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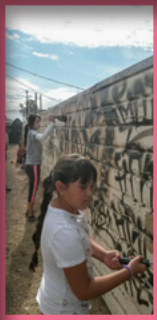
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## OUR PEOPLE — OUR GREATEST ASSET

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WELCOME FROM FAITH WEESE

## Bringing Neighborhoods Together: Our People – OUR Greatest Asset



**W**HAT AN EXCITING TIME of opportunity! The fall is swirling with extensive community development and dynamic strategic planning that will impact our entire surrounding community, the Canyon Corridor. Opportunities and careful planning with our Canyon Corridor stakeholders and residents continue to create that magical community spirit that will power and shape our Canyon Corridor culture as well as the entire Westside!

Here at Grand Canyon University, we recognize the importance of connecting with our local neighborhood communities. Our goal continues to be to help fuel economic growth and bring neighborhoods together through ongoing service projects throughout the year..

We continue to be in the people business: making memories, restoring hope, building community and unleashing dreams by supporting the Canyon Corridor “OUR people – OUR greatest asset.” We hope you will catch the Canyon Corridor spirit with us!

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or need additional information on how to get involved in our Canyon Corridor.

More Excitement to Come!

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### YOU ASKED — WE LISTENED

**Q:** Neighborhood Associations: Please give us more information on neighborhood associations and block watches in the Canyon Corridor. Where are they located and how do I get more involved?

**A:** We’ve expanded our neighborhood organization information. Please see pages 6-7

**Q:** Canyon Corridor Boundaries: How do I know if I live in the Canyon Corridor? What are the boundaries?

**A:** Please see Canyon Corridor boundaries on page 7.

**Q:** Education (Dual Credit): Please give us more information on “dual credit” opportunities in the Canyon Corridor.

**A:** Dual Credit opportunities are available through GCU in the Canyon Corridor. See page 9.

**Q:** Community Involvement: We love the pages with photos showing what’s happening in our neighborhoods. How can we get more involved in the Canyon Corridor?

**A:** Our theme this year is Our People – OUR Greatest Asset. You’ll see great pictures of our people throughout the entire magazine, which features more photos than ever!

**ASK FAITH:** Let us hear from YOU! Know a good story we should be telling? Community organization we should be highlighting? Comments and/or questions you may have? [Faith.Weese@gcu.edu](mailto:Faith.Weese@gcu.edu) or 602-639-6721.



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### CONTACT US

Do you have questions about the Canyon Corridor community? We encourage you to reach out and ask us! We are all working together to eliminate issues as quickly as possible to make this the best neighborhood in Phoenix!

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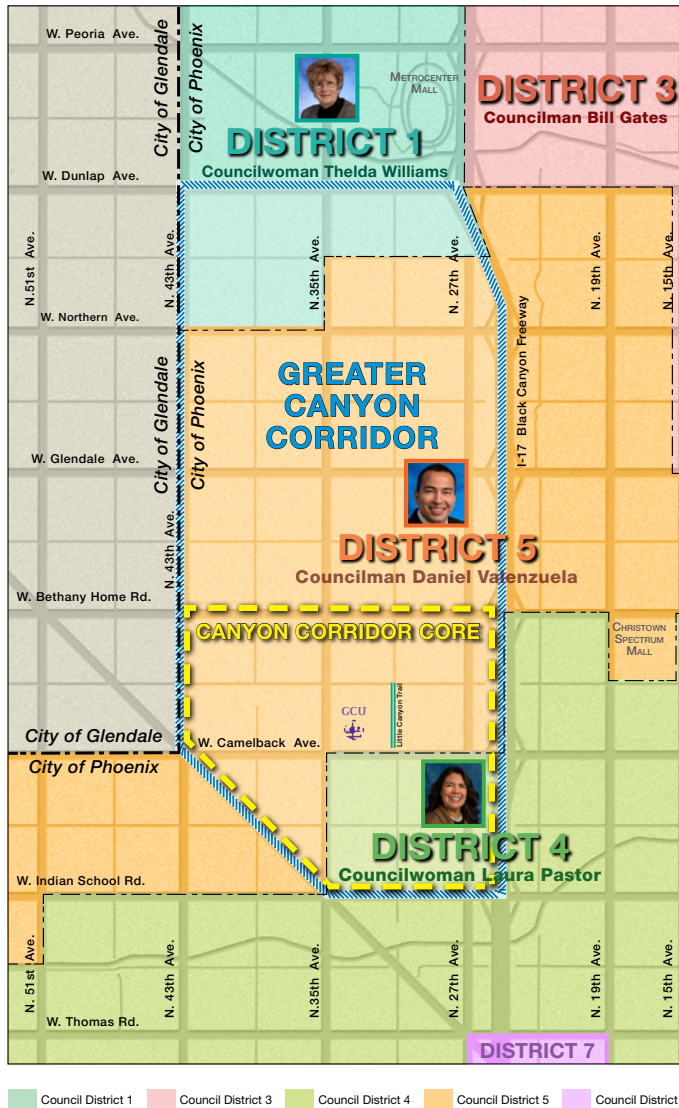
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**Q:** What does “community” and the Canyon Corridor mean to you?

**A:** The Canyon Corridor is a diverse and vibrant part of our community, and connecting has been a key to their success. Residents and businesses in the Canyon Corridor have established a tradition of collaborative leadership and achieving success by working together. I am a strong believer that we can go farther as a community if we unite and everyone pitches in. The stakeholders in this area are doing just that—everyone is helping to weave a strong fabric that unites businesses, neighborhoods, churches and schools to keep our community safer and make us stronger.

**Q:** Now that you are settled in office and aware of the issues in the Canyon Corridor, where do you think there are opportunities to improve the community?

**A:** I am proudly a product of Phoenix: I was born and raised here in District 4, so I am very familiar with our community. Over the past year, I have been able to connect and reconnect with residents and neighborhood groups who are changing the face of Phoenix, and I am excited to continue to be a part of that change. We have the opportunity to improve the community by meeting our neighbors, creating a shared vision and finding ways to partner to leverage city resources with community and private sector partners. This is why I ran for office in the first place, and it will be a top priority over the next year and the rest of my term.

**Q:** What have you learned during your time in office that has influenced your goals to assist our neighborhood to grow to greater social health and broader civic and community participation?

**A:** Civic and community engagement is the foundation of a strong city. The good news is it’s contagious! Connecting with community efforts leads to teamwork, friendships and stronger relationships.

# Leading with a Purpose

## An Interview with District 4 Councilwoman Laura Pastor

By Faith Weese



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“[T]he Canyon Corridor is a diverse and vibrant part of our community...connecting has been a key to their success.”

—COUNCILWOMAN LAURA PASTOR

The Canyon Corridor has an incredible amount of potential. In my time in office, I have been lucky to work with many neighborhoods, businesses and faith-based groups in this part of the city who continue to inspire others to roll up their sleeves and get to work on improving their neighborhoods, streets and parks. Engagement with these groups has a ripple effect of encouraging others and building even more positive energy in our neighborhoods.

**Q: How do you see your office involved with the community revitalization efforts?**

**A:** Through the city council office, I plan to provide leadership, guidance and support to the community revitalization efforts. I certainly hope my office can be a partner and a resource to assist with things ranging from connecting residents with city programs and services to moving forward policy initiatives to help support the revitalization movement and enhance the health, safety and economic development of this community. We can also work together to enhance public safety in this area by nurturing the strong relationships between Canyon Corridor and the Phoenix Police Department.

**Q: What actions could you take to help drive new businesses into the Canyon Corridor?**

**A:** As a city councilmember, I wear many hats. In addition to working on policy initiatives and community outreach, I also have the fun job of promoting the City of Phoenix and District 4! In that capacity, I can and will work to promote the diverse economic development opportunities in the Canyon Corridor to businesses who are interested

in opening in or relocating to District 4. As we work together to further develop the Canyon Corridor, we can also work to facilitate public/private partnerships and business development in this area.

**Q: What else do you think Grand Canyon University could do to make a positive impact on the neighborhood?**

**A:** Grand Canyon University has been a catalyst for change in the Canyon Corridor and has invested a great deal in this community. I am thrilled that GCU has also come to the table as a partner to the City of Phoenix and our public safety efforts. Solid partnerships are developed through strong communication. I hope that GCU continues to work with the city and the community by engaging in dialogue, identifying neighborhood issues and collaborating on solutions. All in all, I say, “Keep up the good work!”

**Q: Any final thoughts you would like to share with our Canyon Corridor neighbors?**

I appreciate the work that each and every one of you are doing in the Canyon Corridor. I believe that connections are key, and I want to stay connected with you. Please feel free to contact me at 602.262.7447 or [council.district.4@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.4@phoenix.gov) with questions, ideas or concerns. We love to hear from the residents within our community, and we like to know what we can do to help better our neighborhoods by working together. If you would like to stay up-to-date on District 4 and city news, please sign up for my e-newsletter by visiting [phoenix.gov/District4](http://phoenix.gov/District4) ■

## Cactus Park Precinct Update



Cactus Park Precinct  
Phoenix Police Department  
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For more information, visit:  
[phoenix.gov/police](http://phoenix.gov/police)

Effective in late Oct.

2014, the Phoenix Police Department's Patrol Division will go through a reorganization in an attempt to fix current issues. We are not adding officers, nor are we closing patrol precinct stations. We are essentially dividing up the city into seven (7) patrol precincts instead of the current eight (8) precincts. The intent is to use more natural boundaries to define the precincts (i.e. freeways, mountain ranges, canals, etc.) to enhance response times, improve public safety and equalize manpower distribution.

The police department is down approximately 540 officer positions from where we were five (5) years ago. We will lose at least 60 officers this year to retirement. This is a tremendous reduction in manpower that will not change until we start hiring again, which will be in April 2015. By reducing the number of patrol precincts from eight (8) to seven (7), we will be able to increase squad size from less than seven (7) officers per squad to more than nine (9) officers per squad.

The Cactus Park Precinct, one of the largest patrol precincts, will span from Indian School Road to the Loop 303 freeway and the I-17 to Glendale and Peoria city limits. As always, the women and men of the Cactus Park Precinct will strive to deliver top quality police service to everyone in our precinct. In the middle of all of these organizational changes, we look forward to continuing our partnership with Grand Canyon University.



**Look for a special note from Councilman Valenzuela in the spring 2015 edition of Canyon Corridor Connection magazine.**

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# Bringing Neighborhoods Together: A good neighborhood starts with YOU!


**N**EIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS and block watches exist today to help Canyon Corridor residents build an exceptional community where residents want to live. Unlike homeowner associations, neighborhood associations and block watches are voluntary organizations of residents who work together to improve and maintain the quality of life in their neighborhood.

## How do YOU get involved?

- Find a neighborhood association in your area to get involved – Contact your council district office or Cactus Park Precinct.
- Start a block watch on your street or in your apartment community – Contact the block watch coordinator at 602-495-0597 to get started.

Won't you consider joining us? Below is a list of some neighborhood associations in the Canyon Corridor.

### Alhambra Neighborhood Association (ANA)



**MISSION:** to create a safe, secure environment for our residents and businesses; to interact with the local schools. We meet on the fourth Thursday of Sept., Oct., Mar. and April at 6 p.m. at the Alhambra Elementary District Office, 4510 N. 37th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85019. Contact: Diane Harris.

### Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch (AVNBW)


**MISSION:** to maintain the quality of life and home values, while working to improve our neighborhood by working together.

### Cactus Park Community Alliance (CPCA)

The Cactus Park Community Alliance was organized to bring together neighborhood groups located within the Cactus Park Precinct. CPCA facilitates interactions

between neighborhoods, government and law enforcement; focusing on crime prevention and quality-of-life improvements within the Cactus Park Precinct. Contact: Sherry Dudek: Smdudek@msn.com

### Canyon Corridor Community Coalition (CCCC or 4C's)



The 4C's is a community service and development non-profit corporation. We serve the Canyon Corridor with programs and events such as blight reduction/neighborhood cleanups, youth activities and our favorite: Family Movie Nights in the Park for our local community. We partner with other Canyon Corridor organizations and stakeholders. Contact: Jak Keyser

### Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance (CCNA)




**MISSION:** to see a thriving, healthy and culturally diverse Canyon Corridor. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Granada East Middle School (north of Campbell on 31st Ave). Contact: Gwen Relf or

Sam Macias, Resource Development at Rehoboth: 602-249-9759 or sam.macias@rehobothphx.org

### Cordova Neighborhood Association (CNA)

**MISSION:** to help neighbors maintain homes and yards; control drugs, violence and gangs; and have everyone help and watch out for each other. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, except Aug. and Dec., at 6 p.m. at Cordova Elementary School, 5631 N. 35th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85017. Contact: Larry Fallis – Find us on Facebook.

### Granada Neighborhood Association (GNA)



**MISSION:** to address the improvement and maintenance of community, form a block watch and address concerns of members. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, Oct. through May, at 6:30 p.m. at Granada East School, 3022 W. Campbell Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85017. Contact: Frank Ivenz or Ray Martinez

### Manzanita Block Watch (MBW - northwest of map)

**MISSION:** to reduce neighborhood crime, maintain the quality of life in the neighborhood and educate the residents in crime prevention.

### North Glen Square Neighborhood Association (NGSNA)

**MISSION:** To establish a mutually beneficial relationship between the association, its surrounding community and the city of Phoenix.

### Ocotillo Glen Neighborhood Association (OGNA)

**MISSION:** to collectively help to reduce crime, control blight and improve neighborhood living conditions. Find us on Facebook.

### Sevilla Neighborhood Association (SNA)




**MISSION:** to enhance the living experience in our community, unite neighbors in common goals, reduce criminal activity and stabilize property values. We meet on the first Thursday of the month during the school year at 7 p.m. at Sevilla Primary School, 3801 W. Missouri Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85017.

### United Neighborhood Association (UNA)

**MISSION:** to create a neighborhood of caring people committed to improving the community and establishing lines of communication among residents.

### Vecinos Unidos Siempre (VUS - Hispanic)



**MISSION:** to bring change to the neighborhood for the children. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at Granada East School, 3022 W. Campbell Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85017. Contact: Judith Ornelas: vecinosunidossiempre@yahoo.com

### West Plaza Neighborhood Association (WPNA)

**MISSION:** to fight crime, control blight and inform residents of alley and trash rules; to support school and hopefully historic registry.





## By the numbers

Greater Canyon Corridor  
93,229  
Population

Canyon Corridor Core  
40,899  
Population

Population counts are based on the 2011 American Community Survey (ACS) -- more recent than 2010 Census, taking into account the defined borders for the Greater Canyon Corridor and the Canyon Corridor Core.

**MAP KEY**

- Canyon Corridor Core boundary
- Greater Canyon Corridor boundary
- Washington Elementary School District
- Alhambra Elementary School District
- High Schools
- Little Canyon Trail
- Council District Boundaries
- Phoenix / Glendale Boundary

- ANA** Alhambra Neighborhood Association
- AVNBW** Alta Vista Neighborhood Block Watch
- CNA** Cordova Neighborhood Association
- GNA** Granada Neighborhood Association
- MBW** Manzanita Block Watch (northwest of map)
- MBW** Montebello Block Watch (by I-17)
- NGSNA** North Glen Square Neighborhood Association
- OGNA** Ocotillo Glen Neighborhood Association
- SNA** Sevilla Neighborhood Association
- UNA** United Neighbors Association
- VUS** Vecinos Unidos Siempre Block Watch (serves Canyon Corridor Core)
- WPNA** West Plaza Neighborhood Association







# A Message from Alhambra School District



**Dr. Karen E. Williams,**  
Superintendent, Alhambra  
School District

**W**elcome to the 2014-15 school year. The Alhambra team is gearing up for another successful year of learning. At Alhambra, we empower students to believe in, practice and live the American Dream. To many, the American Dream is a sought-after ideal that represents freedom, prosperity and equality; and at Alhambra, our students' American Dream begins when they walk through our doors. The American Dream is hope, it is opportunity and it is achieving success.

In the Alhambra Elementary School District, we instill in our students the promise of the American Dream. James Truslow Adams, an American writer and historian, described the American Dream: "Life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement regardless of social class or circumstances of birth." Everything we do at Alhambra is based on this premise: ensuring our students are prepared for college, careers and leading successful lives.

Alhambra is rich in diversity, representing countries all over the world. Our dedicated teachers are providing high-quality instruction using Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards. Alhambra has implemented these new teaching standards for three years; and through rigorous instruction, our students will be prepared for high school, college and careers.

At Alhambra, we capture kids' hearts, we embrace the world around us and we provide a high-quality education for every child. This is the keystone to our country's promise. Our students' futures depend on us, and we take our mission seriously. Children deserve nothing less.

I look forward to a successful school year, and extend an invitation to you to visit Alhambra and experience America's new academic reality!

Believe!

*Karen E. Williams*

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## Alhambra's STEM Team Earns National Awards!

The Alhambra Elementary School District's MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement) Team, from Montebello School, led by advisor Kelby Milgrim, earned two awards at the MESA National Challenge in Portland, Ore., in June. The national challenge was to design, engineer and operate a low-cost, environmentally sustainable, easy-to-operate prosthetic arm that could perform a variety of real life tasks such as picking up everyday items and placing them in a box and tossing items into a bucket.



Alhambra's MESA Team from Montebello School won 1st place at the MESA National Challenge in Portland, OR. Pictured from left: Suny Mendez, William Fazille, Joselin Cruz and Carlos Soto

Alhambra's Montebello MESA Team earned first place in the country in the "Design Efficiency" category and a third place award in the "Technical Paper" category. According to Superintendent Dr. Karen Williams, "The Alhambra team defied all odds and showcased that all children can achieve their dreams if they work hard. I believe that every child is entitled to a high-quality education and an opportunity to live the American Dream, and our MESA team worked hard, spent their summer vacation preparing for the competition and demonstrated how dreams really do become a reality!" This was a first-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the Alhambra students. They demonstrated their ability to design, write, compete and win top rankings in a national competition, and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

The Alhambra Elementary School District would like to express our tremendous appreciation to President and CEO Brian Mueller from Grand Canyon University, for sponsoring the Alhambra MESA Team's trip to Portland. According to Dr. Williams, "I extend a special thanks to the entire Grand Canyon University team for sponsoring our children, which enabled them to compete nationally and experience learning with other students from across the nation. Grand Canyon University's commitment to enriching the community is a wise investment and will change lives."



## Imagine Schools – Cortez Park: Caring for the Whole Child

**I**MAGINE SCHOOLS – Cortez Park is a place for connections in our community. Learning there goes far beyond the classroom. Not long ago, students were coming to school tired because they could not sleep in their own beds. The air conditioning did not work and bedbugs chewed on children while they lay in bed. The owners of the apartments were not interested in making repairs. The tenants were refugees and vulnerable.



Tracie Scala and Eh K Lu decided to take action. They went to the apartments, photographed the living conditions and sent them to Maria Uhing at the Phoenix City Prosecutor's office.

As a result, Maria invited key people to meet at the school with the families of the students. She brought Assistant Bureau Chief Will Gonzalez, Housing Counselor Alma Lara, Neighborhood Specialist Lisa Huggins-Hubbard, Community Specialist Jacob Steinbach, Representatives and Translators Kerim Ababdalecha and Krista Roy from the International Rescue Committee, Stephanie Vasko from Catholic Charities and lawyers from Community Legal



Services to meet with our students' families in order to educate them and provide them their legal options.

Our school is a place for such connections to take place in our community. When our families felt trapped by their circumstances, they knew who to trust: Imagine Schools – Cortez Park.

Below are some of the events that take place at Imagine Schools – Cortez Park:

### FREE ELL CLASSES:

Mondays and Thursdays, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

### GIRL SCOUTS:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 6 – 8 p.m.

### PEACE DAY:

Sept. 19, 2014 in honor of World Peace

WALK TO SCHOOL EVENT: Oct. 20, 2014

**To learn more about Imagine Schools – Cortez Park, set up a tour to view the learning facilities or see how you can provide additional support for students and their parents, call:**

**Tracie Scala at 602-589-9840 or 602-619-3587  
3535 W. Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051  
cortezpark.com**

## Bourgade Catholic High School has been the Recipient of the Generosity of Others this Summer

**A** NEW HIGH-CAPACITY, high-efficiency air cooled chiller that is connected to most of the campus with new underground piping was installed by a very generous benefactor. The new system has the capacity to cool and heat the entire campus and our future expansion. What really excites our athletes and coaches is that the new air handlers, installed in Tepsic Gymnasium, provide heating and cooling throughout the year.

Bourgade Catholic was also the recipient of a Salt River Project Education

Grant. Holocaust Studies, a newly developed course in our World Cultures department, will be taught during the 2014-15 school year. Students will examine primary sources and literature to learn about anti-Semitism, the Holocaust and contemporary problems of genocide. Students will also conduct interviews and create videos to inform their peers and the community about the consequences of intolerance, lack of compassion and absence of action in the face of evil.



**Principal  
Kathy  
Rother**

A grant from Virginia G. Piper Foundation is allowing Bourgade Catholic to expand and enhance technology on campus over the next several years. A portion of the grant was made available for peripherals for the 2014-15 school year. This includes new desktop computers for classroom use, Chromebooks for use in the library and social studies classroom in lieu of textbooks, laptops for the photo edit and graphic



design classroom/lab, a short throw projector in the library and a new technology firewall.

Principal Kathy Rother is very pleased with the advances Bourgade Catholic will be able to make in technology thanks to the Piper grant. "Over the past three years, we have made great strides in improving not only the technology available on campus, but also the use of technology in and out of each classroom. Our teachers and students have truly embraced the potential that the integration of technology in instruction will have on student learning and achievement. The Bourgade Catholic Technology Plan gives students access to 24/7 cloud-based communication and collaboration tools, as well as productivity tools and storage. The Piper Grant will provide the means for Bourgade Catholic to leap forward exponentially into a blended learning environment at an electrifying pace. I am thrilled and extremely proud of our teachers and students who are blazing their way forward toward a cutting-edge and technologically competitive future."

Bourgade Catholic High School is a diocesan, co-educational college preparatory, Roman Catholic high school established in 1962. It is located on a 27-acre campus at 4602 N. 31st Avenue.

**For admissions information, please contact Ms. Mary Ann Burns, admissions coordinator at [maburns@bourgadecatholic.org](mailto:maburns@bourgadecatholic.org)**



# Alhambra High School Update: Claudio Coria, Principal Alhambra H.S.

**A**LHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL is an important link in the education pipeline from kindergarten to college here in the Canyon Corridor. The quality of our teachers, the outreach of our students and the responsiveness to relevant career fields are three areas where Alhambra connects to the community.

I am so proud of several of our teachers who have earned their National Board Certification (NBC), or are working toward that coveted distinction.



**Claudio Coria,**  
Principal

Considered the teaching profession's highest honor, it is presented by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to teachers who demonstrate, through a performance assessment, that they meet the high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. Last year, we had three teachers earn certification: Cynthia Maher, English language learning; Christina Yoder, art; and Sue Wright, art.

We have had three cohorts of teachers working with the Arizona K-12 Center to prepare for National Board Certification, coached by a former Phoenix Union High School District student and NBC teacher, Alaina Adams. Last year, we had six teachers work toward certification. This year, that group has grown to 10.

This summer, we were fortunate enough to hire two more NBC teachers: Ricardo Borunda, math, and Jennifer DiNello, counseling. What is so rewarding is the momentum and motivation for professional improvement among our teachers. They want to learn and excel. They are reflecting on instruction and focusing on what and how students are learning, rather than just on how teachers are teaching. The development

of our teaching staff has led to quality professional learning communities (PLCs) and an intentional, collective striving to be the best. It is showing results, as Alhambra has gained more "growth" points than any other school in the district in the state's annual Letter Grade Accountability system over the last three years. We know that quality teachers are the single most important determiner of student success, and we are building a formidable team of champion instructors.



Team supporting the National Board Certification Process: Jennifer DiNello, Ricardo Borunda, Cynthia Maher, Terrie Phillips, Marry Wimmer, Christina Yoder and Claudio Coria

We have enjoyed some wonderful programs with our neighbor, Grand Canyon University, such as free after-school tutoring at GCU's Learning Lounge, conducted by college students. Our students are following in the footsteps of those college tutors by going to our partner schools in the Alhambra Elementary School District and helping middle school students with math, reading, writing and science. Our top juniors and seniors are recommended by their teachers, and they are going to Andalucia Middle School and Granada East Middle School in the mornings of our late start days to work with sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. The high school students are trained by the middle school teachers and provide tutoring during intervention times.



Another area in which Alhambra High School is connecting the dots with its partner elementary district and the university is in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Alhambra Elementary School has a solid STEM initiative led by a STEM director. We are continuing the STEM movement through high school and we have a perfect, relevant magnet program to do that: our medical and health studies magnet. Health careers count on individuals proficient in STEM, and our magnet is a terrific resource



Amy Marlin, Science, Medical Magnet teacher and Judy Delph, Biology, Science teacher

to connect different disciplines across the curriculum. Teaching math, science and technology through a medical and health lens makes the instruction relevant, tangible and career-focused.

With the collective resources, expertise and the goals of Alhambra Elementary School and Alhambra High School, we hope to produce a new generation of health professionals. ■

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## Alhambra High School Students Take College Courses on GCU's Campus



Grand Canyon University offered scholarships to 45 qualified Alhambra High School students this summer, allowing them to get a head start on college while experiencing campus life.

Students selected between General Psychology, Introduction to Justice Studies and Public Speaking courses and attended class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

The instructors were all very impressed by the students' work ethic and willingness to learn. Jessi Farmer, the Public Speaking instructor said, "Many of the students transformed their public speaking skills and became confident and clear communicators. This wasn't an easy a process, but their diligence and hard work really paid off in the end."

The Justice Studies students had the opportunity to take a number of field trips.

One of the most interesting was to attend an Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board meeting with their instructor, Cornel Stemley, who is on the board. The board saw cases of officers' conduct. One case involved an off-duty incident and another was a person whose past drug use almost prevented him from becoming a police officer. "It showed the students that there are consequences to their actions," said Stemley. They also had a chance to meet with police commanders.

The opportunity has been extended into the traditional school year. Over 30 students are attending class after school this fall. Many of them were also in the summer program. General Psychology is offered again because it was the most popular course in the summer. Students are also taking algebra and English courses.

Any Alhambra High School students who are interested in taking part in the program next semester should contact their guidance counselor.

## Back-to-School Health and Safety Fair



entertainment kept the crowds singing and dancing into the afternoon. Mayor Greg Stanton was on hand to meet the kids and parents – he loves the Canyon Corridor and never misses this event!

Thank you to nearly 100 GCU and community volunteers who served the 5,000 attendees at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual GCU Canyon Cares and Arvizu Ninos Seguros Back-to-School Health and Safety Fair at Grand Canyon University on Aug. 2. The event focused on our community youth and provided free back packs, school supplies and special drawings for laptops, iPads and bicycles. In addition, over 50 vendors kept the giveaways flowing and the Disney

## It's a STEM World! Opportunities for K-12 are Boundless

Building rockets and calculating the height of their flight pattern. Learning how to build a circuit to light a bulb. Building a robot that can swim under water. Discovering how to build or program a computer.

Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) can take students in many different directions as they explore the world in which we live. This curiosity and experimentation is not only good in the classroom, but is also growing increasingly important to building the critical-thinking and problem-solving skills necessary to succeed in today's economy.

Grand Canyon University (GCU) knows how critical the STEM fields are to the future and knows how important it is to start a love of these topics at a young age. In fact, new degree programs have been developed to serve an increasing number of GCU students who will be studying STEM subjects. In order to build this STEM culture for all ages, GCU started a K-12 STEM outreach effort that will continue to grow throughout this year and in years to come.

"Every student should be exposed to STEM in fun and creative ways in order to foster that passion and creativity," said Amanda Hughens, the new K-12 STEM Outreach manager in GCU's Strategic Educational Alliances (SEA) department. "Project-based learning is a great way to engage students in real-world issues and give them an opportunity to use what they learn in the classroom to create solutions."

That is exactly what Hughens hopes to accomplish with STEM Saturdays, a monthly opportunity for middle and high school students and K-12 teachers alike to explore a specific STEM topic.

Among other things, teachers will gain lesson plans, activities and ideas to address not only STEM foundations and skills, but also how to integrate them into all core academic subject areas. Students will have the chance to explore interesting and relevant topics representing a wide range of STEM disciplines and learn how STEM subjects play a role in everyday life.

In addition, GCU is offering a sponsorship program to financially assist schools or organizations planning grade-level, school-wide or community-wide STEM events in the 2014-15 school year. Sponsorship awards will be up to \$500 dollars.

"This is just the beginning," said Hughens. "There is so much potential, and I am excited to create additional opportunities for STEM engagement at the K-12 level. The possibilities are endless! There will certainly be more to come."

**Those interested in the STEM Saturdays and STEM sponsorship programs should visit [gcu.edu/STEMSaturdays](http://gcu.edu/STEMSaturdays) and [gcu.edu/STEMSponsorships](http://gcu.edu/STEMSponsorships)**



# The Community and Grand Canyon University

**G**rand Canyon University has a legacy of guiding students and employees to connect with their community. GCU wishes to continue its mission to help its neighbors thrive and prosper. GCU's community involvement includes several large initiatives and projects to assist the community:

**Neighborhood Safety Initiative:**

GCU entered into a \$1 million partnership with the City of Phoenix to assist the Phoenix Police Department in its crime suppression efforts throughout the Canyon Corridor.

**Learning Lounge:**

GCU has partnered with the Phoenix Union School District to develop a tutoring and mentoring program called the GCU Learning Lounge. For more information, please see page 7.

**Drowning Prevention Program:**

GCU has partnered with the Phoenix Fire Department to ensure that Car 99 (a proactive support to ensure residential pool fences meet city code requirements) would not be cut from the city's budget.

**Graffiti Free Zone:**

GCU has partnered with the City of Phoenix and contributed \$25,000 and student workers to make the Canyon Corridor a graffiti-free zone.

**Serve the City:**

Twice a year, GCU floods the Canyon Corridor with hundreds of student and employee volunteers who spruce up the neighborhood through their outreach efforts.

**Canyon Kids:**

Every Saturday morning, GCU students go to Little Canyon Park to play games, do crafts and share Bible stories with children ages 5-15 that live in the community.

**Serrano Village:**

GCU students help residents of this apartment complex learn English as a second language and tutor grade-school children.

**Phoenix Rescue Mission:**

Every other Wednesday night, GCU students visit the Changing Lives Center to lead worship during their chapel service and run a children's program.

**12 Months of Service:**

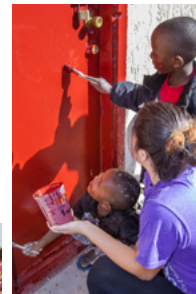
GCU identifies a different project every month for employees, students and alumni to provide assistance to improve the community.

**Fall Festival, Canyon Cares Christmas and Easter:**

Families in the Canyon Corridor are invited onto campus to receive children's gifts, candy and food in a fun and welcoming atmosphere.

**Back-to-School Health and Safety Fair:**

This event features free backpacks, drawings for laptops, health screenings and safety training.



**ESL Classes:**

ESL classes are planned, designed and implemented especially for our Canyon Corridor each semester.

**Canyon Corridor Connection Magazine:**

Our magazine is created and produced each semester with the Canyon Corridor communities in mind.

**Canyon Corridor Connection Newsletter:**

This newsletter highlights the Canyon Corridor communities and shares information to get families involved and engaged.

**Habitat for Humanity:**

GCU is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to renovate thousands of homes in the Canyon Corridor area. GCU employees and students will volunteer their time to perform the repairs while also raising money for the project.

**Other Community Outreach Efforts:**

Lopes for Literacy, disaster relief efforts, back-to-school drives, teacher appreciation, the Run to Fight Children's Cancer, GCU Salutes Our Troops, Backpack/Health Fair, Clothing Drive and the Salvation Army Turkey Drive.



# An Oasis in the Desert:

## 2014 Refugee Highway Partnership North America

**F**OR THOSE FLEEING for their lives, and for those who seek to serve them, there is a vital need for a season of restoration. For a time of joyful reunion with people who understand the demands and depletion experienced during the journey on the refugee highway. For a retreat, where encouragement, strength and renewed vision are infused into our souls as we stop to listen to, learn from and laugh with our friends.

A multi-church Arizona team and more than 80 volunteers provided such an oasis for the Refugee Highway Partnership North America's 350 Roundtable participants, hosted this year on Grand Canyon University's campus in Phoenix.

Vibrant discussions filled the 65 Table Talks, which included topics such as successful integration, contextualized witness, incarnational ministry, church mobilization, holistic healthcare, immigration issues, ethnic discipleship and team tune-up.

Conference attendees were able to participate in a three-hour Walk in Their Shoes refugee journey simulation each afternoon. During this journey, participants took on the identities of a typical refugee family and were introduced to the harsh realities of life in a camp and the complex process of refugee resettlement. Participants



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could also choose to go on a four-hour Vision Tour to a total of 11 locations, including refugee resettlement agencies, community gardens, Serrano Village Apartments, The Refuge and the Refugee Women's Health Clinic (one of two in the nation).

Following worship sessions, 17 speakers delivered humorous and thought-provoking messages. Speakers examined the cycle of poverty, gave advice about advocacy, pondered whether we were engaged in transaction or transformation, recognized how close some of us were to burnout, took in tips for working with trauma victims and grappled with more than a dozen additional concepts. The Refugee Highway Partnership North America especially thanks the European and Middle East RHP leaders for each taking a session to give us a glimpse of refugee needs and ministry in their regions.

Roundtable attendees were served by a prayer team, interceding onsite for 12 hours daily; a group of seven IT techs who provided free assistance for laptop woes; and four

seasoned counselors who met privately, by appointment, with those seeking mentoring and professional direction.

Roundtable participants are still savoring the memory of the scrumptious Beautiful Day

granola bars, made by refugees in Rhode Island, and the delectable chocolate, pecans and coffee samples generously provided by Koinonia Farms (Americus, GA). These groups were just two of the 30 Roundtable exhibitors and vendors.

An international banquet on Friday night, featuring a parade of nations and entertainment from a Sudanese violinist, Burundi youth choir, Arab calligrapher, Eritrean coffee-making ceremony and henna artists, capped the Roundtable. Tom Albinson, director of International Association for Refugees, led the group in a time of personal reflection and prayer and focused on renewed commitment to God's call on our lives to serve forcibly displaced people.

Be sure to "Like" Refugee Highway Partnership – North America on Facebook; visit [rhpna.com](http://rhpna.com), where digital recordings of the Table Talks will be posted; and reserve vacation time next July for the 2015 Roundtable in Atlanta, Ga.! ■



## Refugee Safety Initiative

What is the Refugee Safety Initiative (RSI)? The RSI was started two years ago in order to enhance refugees' sense of well-being, belonging and safety. The objective was to increase participation and engagement in society with the primary goal of increasing access to help law enforcement agencies and other mainstream services.

The initiative is comprised of various community stakeholders under the leadership of Stephanie Vasko, senior

program supervisor of the Education and Orientations team of Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement agency, and Detective Luis Samudio of the Phoenix Police Department.

The RSI has accomplished several key milestones, including conducting safety workshops and developing culturally appropriate resource materials such as the Refugee Resource Card, videos and additional cultural trainings for police officers. The RSI has also

developed What to do When Stopped by Police cards for refugees, translated in over five languages!

RSI is now focused on addressing Special Immigrant Visa issues and continuing outreach to refugee communities, including addressing issues of drowning and various other safety issues.

**For more information, please contact Stephanie Vasko at 602-749-4437 or [svasko@cc-az.org](mailto:svasko@cc-az.org)**



# Leveraging Partnerships to Build Community



LifeBridge Community Alliance (LCA) is a nonprofit community development corporation located on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Orangewood Avenue. We focus on

improving lives by partnering with existing resources and community leaders to help meet needs of the people in our neighborhood by providing vital community resources such as a food bank, medical assistance, literacy and educational programs. With access to these resources, people have the ability to learn the skills necessary to improve their lives and the community. LCA is an exciting example of community partnership at work.

## RESOURCE PARTNERS:

- Community Resource Center
- All-Star Kids Tutoring
- GVAHEC (Greater Valley Area Health Education Center)
- Rio Salado Community College
- VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)
- United Neighborhood Association
- Orangewood Church
- Orangewood Christian Academy
- City of Phoenix Early Head Start
- Maximus

**Please call 602-995-2933 or visit us at 7510 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85051 for more information about services or volunteer opportunities.**



The Greater Valley Area Health Education Center (GVAHEC) is one of five health education centers across Arizona funded primarily through Arizona State Lottery funds. GVAHEC connects students to health careers, health professionals to communities and communities to health promotion and prevention activities. It also focuses its efforts on recruiting and retaining culturally competent health professionals to meet the growing needs in urban, underserved and rural areas. We accomplish this mission by providing opportunities in four core areas: health careers students (junior high and high school students), health profession students (college students), professional development and community health education.

The GVAHEC welcomes collaboration with a number of local and state organizations to develop and deliver continuing education opportunities.

**Learn more about GVAHEC by contacting Angelina Alfaro, Health Education Center Director of Health Services, at [aalfaro@gvahec.org](mailto:aalfaro@gvahec.org) or 480-288-8260. You can also visit us at 7510 North 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85051 or visit our website at [gvahec.org](http://gvahec.org)**



## Putting “Unity” Back in “Community”

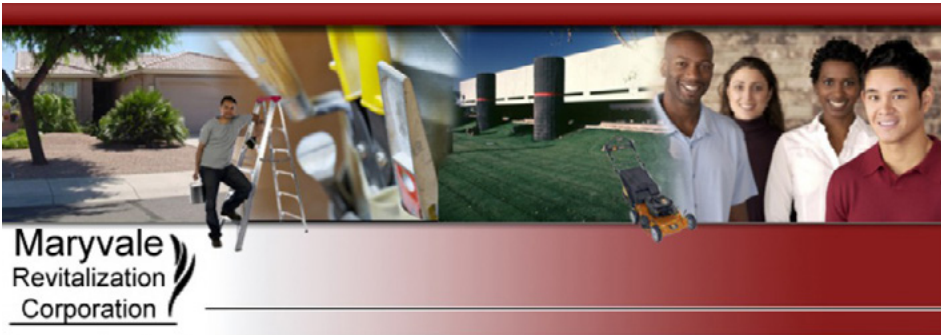
In the Granada neighborhood, an organization called Vecinos Unidos Siempre (Neighbors United Forever) is gaining momentum for involving community members, city staff and the police department with one mission in mind: unite the people to bring change for a safe, clean and graffiti-free neighborhood.

Vecinos Unidos Siempre (VUS) is educating residents about graffiti in their alleys and giving community members an opportunity to help with cleanups each month. VUS is also working with Cactus Park Precinct officers to help patrol areas during these cleanups and actively engage in dialogue with residents about safety to increase the number of crimes being reported. In addition, Maria Uhing of the Phoenix City Prosecutor’s Office, also provides support to residents by answering questions and educating the community.



Judith Ornelas

**To learn more about VUS, or how to participate in these cleanups, please contact Judith Ornelas at [vecinosunidossiempres@yahoo.com](mailto:vecinosunidossiempres@yahoo.com) and check out the Calendar of Events on pg. 19 for dates and locations.**



## OUR People: Dwight Amery

**I**F YOU DO KNOW HIM, the relationship is invaluable, whether it be family, friend or community activist partner. If you don't know him, you may not realize the extent to which Dwight directly or indirectly impacts your life. Dwight wears many hats, currently presiding as president of the Maryvale Revitalization Corporation and president of the Maryvale U.N.I.T.E. Neighborhood Association. He also serves on numerous committees, including chair for the Maryvale Village Planning Committee, founder and president of the Jacori Rufus Memorial Scholarship Fund and member of the West Phoenix Revitalization Community Advisory Board. Still, Dwight manages to be very active and generous with his time at community events, even extending his generosity and time to the Canyon Corridor community.

With Dwight's help, the Serrano Village Community Library is always stocked, from children's books and novels to resource guides and

encyclopedias to magazines, videos and puzzles, for residents and other walk-in community members to enjoy. In this way, he helps spread the love of reading to people of all ages.

One of his most crucial impacts on the community was leading the way for the Game Changers program, an innovative teen leadership conference and service project with adult mentors and various teen leaders hosted last year at Grand Canyon University. It was a huge success in helping inspire youth leadership in looking towards success as an achievable dream.

Dwight continually donates his time and efforts in helping to build strong relationships within the community and is always generous in helping spread knowledge and contacts. Thank you, Dwight, for your service to the community!

**Dwight Amery can be reached at 623-848-2795 or [maryvale1@qwestoffice.net](mailto:maryvale1@qwestoffice.net)**



Dwight Amery and granddaughter, Darian Jameson

## Neighborhoods Connect to Hold February 2015 Neighborhood Gathering

**A**CCORDING TO A 2009 GALLUP poll, only 12% of Arizonans believe the people in their community care about each other. At the same time, Pew Research has found that 28% of Americans cannot name a single neighbor's name. Neighborhoods Connect, a new Arizona non-profit, was founded to change those numbers. The founders believe a democracy cannot survive if its citizens don't feel part of anything past their front door.

With active participation from Mayor Stanton's office; Councilmembers Thelda Williams, Danny Valenzuela and Laura Pastor; Phoenix Neighborhood Services; the Phoenix City Prosecutor's Office; and an array of neighborhood leaders, the mission of Neighborhoods Connect is "working to build, support and connect healthy, flourishing neighborhoods." Phoenix is their pilot city.

On Feb. 21, 2015, at Grand Canyon University, Neighborhoods Connect will bring together a diverse group of about 150 neighborhood stakeholders and leaders in a day-long Neighborhood Gathering. The purpose of the gathering is to allow participants to share:

- What is working in effective neighborhoods
- How existing public and non-profit institutions and organizations can assist them (but not be expected to do what only neighborhoods can do for themselves)



- The ways that Neighborhoods Connect can help both institutions and neighborhoods interact, share ideas and "clone" healthy, flourishing neighborhoods

**For more information, contact Susan Edwards, co-chair, at [sedwards@neighborhoodsconnect.org](mailto:sedwards@neighborhoodsconnect.org) or 602-625-6952**








## Welcome to the remodeled and expanded Terros West Clinic


Terros helps people manage addiction and mental illness, provides primary medical care, restores families, supports our veterans, and connects individuals to the care they need. We are excited to announce the opening of our newly remodeled and expanded Terros West Clinic, located at 3864 N. 27th Avenue in Phoenix, which is a major healthcare resource for the community.

### WEST VALLEY LOCATIONS

 **West Counseling, Families F.I.R.S.T., and Primary Care**  
3864 N. 27th Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85017

 **Glendale Counseling and Primary Care**  
6153 W. Olive Ave.  
Glendale, AZ 85302

 **Olive Counseling**  
4425 W. Olive Ave.,  
Suite 200  
Glendale, AZ 85302

 **Metro LADDER**  
10220 N. 31st Ave.,  
Suite 120  
Phoenix, AZ 85051

For more information about Terros programs and services, please contact Barb Garden, Director of Community Relations at 602.685.6105.



### PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE

Comprehensive primary medical care services are now available, as well as a pharmacy and lab services. Our medical staff are bi-lingual (English/Spanish) and services can be provided in the primary language of your choice.

- Physical exams
- Pediatric care
- Sports physicals
- Immunizations
- Well woman and well man checkups
- Pharmacy and lab services
- Family planning
- HIV/STD testing
- Nutrition and weight loss coaching
- Smoking cessation
- Family planning
- Chronic symptom management

WALK-INS AND SAME DAY PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

**Call today to schedule your appointment at 602.685.6000**



### COMMUNITY SPACES

A spacious learning center equipped with computers is available for patients and community members, as well as a designated children's area in the welcoming and comfortable lobby. A new, multi-use room is available for community events and can be reserved by contacting Trish Johnson at trish.johnson@terros.org or 602.469.1562.

## Helpful Phone Numbers

**Crime Stop  
(Non-Emergency)**  
602-262-6151

**Officer Robin Gokool**  
Neighborhood Patrol Officer  
South of Missouri  
Voice Mail 602-534-0474  
Robin.Gokool@phoenix.gov

**Officer Joe Trujillo**  
Neighborhood Patrol Officer  
North of Missouri  
Voice Mail 602-495-5723  
joe.trujillo@phoenix.gov

**Cactus Park Precinct**  
602-495-5009

**Graffiti Busters 24-Hour  
Removal Hotline**  
602-495-7014 or  
#GONE (#4663) Free  
Cell Call  
graffiti.busters.nsd@  
phoenix.gov

**Phoenix Neighborhood  
Services**  
602-534-4444

**Rep. Debbie  
McCune Davis**  
602-926-4485  
ddavis@azleg.gov

**Sen. Robert Meza**  
602-926-3425  
rmeza@azleg.gov

**Rep. Jonathan Larkin**  
602-926-5058  
jlarkin@azleg.gov

**Abandoned Vehicles**  
602-262-6151

**Garbage Collection**  
602-262-7251

**Illegal Dumping**  
602-262-7251

**Neighborhood  
Enforcement**  
602-262-7844

**Parking Complaints**  
602-262-6151

**Property Maintenance  
Violations**  
602-262-7844

**Illegal Signs**  
602-534-7100

**Street Repair**  
602-262-6441

## Websites

**City of Phoenix** - phoenix.gov  
**Maricopa County** - maricopa.gov  
**State of Arizona** - az.gov

Did you know  
you can download  
e-books from the  
Phoenix Library?

Check out phoenixpubliclibrary.org  
for more information.

## GCU's ESL Program

### CLASS LOCATION:

**Alhambra High School**  
3339 W. Camelback Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85017

### To register, please call:

Alhambra High School  
Lori Nassif  
602-764-6002



## ESL Computer-Based

### CLASS LOCATION:

**Serrano Village School**  
2828 W. Camelback Road, (Apt. #11E)  
Phoenix, AZ 85017

### To register, please call:

Gary DeVelder, 480-229-8842, gary.develder@aboundingservice.org



## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)

Partnership with the City of Phoenix and the IRS provides free tax assistance at VITA sites for families/individuals with an income under \$51,000. To find a VITA site near you, go to <http://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>  
Free online tax preparation with income under \$57,000 can be filed at [www.myfreetaxes.com/phoenix](http://www.myfreetaxes.com/phoenix)

## Canyon Corridor Resource List

### Housing

Serrano Village Apartment Complex\*  
Rehoboth Place Apartment Complex\*  
Colter Commons\*  
Willow Springs Apartment Complex\*

### Association/Organization

TERROS [terros.org](http://terros.org)  
Cactus Park Precinct [phoenix.gov/police/precincts/cactuspark/](http://phoenix.gov/police/precincts/cactuspark/)  
Boy Scouts of America 602-933-7747 ext. 257 [grandcanyonbsa.org/](http://grandcanyonbsa.org/)  
Girl Scouts of America 602-531-5937 [girlscoutsofaz.org/](http://girlscoutsofaz.org/)  
Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance [cnaalliance.com/](http://cnaalliance.com/)  
Canyon Corridor Community Coalition 602-499-4224  
Cordova Neighborhood Association  
Alhambra Neighborhood Association  
Sevilla Neighborhood Association 602-456-9877  
Granada Neighborhood Association  
Montebello Neighborhood Association  
Vecinos Unidos Siempre  
International Rescue Committee [rescue.org/us-program/us-phoenix-az](http://rescue.org/us-program/us-phoenix-az)  
Rehoboth CDC [rehobothphx-cdc.org/](http://rehobothphx-cdc.org/)

### Schools

Alhambra Elementary School District [alhambraesd.org/](http://alhambraesd.org/)  
Montebello Middle School  
Catalina Ventura School  
Cordova Primary School  
Sevilla Primary School  
Sevilla Middle School  
Granada Primary School  
Granada Middle School  
Alhambra High School [phxhs.k12.az.us/Alhambra](http://phxhs.k12.az.us/Alhambra)  
Bourgade Catholic High School [bourgadecatholic.org/](http://bourgadecatholic.org/)  
Grand Canyon University [gcu.edu](http://gcu.edu)  
Imagine Schools - Cortex Park [cortezpark.com](http://cortezpark.com)

### Churches

Lynnhaven Community Church [lynnhavenchurch.com/](http://lynnhavenchurch.com/)  
First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix [firstphx.org/](http://firstphx.org/)  
Love International [loveinternational.org/](http://loveinternational.org/)  
Orangewood Nazarene Church [orangewoodchurch.org](http://orangewoodchurch.org)

### City of Phoenix Departments

Phoenix Police [phoenix.gov/police/index.html](http://phoenix.gov/police/index.html)  
Community Prosecution Bureau [phoenix.gov/law/prosecutor/commpros.html](http://phoenix.gov/law/prosecutor/commpros.html)  
Neighborhood Services [phoenix.gov/nsd/index.html](http://phoenix.gov/nsd/index.html)  
Phoenix Parks & Recreation [phoenix.gov/parks/index.html](http://phoenix.gov/parks/index.html)

### City of Phoenix Council



Mayor Greg Stanton  
[phoenix.gov/mayor/index.html](http://phoenix.gov/mayor/index.html)  
602-262-7111



District 5: Councilman Daniel Valenzuela  
[phoenix.gov/district5/index.html](http://phoenix.gov/district5/index.html)  
602-262-7446



District 4: Councilwoman Laura Pastor  
[phoenix.gov/district4/index.html](http://phoenix.gov/district4/index.html)  
602-262-7447

\*Members of Arizona Multihousing Association





**IDEA SOUP** is a micro-granting dinner celebrating creative projects in Phoenix that empower and mobilize citizens to affect positive change within the refugee community. For a donation of \$5 or more, you receive soup, salad, bread and a vote. You will hear from presenters who will share their ideas to make a difference in the lives of refugees in Phoenix, from arts, urban agriculture, childcare, social entrepreneurship, education, transportation, work readiness and more.

You eat, connect, share resources and vote on what project you think should win the money gathered from the night. Winners come back to a future IDEA SOUP event to tell the audience how their project went, how they used the money and what impact the project had on the community. Each dinner will be a unique experience brought to life by a volunteer committee.

For more information, please visit:  
[ideasoupphxaz.wordpress.com/home/](http://ideasoupphxaz.wordpress.com/home/)

# Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER

- 30 Canyon Cares Fall Festival (GCU)
- 31 Men's Soccer vs. San Jose State (GCU)

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Canyon Worship Night (GCU Arena)
- 1 Empowering Parents as Partners Conference and Community Expo (7:30am - Noon at Sevilla Schools)
- 1 GCU and Community – "Graffiti Wipe-out" Day (9-Noon)
- 2 Men's Soccer vs. Bakersfield (GCU)
- 3 Women's Volleyball vs. Weber state (GCU Arena)
- 4 Life Journeys Concert (First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix)
- 6 Men's Basketball vs. Western New Mexico (GCU Arena)
- 8 Women's Volleyball vs. Bakersfield (Antelope Gym)
- 9 Men's Soccer vs. UNLV (GCU)
- 11 Women's Basketball vs. Arizona Christian (GCU Arena)
- 12 Men's Soccer vs. Incarnate Word (GCU)
- 12 We Remember – GCU Wind Ensemble (First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix)
- 13 Women's Volleyball vs. Seattle U (Antelope Gym)
- 14 – 16 A Child's Christmas in Wales (Ethington Theatre)
- 15 Women's Volleyball vs. Utah Valley (Antelope Gym)
- 16 Men's Soccer vs. Omaha (GCU)
- 16 Women's Basketball vs. UC Irvine (GCU Arena)
- 17 Men's Basketball vs. Montana State (GCU Arena)
- 19 Women's Basketball vs. Western State (GCU Arena)
- 20 Men's Basketball vs. UT Arlington (GCU Arena)
- 21 Alhambra Night (GCU Arena)
- 21 Men's Basketball vs. Florida A&M (GCU Arena)
- 21 – 23 A Child's Christmas in Wales (Ethington Theatre)
- 25 Men's Basketball vs. Buffalo (GCU Arena)

### ARENA EVENTS

[gcuarena.com](http://gcuarena.com) or call the box office at 602-639-8999.

### PERFORMANCES

[gcu.edu/performances](http://gcu.edu/performances) or call Ethington Theatre box office at 602-639-8880.

### ATHLETIC EVENTS

[gculopes.com](http://gculopes.com) or call the GCU Arena box office at 602-639-8999.

## DECEMBER

- 3 Women's Basketball vs. New Orleans (GCU Arena)
- 4 Handel's Messiah (GCU Arena)
- 5 – 6 Balance/Opposition Winter Dance Concert (Ethington Theatre)
- 6 Men's Basketball vs. Great Falls (GCU Arena)
- 7 Women's Basketball vs. Nevada (GCU Arena)
- 7 Canyon Cares Christmas
- 9 Men's Basketball vs. Idaho State (GCU Arena)
- 12 Winter Commencement Ceremony (GCU Arena)
- 15 Men's Basketball vs. Bethune-Cookman (GCU Arena)
- 17 Men's Basketball vs. Incarnate Word (GCU Arena)
- 18 Women's Basketball vs. Louisville (GCU Arena)
- 20 Men's Basketball vs. St. Edward's (GCU Arena)
- 21 Women's Basketball vs. North Dakota State (GCU Arena)
- 23 Men's Basketball vs. New Mexico (GCU Arena)
- 28 Men's Basketball vs. Abilene Christian (GCU Arena)
- 30 Men's Basketball vs. Harvard (GCU Arena)

## DECEMBER/JANUARY

- Dec 15 - Jan 2 GCU Traditional Students – Christmas Break
- Dec 22 - Jan 2 Christmas Break - Alhambra Elementary, Alhambra High School, Bourgade Catholic High School, Brophy College Prep and Imagine Schools at Cortez Park

## JANUARY

- 3 Women's Basketball vs. San Diego Christian (GCU Arena)
- 4 Men's Basketball vs. UC Riverside (GCU Arena)
- 5 Classes Begin - Alhambra Elementary, Alhambra High School, Bourgade Catholic, Brophy College Prep, Imagine Schools at Cortez Park and GCU Traditional Students
- 10 Men's Basketball vs. Bakersfield (GCU Arena)
- 22 Women's Basketball vs. New Mexico State (GCU Arena)
- 24 Women's Basketball vs. Texas Pan-American (GCU Arena)
- 29 Men's Basketball vs. Kansas City (GCU Arena)
- 31 Men's Basketball vs. Chicago State (GCU Arena)

For a complete list of GCU upcoming campus events, go to [gcu.edu/events](http://gcu.edu/events) or call the Events Hotline at 602-639-7587.

**FEBRUARY**

- 7 Game Changers Youth Event at GCU
- 14 GCU/Community – Graffiti Wipe-out” Day (9-Noon)
- 21 Neighborhoods Connect “Gathering” at GCU

**MARCH**

- 7 Arts Alive at the Alhambra Elementary School District (8am – Noon)
- 9 – 13 Spring Break - Imagine Schools at Cortez Park
- 16 -20 Spring Break - Alhambra Elementary, Alhambra High School, Bourgade Catholic High School and GCU Traditional Students

**APRIL**

- 3 -10 Spring Break –Brophy
- 23-25 GCU Commencement

**APRIL/MAY**

- April 27 - May 3 Spring Break –Bourgade

**MAY**

- 21 Graduation - Alhambra High School
- 23 Graduation – Brophy College Prep
- 29 Graduation - Bourgade Catholic High School

**VECINOS UNIDOS SIEMPRE HISPANIC BLOCK WATCH  
“GRAFFITI/ALLEY CLEAN-UP” SCHEDULE**

Date	Time	Location to meet
Nov. 15, 2014	9 a.m.	29 <sup>th</sup> Ave & Heatherbrae
Dec. 13, 2014	9 a.m.	29 <sup>th</sup> Ave & Glenrosa
Jan. 17, 2015	9 a.m.	29 <sup>th</sup> Ave & Montecito
Feb. 21, 2015	9 a.m.	29 <sup>th</sup> Ave & Turney
March 14, 2015	9 a.m.	29 <sup>th</sup> Ave & Roma

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## In Recognition of Your Service: Luis Samudio

Luis Samudio has been with the Phoenix Police Department since Feb. 2001. He is currently assigned to the Community Engagement and Outreach Task Force. Luis says, “It’s always given me that great feeling in meeting and working with the community, and helping them to understand how we function as a police department.”

Luis has received numerous commendations throughout his career from police supervisors, citizens and various City of Phoenix departments, including the Distinguished Service Award and two community-based policing awards with the Phoenix Police Department. Luis was honored with the I Luv District 8 Award by Vice Mayor Michael Johnson on two occasions.

He received two Director’s Unit Citation Awards from the Arizona Department of Public Safety in 2005 and 2006. In Nov. 2013, he received the Living Legacy Award from the Zoe Foundation. Most notably, in May 2014, Luis received the National CPA Coordinator of the Year from the National Citizens Police Academy Association. He received this award in Tucson, Ariz. for his outreach in refugee and Hispanic communities.

“Part of the education process is very critical to all of us, not just the police department, but also the community. It makes everyone [feel] a little more [involved in the] community,” Luis says. His continued and extensive outreach to the community at large is helping create a strong relationship with the Phoenix Police Department.

Thank you, Detective Luis Samudio, for your work and for making Phoenix a safer and more close-knit community!

## NSI Roundup: Neighborhood Safety Initiative



**T**HE CITY OF PHOENIX and Grand Canyon University continue their cooperative Neighborhood Safety Initiative (NSI) program with more results to help improve the safety of the neighborhood. Money from GCU’s contribution goes to funding police overtime in the NSI geographical area.

For the month of July, Phoenix Police Department efforts centered on crime suppression programs that included issuing search warrants to retrieve a stolen motorcycle; recovering multiple

prohibited weapons; recovering drugs including marijuana, methamphetamines and other illegal drugs; and performing a prostitution undercover operation which led to a number of arrests. Additionally, the saturation program on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Camelback Road was responsible for numerous criminal and traffic citations, traffic stops and subject stops. Several drug houses in the neighborhood were under surveillance and their occupants arrested after appropriate search warrants or traffic stops were made.





■ Niños Seguros—Back to School & Safety Fair—Aug. 2, 2014



■ Refugee Highway—Grand Canyon University—July 23, 24 & 25, 2014



■ ESL Classes at Alhambra High School by GCU—ongoing

■ Alhambra High School—Staff—Fall 2014