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People who "echo" Maya Donnelly

This month we recognize a woman in our county, who has made a difference in the field of education Maya Donnelly. She is driven by the field of education. Maya has been married 28 years to her high school sweetheart-Bill Donnelly. Together, they have three daughters who are hard-working and gracious.

"We absolutely love calling Nogales our home. It is where our parents are and many family members and long-time friends. It really is a great little place to be," said Donnelly.

Maya Donnelly grew up in **Nogales and graduated** from Nogales High School. She earned a degree in elementary bilingual education from the University of Arizona and began teaching at AJ **Mitchell Elementary in** 1993. She taught at NUSD for 19 years at Lincoln **Elementary and Wade Carpenter Middle School** in addition to AJM before making a move to the **Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office. She has been working** for Mr. Velasquez for five vears as the C-CREO Grant **Programs Director and Gear Up director.**

"I have such great respect for educators and the tireless work they do every day. I never learned more than I did working alongside some of the most inspirational teachers in the field. Then, there's the students: when I run into a previous student it is an amazing experience. I am so proud to have touched a student's life in a positive way. I am happiest when I am in a school with kids."said Donnelly.

The Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office was awarded the Gear un Grant in October of 2018. They were the only partnership grant in southern Arizona and the county was awarded \$4.2 million to raise awareness for nostsecondary education. They are following the cohort of the Class of 2024 from NHS. RRHS. PUHS. **Pierson. and Lourdes Catholic High School.** When the pandemic sent 8th graders home last vear. Gear up went virtual to reach students and families. They launched the website, www.c-creo. org. established their social media presence. and developed a peermentoring program that paired students with upperclassmen when they began high school online.

"The pandemic definitely affected the Gear Up Program and our other grants programs as well. We had to take our services online and try our best to reach our families and students and engage them in our services. We rely on our website and social media outlets to get our message out to the community," stated Donnelly.

Currently, we are working on the C-CREO Summer Camps. supporting our cohort in summer school for credit recovery. We are applying for arts funding to support our Santa Cruz **county Arts for Learning** initiative in partnership with Young Audiences. **launching the Promoting Healthy Students Program.** and applying for a new **Gear Up Grant to provide** services to a new cohort of students. We want to help our county students earn a certification or degree after high school that will lead to a higher paving iob in a career they have a passion for.

Working for the county is important to me because Mr Velasquez seeks out grant programs that will enhance our educational communities and I get to be a part of the process from contributing to the grant writing, to implementing these programs in our county schools. Anything that contributes to building a better future for our students and community is important to me.

"I would like to thank Mr. Velasquez and Chris **Young for supporting** our C-CREO Grants **Team and Santa Cruz County schools for their** partnerships. Without their guidance and leadership, our grants team would not be able to provide services in our educational communities. We have formed collaborative relationships with our district schools and their support of our programs keeps our innovative team working hard to secure grant funding.said **Maya Donnelly. Grants Program Director."**



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SCV35 Schools Recognized as Healthy Schools

Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District No.35 proudly announces Rio Rico High School and Calabasas School as winners of the Bronze Apple of Distinction Award by The Core Purpose Education Consulting Group (CPC).

Schools can be recognized for one of three levels of distinction as determined by the completion of six healthy school modules. The modules include healthy classroom, healthy school/community, health leadership, social & emotional climate, nutrition and physical activity. Schools must provide evidence that health activities have been incorporated into their curriculum.

"We are very proud of these two schools," stated Assistant
Superintendent Stephen Schadler. "We have prioritized health and
wellness in our schools right alongside academic excellence for over a
decade now and it's always nice to see the hard work from the schools
pay off."

The CPC Awards of Distinction include:

Bronze Apple Award of Distinction - Schools must complete 3-4 modules

Silver Apple Award of Distinction - School must complete at least 5 of the 6 modules.

Sapphire Apple Award of Distinction- Schools must complete all modules

The awards come as a result of a longtime District initiative to incorporate health and wellness into all SCV35 schools. The District introduced the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) in 2013 to review and refine the District's wellness policies. This year, with the help of a partnership with U of A Cooperative Extension and AZ Health Zone, they introduced school-level SHACs to take the initiative deeper. "Having site-based SHACs is a significant step towards ensuring that all of our schools meet the expectations and guidelines set forth by various state and federal agencies," said Schadler. "Our goal is to have all five of our schools start with CPC Bronze level recognition. From there, we'll just keep getting better."

The CPC works with schools to help integrate health and wellness programs into their curriculum and school culture. Their efforts have been recognized by multiple agencies as national experts for excellence in the field of education and health and wellness.- By Shannon Enciso Communications Specialist



Notes from the Arizona House

Legislative Update from Legislative District 2

by Representative Andrea Dalessandro

A look to the November 8, 2022 ballot Senate Concurrent Resolution 1044 provides, that subject to voter approval on 11/8/2022, that Dreamers will be eligible for in-state tuition at community colleges and our three state universities: University of Arizona, Arizona State University, and Northern Arizona University.

Currently Arizona Revised Statutes require that these Dreamer students pay out of state tuition at these institutions of higher learning. Dreamers were brought to this country as children, and most cannot afford the much higher out of state tuition. I did a comparison of one undergraduate programs at the University of Arizona's Main campus. The in-state tuition and fees per semester is \$6,757.87 while the out of state tuition and fee was \$19,018.87 per semester. For part time students, taking 3 credits/ units the in-state cost is \$3.125.31 and out of state students pay \$5,188.37 The change, if approved by voters, applies to any Dreamer who attended any public or private high school option while physically present in Arizona for at least two years and graduated from the listed programs or obtained a high school equivalency diploma in Arizona. SCR 1044: tuition; postsecondary high school was sponsored by Republican Senator Paul Boyers and it passed on the Arizona Senate on February 25, 2021 with the support of all the Democratic Senators and three Republican Senators. On May 10, 2021 it passed the Arizona House with the support of all the Democratic Representatives and four Republican Representatives. I was happy and proud to vote for it because I would like the Dreamers to develop to their

fullest potential.

SCR 1044 has been transmitted to the Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs' Office where it will be assigned a Proposition number for the 2022 General Election.

Why am I voting YES for this proposal on my 2022 General Election Ballot? Why am encouraging all voters to vote YES? These young Dreamers are our young people. We have already invested in their K-12 education. Many know no other home than the United States of America. A lot of time and talent has been wasted because most Dreamers cannot afford the very costly out of state tuition.

In the United States there is a declining birthrate. That means that there will be less workers to contribute into the Social Security fund for our retirees. If the voters agree with me and vote YES, many Dreamers will have access to more affordable higher education with in-state tuition. Better educational opportunities will lead to better career opportunities. Many career opportunities will lead to higher salaries. Higher salaries will generate more payroll deductions that will benefit present and future Social Security recipients.

If you would like to discuss this or any other Arizona issue, please contact me at ADalessandro@AZLEG.gov or call (602) 926-5342. Please direct political items to DalessandroForAZ@gmail.com.

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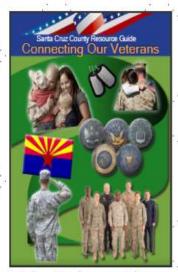
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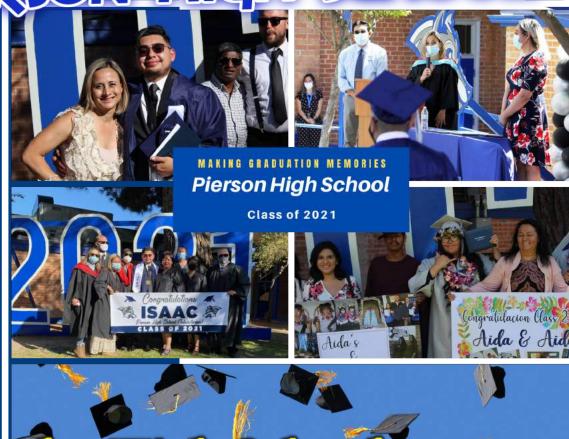
Rio Rico High School honored its graduating class with a tribute parade on Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. La Maxima broadcasted the event live on its social media platforms. The Class of 2021 paraded in their decorated vehicles filled with balloons, banners, and posters, as family, friends and school staff cheered them.

Rio Rico High School later hosted their formal graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 20th at 7:00pm in Tucson at the Kino Sports Complex. From every angle of the Kino field stadium, friends, school faculty, and family members were able to see the graduates wearing their face masks walking into the field in their red & black caps and gowns. The stage where the soon to be graduates was decorated in red, black, gold and white.

PIERSONLHIGH SCHOOL

Pierson High School held their graduation on Wednesday, May 19th at the courtyard of the school's Roosevelt building. A large 2021 blue and silver display decorated the center court along with light blue and white balloons. From every angle of the court, friends, school faculty, and family members were able to see the graduates walking towards the center to receive their diplomas.

It was a joyful ceremony for the graduates, staff and family members as they all shared a sense of excitement. The graduates received their diplomas and words of encouragement from staff and peers, with a fitting end to a beautiful commencement celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2021. "Congratulations! Class of 2021, I am honored to have worked with such an amazing group of students. Throughout this academic year, we shared memorable moments and difficult moments too but we were able to overcome them together,"said PHS Lead Teacher/











The Nogales High School hosted their graduation ceremony with limited attendance at the school's Apache Stadium on Friday, May 21 at 6 p.m. It was an in-person ceremony as opposed to last year's graduation drive-through event in the school parking lot. The graduating students were full of stories about their four years at NHS, their teachers, staff, friendships and along with their future aspirations. A total of 382 graduating students walked to the sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance," the graduating Class of 2021 were draped in burgundy and white jacket with their burgundy and gold tassels fluttering in the breeze, as jubilant cheers from staff, family, and friends filled the night.One by one students names were being called to step to the stage by school district staff to shake hands and accept their diplomas. Balloons, flowers, and a cheerful atmosphere filled the NHS field with a good vibe.

SUMMER CAMPS 2021

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- The Universe Within: STEAM (3rd-6th grade) 6/21 7/2 1:00 4:00 p.m.
 - Robo-Ed Coding Story (3rd-5th grade) 6/14 6/18
 - 8:00 10:00 a.m. & 10:30 12:30 p.m.
 - Robo-Ed Robomaster (6th-8th grade) 6/14 6/18
 - 1:00 3:00 p.m. & 3:30 5:30 p.m.
 - Thrive: Resilience for Teens (9th-12th grade) 6/8 & 6/9
 - 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

-Social Media: Finding your Voice (9th-12th grade) 6/14 - 6/18 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: La Linea Art Studio 32 N. Morley Avenue, Nogales, AZ

- Basic Paper-Making (3rd-5th grade) 6/14 6/18
 - 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
- Intermediate Paper-Making (6th-8th grade) 6/21 6/25
 - 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

Virtual

- AZ Cyber Bootcamp (9th-12th grade) 6/7 - 6/11 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration Form Link and QR CODE below:

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Xiomara Benitez

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Bachelor of Applied Science in Human Services

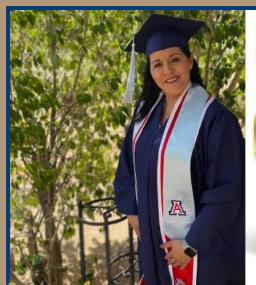
Arlette Felix

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Jamie Risa Donnelly

Elizabeth Haros was born and raised in Nogales Arizona. Growing up she knew she was destined to be a teacher. She was inspired by the wonderful teachers she had throughout elementary school. After she graduated from high school in 1997, she enrolled into college in hopes of making her childhood dream come true. Due to personal reasons, she had to drop out of college in 1999. Even though she made the decision to drop out of college, she always knew that one day she would go back to school and finish her degree. Nineteen years later, she finally enrolled back into college to finish her degree. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

"Even though many years had passed, my dream of becoming a teacher remained alive. This time around school was a bit more challenging for me. I was now a wife and a mother of four children with many responsibilities at home and outside of home but with the support of my family and friends I was able to accomplish my dream. Finally, 24 years later, she received her bachelor degree in elementary education. This has been a long journey and I am so delighted to start this new chapter in my life. I look forward to working with the students in my community in hopes that I get to inspire them to follow their dreams and never give up on them," said Haros.



Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education



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Jamie Risa Donnelly graduated on May 18th from the U of A in the top 10% with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and a minor in Mexican American Studies. She has earned many honors and awards such as: Summa Cum Laude, the Alex Parker Award for Reporting, the Mark Finley Gold Pen Award, the Arizona Daily Wildcat Rising Star Award where she was a Senior Reporter, and has been the Arizona Daily Star Government and Metro News Apprentice for the last semester. Her love for journalism started at Nogales High School where she wrote for the Warcry and was inspired by her teacher, Liz Thomson. Jamie is currently looking for a job and is grateful to all those who helped her along the way.

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Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

Jamie Risa Donnelly





GEAR UP for ARTS!

SUMMER CAMPS

OPEN TO ALL CURRENT STUDENTS IN GRADE 9

Location: Nogales Community Development
250 N Grand Ave, Nogales AZ

COMMUNITY MURAL DESIGN

June 14 - July 2: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

DOWNTOWN PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

June 7 - 18: 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

VIDEO MARKETING CREATION STUDIO

June 21 - 30: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Santa Cruz Center - Imagination Center 2021 N. Grand Avenue, Nogales AZ

MIXED MEDIA DRAWING & PAINTING

June 7 - 18: 10:00am -12:30 & 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Registration Form Link and QR Code Below

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Lets Talk Health

June is Cataract Awareness Month

If you notice your vision is becoming more clouded, blurred or dim it might be time to get an eye exam to determine if you have cataracts developing over the lens of your eye. Cataracts generally take time to develop but if left untreated they can cover your entire eye lens and affect your vision.

Other signs and symptoms of cataracts are:

- · Increasing difficulty with vision at night
- · Sensitivity to light and glare
- Need for brighter light for reading and other activities
- · Seeing "halos" around lights
- Frequent changes in eyeglass or contact lens prescription
- Fading or yellowing of colors
- · Double vision in a single eye

Causes

Cataracts develop as we age or an injury changes the tissue that makes up your eye's lens. Cataracts can also be caused by other eye conditions, past eye surgery or diabetes. Long-term use of steroid medications can also cause cataracts to develop.

How cataracts form

A cataract forms over the lens which is positioned behind the iris (colored part of the eye). As you age, the lens becomes more inflexible, less transparent and thicker. Aging and medical conditions cause the tissue in the lens to breakdown and clump together. This causes a clouding within certain areas of the lens. Over time, this clouding becomes thicker and denser and eventually can cover the entire lens.

Risk factors

Some risk factors are:

Age

Diabetes

Too much sun exposure

Smoking

Obesity

Hypertension

Excessive alcohol consumption

Prevention

Although there are not proven ways to prevent cataracts, doctors recommend getting regular eye exams, quit smoking, eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, reduce excessive alcohol consumption and wear sunglasses regularly. For more information: https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/cataracts/symptoms-causes/syc-20353790





We are pleased this month to highlight Officer Roy Trejo.
Officer Trejo is a native Nogalian. He was hired as a
detention officer for the Santa Cruz County Sheriff on
March 13,2020.

We congratulate him on such a heroic act of courage.
Officer Trejo intersected an individual carrying in his
body illegal substances trying to smuggle them into the
United States.

Congratulations! Class of 2021

You are the class of 2021! Graduation is an exciting time. It marks both an ending and a beginning; it's warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future.

You graduate in a time in history when our world is dealing with enormous challenges but at a time when the opportunities created by those challenges have never been greater.

While we celebrate your past academic accomplishments and activities, we want to challenge you to continue your quest for knowledge and to discover your own unique ways to contribute to our society.

We know it wasn't easy at times, but you didn't give up. Great job on completing this important life step. You've worked hard and are one step closer to your dream. Remember to always keep climbing.

May your graduation be the beginning of many more wonderful achievements in your life. Congratulations!

Mayor Arturo Garino and Nogales City Council



Sheriff's Round-Up

The Sheriff's Office has had the privilege of helping with and attending high school graduations, middle school transition ceremonies, and other celebrations of the close of another school year. Our School Resource Officers have enjoyed helping students and school staff to have safe enjoyable experiences in their school environments and a joyous transition into summer and new life experiences. This month has been an opportunity for the Sheriff's Office to join in with other community partners like Justice of the Peace Emilio Velasquez, the Mariposa Community Health Center, and other community coalitions to improve the way the criminal justice system deals with mental health and substance abuse issues. The goal is to serve non-violent offenders "where they are" in life and to look for alternatives to incarceration so that families can stay together and so that people can retain employment when possible. Judge Velasquez has been an inspiration and a leader to community partners in these innovative approaches and the Sheriff's Office is glad to assist with these initiatives. This month, Sheriff Hathaway briefed U.S. Senator Mark Kelly and multiple media outlets about the importance of opening the ports-of-entry for tourist visa holders from Mexico to assist in the recovery of the local economy that has been impacted heavily by the 13-month ban on Mexican tourists coming into the U.S. to shop and to patronize our hospitality industry. Various other local agencies and non-governmental partners are also writing letters and reaching out to federal officials at this time to emphasize the economic importance of the relationship with Mexico and the need to re-establish that relationship. The Sheriff's Office is also prioritizing other less glamorous things at this time of year like revamping its outdated policies, implementing a strategic plan with other county agencies, and reviewing its budget with the county manager and county finance department to assure responsible use of county funds. We are also glad to see our economy and social activities beginning to rebound and are happy to have been invited to participate in recent traditional community events like the wonderful Fiestas de Mayo celebration. Enjoy your summer! Sheriff David Hathaway









Santa Cruz County Attorney

Class of 2021

CONGRATULATIONS

Stay safe! "Celebrate Responsibly"



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