

## Students with perfect AZMERIT scores recognized

Ninety-six students from across the Laveen School District achieved a perfect score in at least one subject area on last spring's AZMERIT assessments.

Four of those students received perfect scores in two or more areas. Those students were invited to be recognized at the September Governing Board meeting. They are: Madelyn Brotherton, Vista del Sur (Math and English Language Arts); Andrew Hoyt, Trailside Point (Math and English Language Arts); Nikhil Johnson, Vista del Sur (Math and Algebra); and Christian Lopez, Vista del Sur (Math, English Language Arts, and Algebra).

All students receiving perfect scores will be recognized at their schools. Congratulations to all these high achieving students!

## Trailside swimmer meets Michael Phelps

Trailside Point student Andrew Capono was invited to join Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps for the Michael Phelps Foundation's 10 Years of Water Safety celebration.



Andrew is in his fourth year of swimming with Special Olympics and his team was selected to attend the private event.

Andrew is in the advanced level this year and will be swimming the 50 meter freestyle and 50 meter breaststroke.

## Trailside student selected for club baseball

Trailside Point student Ernest Capono placed third in the D-Backs summer camp's skills competition this summer.



Ernest has played only one season of baseball, but was invited by D-Backs coaching staff Jim Caruthers to play club baseball.

This is a higher level of competition and skill set that is by invitation only; it typically takes children years to achieve this level of play.

## Vista students participate in State Championship Swim Meet

Two students from Vista del Sur participated in the Arizona Swimming 2018 Long Course Age Group State Championship Swim Meet in July.

Both Addie Alvarado and Avery Normand participated in the 10 & Under Girls' age group. Avery placed 4th in the 200 Meter Freestyle and placed in the top ten in four other events. Addie was one of the youngest qualifiers, representing the team in both the 50 and 100 Meter Breaststroke.

Both girls swam personal best times and were selected to swim on Phoenix Swim Club's A team relays.

## Administrators honored with leadership award

Three Laveen administrators were recognized with the district's Pinnacle of Leadership award.

Desert Meadows Principal J.P. Ketcham, Rogers Ranch Assistant Principal Asia Glover, and district Network Supervisor Butch Neal, were recognized at the September Governing Board meeting.



The award recognizes outstanding accomplishments and dedication to the Laveen community.

## Businesses recognized for support



Throughout the year many organizations and businesses support Laveen's students, families, and schools.

Several of these partners were recognized at the August Governing Board meeting, including: Scooptacular, Jimmy John's, Zoyo, ASU's W.P. Carey School of Business, Betty Fairfax High School, Connect202Partners, Chasse Building Team, ASU Athletics, Laveen Art League, Phoenix College, and the Laveen Lions Club.

## Mascots join Laveen School's yoga

Laveen School celebrated this year's first day of yoga with some special guests. Mascots from the Phoenix Suns, Arizona Diamondbacks, Northern Arizona University, and Grand Canyon University all practiced yoga with students



## Gonzalez, Sainz are August's Employees of the Month

Employees of the Month for August were Elissa Gonzalez, MC Cash English Language Development Instructional Coach, and Raul Sainz, M.C. Cash Lead Custodian.



**Gonzalez**

Gonzalez centers her work on ensuring the success of students in the English Language Development program. She became an instructional coach last year after having taught in the district for several years. She immediately learned the requirements of the program and created a schedule for instructional associates to ensure students receive maximum intervention time. She takes initiative, developing intervention groups to provide test prep practice for students taking AZELLA. She regularly meets with teachers and staff, communicating important information in advance. She provides relevant professional development and always plans and facilitates fun staff team builders.



**Sainz**

Sainz is new to MC Cash this year and is here to succeed. He has already displayed attention to detail in all of his work, and has standards for perfection that correlate to the needs of his school. He knows exactly how his job contributes to the success of the school, and ultimately - the students. His overall approach involves giving 100% so that the students have the best learning environment. In all of this, he remains positive and compassionate. He has great pride in his craft, and cares for all in what he is responsible for. Students have also grown to admire him for his kind, understanding, and prompt response to their needs - and the school's needs.