining the required score on a language assessment the Arizona State Board of Education adopted.

MHP, a STEM charter high school in Phoenix, congratulates the following students who were awarded the 2019 Arizona Seal of Bi-literacy diploma distinctions in Spanish: Jacqueline Chilel, Andy Padilla and Manuel Sotelo. Also the following students demonstrated proficiency and are eligible for the diploma distinction in Spanish, pending completion of English Language Arts requirements: Michelle Almeida, Geovanny Brambila, Annalise Calleja, Corina Cervantes Moran and Jose Guevara.

Brophy forms archery team

Brophy College Preparatory has registered with the NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) and now offers archery as a club sport. The Broncos will join the Xavier Hotshots archery team in practices and will share coaching staffs.

An introduction, orientation and initial tryout/practice is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Ben Avery Archery Range. The season begins in late September and wraps up at the end of February with the state tournament. The Brophy team needs at least 12 participants and will cap the roster at 24.

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8th Grade Day
Oct. 25, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Open House
Oct. 27, 2019 | 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
All are welcome

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