

PPP in the News 2016

February 3, 2016 – Arizona Collegiate High School Principal Mike Dunbar accepted a **Silver Designation Award on behalf of the Pima Prevention Partnership** from the *Beat the Odds* program in Phoenix.

February 19, 2016-- Pima Partnership High School's basketball team won the championship game against Vail Academy with a 72 to 70 victory. PPHS has now won **two 1st place championships this school year in the Southern Arizona Charter School League (football and basketball)**.

February 23, 2016—Executive Director Claire Scheuren was **appointed by Governor Ducey to the statewide Arizona Substance Abuse Task Force**. The Substance Abuse Task Force will provide recommendations on a variety of substance abuse-related issues, including access to treatment, evidence-based practices, neonatal abstinence syndrome and medically assisted treatment best practices.

February 29, 2016-- Executive Director Claire Scheuren was **invited to the White House for a stakeholder briefing** and report release on Monday, February 29, 2016, 2-7 p.m. for the My Brother's Keeper Initiative that is focused on addressing the needs of disadvantaged youth in the U.S. The briefing for one hundred community leaders from across the U.S. included presentations and conversation with senior administration officials from the White House, federal agencies, and private foundations.

March 2, 2016-- The *Arizona Daily Star* published a list of **Top STEM Schools in Southern Arizona** as determined by the Southern Arizona Research, Science, and Engineering Foundation. PPHS and PPA were recognized.

March 4, 2016-- Pima Partnership High School students Cesar Jimenez Davis and Gregory Allen took the **first place win for their Behavioral/Social Science entry in the Southern Arizona Science Fair**.

March 24, 2016 – Pima Partnership High School and Arizona Collegiate High School were both **recognized** for lowering the achievement gaps for their students by the national **Education Equality Index**. The **Education Equality Index** is the first national comparative measure of the achievement gap between students from low-income families and their more advantaged peers at the school, city and state level. The Education Equality Index shows whether – and how quickly – schools, cities and states are closing the achievement gap.

April 4, 2016 – The Pima Prevention Partnership's **AmeriCorps** program was recognized at the 2016 Arizona Day of Recognition for National Service.

April 14, 2016--The Pima Prevention Partnership was honored on April 14th by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) with the **2016 Outstanding Prevention Collaborator Award**.

April 15, 2016 – PPHS Academic Counselor (and soon-to-be principal of PPHS) Darlene Whitmore was recognized for her contributions to school counseling by the **Rocky Mountain Association for College Admission Counseling (RMACAC)**.

April 17, 2016 –PPP Director Adelita Grijalva was honored with a **Women of Spirit Award** by the Tucson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Deltas of Southern Arizona for her outstanding service to vulnerable youth at Teen Court.

April 19, 2016 – PPHS student Veronica Meraz-Preciado was recognized for her leadership before the **Mayor and City Council of Tucson**.

April 20, 2016 –Fortaleza Project Coordinator Manny Mejias was featured in a video presentation at the **Second Chance Tucson Community Forum** sponsored by the Mayor's Office at the Fox Theatre.

April 21, 2016 – Pima Partnership Academy mentor Jonathan Noriega was selected as Site Based **Big of the Year for 2016 by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson**.

April 29, 2016 – Two outstanding PPP teens have been nominated for **2016 Outstanding Teen Citizen Honoree by the Metropolitan Education Commission**: Pima County Teen Court Attorney, Meena Venkataramanan, and PPHS's Veronica Meraz-Preciado. They will both be recognized at the Crystal Apple Awards.

May 9, 2016-- The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools, **the charter of Pima Partnership High School (PPHS) was renewed for another 20 years**. The PPP was also approved to 1) **increase the student enrollment cap** of PPHS from 300 to 800 students, in order to 2) add **Pima Partnership Performing Arts High School** as an additional site under the PPHS charter.

May 25, 2016-- At the **YWCA community forum** on the issue of mass incarceration, **PPP Re-entry Coordinator Manny Mejias presented on a panel** with the Kathleen Quigley, Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, John Schow, Juvenile Court Director, and other experts on the juvenile justice system. The purpose of the forum was to educate and engage forum participants in supporting systemic changes in our sentencing and re-entry policies.

June 8-11, 2016--The PPP-coordinated seventh annual **STAND – Students Taking a New Direction** - summer conference was held in Phoenix, Arizona, June 8-11th. During this event national speakers such as **Gustavo Torrez** from the *Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids* and **Sam Allen** who, as an 18 year old, was hired to help create the first TRUTH Campaign launched in 1998 and continues today as a youth voice advocate and catalyst. More than 200 youth and adults convened at this year's conference to learn and to celebrate their past year accomplishments, including **restrictions on tobacco use in additional public parks** across the state, the year anniversary of the **Kingman ban on smoking in vehicles with minors**, and the recent decision by their city council to raise the **minimum age to purchase tobacco to 21 years old in Cottonwood, AZ**. The STAND movement continues to demonstrate the good works that can be done when adults partner effectively with youth to improve community health.

June 17, 2016—A public event was conducted from 4 – 8 p.m. to **open PPP’s REC Center** on the southeast corner of the Tucson Urban League campus on South Park Avenue. The REC is a youth re-engagement center for opportunity youth, 16-24, who are out of school. PPP staff will connect the youth to educational and career pathways. Over 150 people attended the event which included tours of the facility, cookout barbeque by our *Teen Cuisine* youth, 3-on-3 basketball tourney starting at 5 p.m., and a christening event with community leaders. The **Arizona Daily Star** and **KVOA-TV** produced news stories on the event.

July 24, 2016 -- **KGUN-9 interview on The Morning Blend with PPP workforce readiness staff Luke Salcido** and Quinten Jones, one of our REC (Re-engagement Center) Pathways Coaches from our partner Tucson Urban League: <http://www.kgun9.com/morning-blend/tucson-urban-league>

August 3, 2016 – PPP’s Pima County **Teen Court** moved to a new location in downtown Tucson, from 97 E. Congress to 25 East Alameda.

August 29, 2016 -- The *Arizona Daily Star* published an article on **Thrive! 15th Annual Prevention Celebration** that took place on September 9th. The article featured longtime event partners including the Pima Prevention Partnership and its health-related information and education on substance abuse, violence and other social issues.

September 12, 2016 – Univision-TV featured a news story on Pima Partnership Performing Arts High School (PAHS) that featured interviews with **PPP’s Chief Educational Officer Edith Garcia Macklin**, staff and students, and toured the school.

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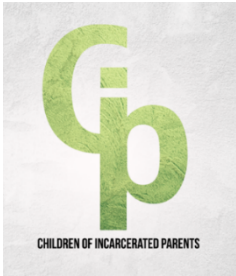
September 13, 2016 – Pima Prevention Partnership-created program for the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Families, “**Healthy Families – Healthy Youth**” pilot was featured in a news article from *Williams News*. The pilot program ran in all 15 counties throughout the month of September, offering early education and proven best practices across the state of Arizona. The Governor’s office chose one school from each county to receive a grant for the program.

September 16, 2016 - Two active Teen Court volunteers and leaders of the Teen Court Bar Association, **Meena Venkataramanan** and **Susan Hong** were profiled on Arizona Public Media on September 16th in an interview about their work on the Commission.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPYe_zP1lsc&t=20m36s

September 26, 2016 - **Manny Mejias, Fortaleza Re-Entry Coordinator** was featured in a criminal justice forum with 8th graders at Paolo Freire School: http://tucson.com/news/local/education/paulo-freire-th-graders-probe-mass-incarceration-prison-reform/article_0f091916-a0c8-5407-9370-91f8d4e95597.html

October 25, 2016 – Executive Director Claire Scheuren was interviewed by Cronkite News at Arizona State University regarding the National Conference for Children of Incarcerated Parents:



Arizona State University's Center for Child Well-Being and the Pima Prevention Partnership have initiated a partnership with service practitioners, agency leaders, researchers, and faith leaders, to plan and implement a **National Conference on Children of Incarcerated Parents, scheduled for 2018.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldtjbtEDOrC&feature=youtu.be>

November 26, 2016 – The **Pima Prevention Partnership** was cited in an op-ed published in the **Arizona Daily Star** by Andrew Comrie, member of the United Way's Cradle to Career Leadership Council. The article featured the Youth on the Rise initiative for which the PPP manages the REC Center for opportunity youth to see more youth with jobs and/or in school.

December 8, 2016 – Volunteer teen attorney with the Pima County Teen Court **Meena Venkataramanan** was selected by Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction as one of two students selected from across Arizona to serve as a delegate to the 55th annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) in March 2017 for an intensive week-long study of the federal government. The Hearst Foundations provide each student with transportation and all expenses for Washington Week, as well as a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship.

<http://azednews.com/arizona-students-selected-for-u-s-senate-youth-program/>

December 12, 2016 – The **Arizona Daily Star** featured an op-ed authored by PPP Executive Director Claire Scheuren: **Children of Incarcerated Parents Need Friends, Now More Than Ever.**

http://tucson.com/news/opinion/column/guest/claire-scheuren-children-of-incarcerated-parents-need-friends-now-more/article_ab399958-cd4a-582a-969f-62349890e901.html