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## MAY 2015

**25 Memorial Day – ASBA Office Closed**

## JUNE 2015

**1 Deadline to submit points for 2015 Cactus Pin Award: [Information/award form](#)**

**11-13 Summer Leadership Institute, Little America Resort, Flagstaff – [Info/register](#)**

### **ASBA encourages attendance at Town Halls focusing on equity issues facing today's schools**

The Arizona Department of Education has announced additional Town Hall sessions, and is inviting education stakeholders to attend and help provide important feedback to guide the state's plan towards Equitable Access to Excellent Educators. This plan is designed to help AZ DOE assist schools with strategies to ensure all students, with special attention to students from low-income families and students of color, have access to the highest performing teachers. The following meetings are scheduled:

- Tolleson, Thursday, May 7, 5-7 p.m. at Tolleson UHSD Board Room, 9801 W. Van Buren St., Tolleson
- Chandler, Tuesday, May 19, 5-7 p.m. at Primavera Blended Learning Center, 2451 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler
- Prescott, Wednesday, May 20, 5-7 p.m. at Yavapai County Education Service Agency, 4041 N. Central Ave., Suite 1100, Prescott (space and parking limited. Contact Mark McCall to reserve your spot).
- Statewide Webinar, Wednesday, May 27, to be schedule

For questions or additional information, contact Mark McCall, [mark.mccall@azed.gov](mailto:mark.mccall@azed.gov) or 602.364.2294.

### **ASBA keynote, Dr. Cile Chavez, speaks on attributes needed to transform leadership at June SLI conference**

Named one of the top 100 educators in the U.S., Dr. Chavez's presentation, "Are you a Spirit Mover? Attributes for Transforming Leadership," will provide motivation and expertise while focusing on the optimism and commitment it takes to create a new reality in our schools. SLI begins with an early bird session on June 11 at 3 p.m. on the Top 10 Issues Faced by Governing Boards and culminates the morning of Saturday, June 13 with a special session focusing on the teacher retention crisis, including valuable information on successful strategies used by various school districts. District member registration is \$245, non-member is \$490, and includes all online materials for each session, complimentary wi-fi in all meeting rooms and meals (additional meals for guests will also be available for purchase). Printed conference

materials will be an additional \$15 charge and must be requested at time of registration. [Information/register](#)

### **Special one-day session at ASBA Summer Leadership Institute for board/superintendent secretaries**

On June 12, there will also be a separate track for board and/or superintendent secretaries covering board meeting management with in-depth information on giving proper notice, agenda development, meeting minutes and record keeping. Board/superintendent secretaries will learn more about the process, steps and helpful hints to ensure a successful school board meeting. The one-day registration fee for board secretaries is \$110. For complete information and to register: [ASBA Summer Leadership Institute](#)

### **Little America room block sold out; three other hotel choices available**

Rooms for ASBA's popular Summer Leadership Institute at Little America have sold out, but rooms have been secured at the following venues:

- Days Inn (on Butler, closest to Little America). \$80/Thursday and \$108/Friday. Call 928.779.6944 and identify yourself as a member of ASBA to get special rate.
- Drury Inn, rooms from \$165. Call 800.378.7946 to reserve.
- The Holiday Inn Express on Lucky Lane. \$159. Call 928.714.1000 to reserve rooms.

### **Southwest Pathways Conference May 28-29 at ASU Skysong focusing on preparing young people for educational and career success**

The Southwest Pathways Conference is bringing together teams of education, business and government leaders from five southwestern states (Colorado, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona) to take an in-depth look at specific strategies and programs. Outstanding speakers include Governor Ducey; Michael Crow, ASU president, Rufus Gaspar, chancellor of Maricopa county community college district and Ken Smith, CEO of Jobs for America's Graduates. For more information and to register: [www.globalpathwaysinstitute.org](http://www.globalpathwaysinstitute.org).

### **Time to tally up your points for 2015 Cactus Pin Award; apply by June 1**

ASBA recognizes those board members who go above and beyond their regular board duties by acknowledging services to the association, the National School Boards Association, board and community outreach activities by our Cactus Pin Award. There are three levels:

- Gold Cactus Pin = 150 or more points
- Silver Cactus Pin = 75-149 points
- Certificate of Achievement = 60-74 points

For information on activities that qualify and associated points, plus an application form: [Cactus Pin Award](#).

### **Annual Legislative and Budget Wrap-Up Webinar link available online**

If you missed the Arizona School Boards Association and Arizona Association of School Business Officials review of education-related legislation from this year's session. You may now access it online. This important webinar, which was presented live on April 21, covers bills that passed the Legislature and will impact schools in the coming year: [ASBA/AASBO Legislative Wrap-Up](#).

### **Nominations for Arizona ELL Teacher of the Year now open**

The Arizona Department of Education's Office of English Language Acquisition Services is accepting nominations for the 2015 Arizona ELL Teacher of the year. A cash award, prizes and recognition at the 2015 OELAS Conference at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort in Tucson

Dec., 9-11 are included in this prestigious honor. Nominations should be submitted directly from Arizona school district and charter school administrators in the ELL teacher's school or district. Finalists chosen from nominees will be asked to submit a full application. Criteria include Arizona certified/highly quality teacher presently employed in an Arizona school and currently teaching English language learners. Three or more years of successful teaching experience with English language learners is required. Deadline to submit nominations is Aug. 17. For nomination form: [2015 ELL Teacher of the Year](#).

### **Read the latest stories written and published by ASBA's own Arizona Education News Services (AZEdNews.com)**

- **Student choice, data use earn national acclaim for rural Arizona school**  
When Cole Young, former principal of Humboldt Elementary School, received an email from a nonprofit organization about how highly performing schools overcome challenges, he initially thought it was an ad asking his school to take part in a competitive application process. It wasn't, and Humboldt Elementary is one of five schools in the country highlighted in "Schools that Work," a series created by Edutopia, a web-based resource and online community created by The George Lucas Educational Foundation. The site focuses on identifying and spreading innovative, replicable, evidence-based approaches to helping students learn better.  
<http://azednews.com/2015/04/28/student-choice-using-data-earns-national-acclaim-for-rural-arizona-school/>
- **'Champion for Children' honored for mobilizing support for public schools**  
Donna Davis is on a mission, literally. In her role as a community mobilizer, this mother, grandmother, non-profit professional and former military wife travels throughout Arizona on a quest to rally community support for public schools and "grow more education advocates." On Wednesday, Davis, senior community mobilizer for Expect More Arizona, a statewide nonpartisan organization dedicated to ensuring a world-class education for all Arizona students, was honored not only for growing advocates, but for being one herself. Children's Action Alliance named Davis the 2015 Phoenix Champion for Children for her commitment to improving children's health, education and security.  
<http://azednews.com/2015/04/22/expect-more-arizonas-donna-davis-on-inspiring-arizona-educators-programs/>
- **Relationships, cultural relevance contribute to students' success**  
Have you ever washed a rental car? Had its oil changed? Or given it a tune-up? Most people would say no, because they don't have the desire to take care of a car that they don't own. Jeff Fuller, superintendent of Whiteriver Unified School District, says he often uses this analogy to explain why some kids in his district struggle in taking pride in their education. They don't own their "car." "We want the kids to own what their success is going to be," he said.  
<http://azednews.com/2015/04/22/relationships-cultural-relevance-contribute-to-closing-achievement-gaps/>

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**ASBA Executive Searches now open for online application:**

**SUPERINTENDENT – Window Rock USD - Closes May 12 at 12 noon.**

To apply: [Superintendent, Window Rock USD](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – Camp Verde USD - Closes May 18 at 12 noon.**

To apply: [Superintendent, Camp Verde USD](#)

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR – Concho ESD - Closes May 29 at 12 noon**

To apply: [District Administrator, Concho ESD](#)

**Looking for an interim superintendent?** ASBA can help. We maintain a database of people interested in serving as interim superintendents. We will post your requirements and send to this list, then provide you with applications from those individuals interested in your position. There is no charge for this service. For assistance in this area, contact Steve Highlen, ASBA Executive Search Consultant, at [shighlen@azsba.org](mailto:shighlen@azsba.org).

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