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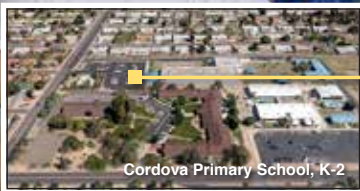
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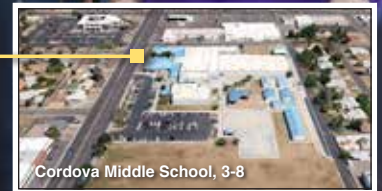
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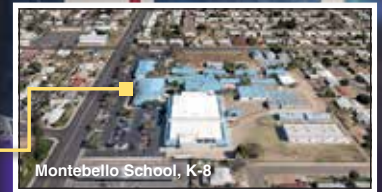
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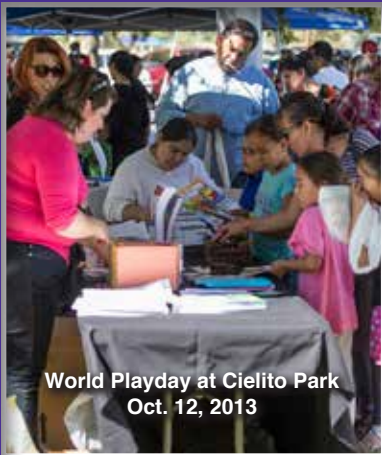




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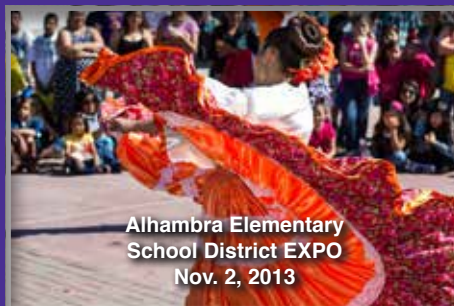
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WELCOME FROM FAITH WEESE

## Bringing Neighborhoods Together: Our Youth. Our Schools. Our Future.



**W**HAT AN EXCITING YEAR of opportunities ahead for us in 2014! Many of you have asked for an update of what's happening in the Canyon Corridor. Due to popular demand, we bring you the new issue of our Canyon Corridor Connection Magazine. The Spring semester is swirling with extensive community development and dynamic strategic planning that will impact our entire surrounding community, the Canyon Corridor.

Opportunities and careful strategic 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!

We continue to be in the people business — making memories, restoring hope, building community, unleashing dreams and supporting OUR youth, OUR schools and OUR future throughout our community and beyond. 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.

Exciting Year Ahead!

FAITH WEESE  
Chief University Relations Officer  
Grand Canyon University

### YOU ASKED — WE LISTENED

- Q:** Education: Top priority continues to be the education of our youth. What specific elementary schools reside in the Canyon Corridor and how are they unique to our community?
- A:** Our theme this year is “Our Youth. Our Schools. Our Future. See pages 8-13 to learn more about education in our Canyon Corridor Community.
- Q:** City Leadership: Another top priority in our community continues to be safety and security. What is the vision of our City of Phoenix Police Department for the Canyon Corridor and how can we work together to make an even greater impact this year?
- A:** Police Chief Daniel Garcia’s interview shows leadership insight regarding our Canyon Corridor and our NSI (Neighborhood Safety Initiative). See pages 4-5
- Q:** Community Voices Forum: When and where is the next Community Voices Forum?
- A:** The next Community Voices Forum will be held on Saturday, May 17 at Grand Canyon University (Tell-Science Lecture Hall, Bldg 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.). See pages 6-7, 18
- Q:** Community Involvement: How can we get more involved in the Canyon Corridor? We enjoy seeing all the photos in the Canyon Corridor Magazine highlighting community out reach events and activities.
- A:** We continue to encourage involvement by bringing neighborhoods together by highlighting all our community out reach activities and events through our many photo collages, articles and our calendar of events. We hope you will catch the spirit with us! See Cover, Pages 2, 6-7, 14-19. ■

**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? Email or call: [Faith.Weese@gcu.edu](mailto:Faith.Weese@gcu.edu) or 602-639-6721.



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# Policing with a Purpose

## An Interview with Police Chief Daniel Garcia, City of Phoenix

By Faith Weese



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

**A:** In my eyes, the community and the Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance represent one and the same. This was evident in the recent Community Voices Forum I attended at Grand Canyon University (GCU) on Jan. 11, 2014. Sharing concerns, resources and developing relationships are important steps to keeping our families and our neighborhood safe. Additionally, I am so proud and thankful in witnessing firsthand the successful partnerships that Grand Canyon University has nurtured with the community they serve. An example of this was the Neighborhood Safety Initiative (NSI) that GCU and the City of Phoenix announced aimed at decreasing and preventing crime in the Seville, Cordova, Alhambra and Granada neighborhoods.

**Q:** What are your main goals as Chief?

**A:** As the Chief of Police for the greatest police department in the country, my goal is to make the City of Phoenix the safest major city in America.

**Q:** What role do you see the police department playing in terms of revitalization efforts in our Canyon Corridor community?

**A:** Policing today is a shared responsibility and is the heart of community-based policing. The collective impact of private, public and neighborhood partnerships results in the reduction and prevention of crime. This in return leads to a renewed quality of life for our citizens. Opening lines of communication is necessary for leveraging resources and avoiding duplication of efforts.

**Q:** In your recent tour of GCU and the Canyon Corridor community, what stands out the most?

**A:** During my recent tour of GCU, I was pleased to see one element that the university possesses that I would want for my children: They belong to a family. I felt that the students attending GCU are considered “family” and that speaks highly of the university staff, students and community. Families take time to develop and nurture. The Phoenix Police Department is fortunate to be a member of this family.

**Q:** Additional thoughts?

**A:** Bravo to President Brian Mueller and his staff for their continued leadership and for sharing the university’s purpose with the community’s needs.

## NSI UPDATE:

# Neighborhood Safety Initiative

The Grand Canyon University Neighborhood Safety Initiative (GCU/NSI) is an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Police Department and Grand Canyon University designed to provide supplemental police services and crime suppression programs to a 4-mile area surrounding the GCU campus. The designated boundaries are: Indian School Road to Bethany Home Road, North 43rd Avenue to Black Canyon Freeway.

Grand Canyon University is providing \$100,000 each year for 5 years for overtime expenditures incurred by the City of Phoenix. The City of Phoenix will match the funds annually. The initiative is the first agreement of its kind between a public agency and private company in Arizona aimed at suppressing crime in a particular neighborhood.



### Enforcement programs include:

1. Programs over the last 6 months have included the Alhambra High School after-school enforcement, saturation patrols on Camelback, drug complaint enforcement, and bike patrols along 27th Avenue. This has resulted in 6 search warrants, 34 felony arrests, 90 misdemeanor arrests, 312 citations, 244 field interrogations, and 111 departmental reports.
2. Prostitution – Customer Apprehension Programs and routine enforcement have resulted in over 100 prostitution-related arrests and 7 impounded vehicles in the last 7 months.
3. Since inception of the GCU/NSI in August 2012, there have been 250 prostitution arrests, 925 citations, and 447 field interrogations (all in the GCU area). Total arrests are 651.

## Cactus Park Precinct Update

The Cactus Park Precinct, also known as 900, covers an area from about Indian School Road to Paradise Lane (south of Bell Road), and from about 19th Avenue to 43rd Avenue. It is one of the busiest, if not the busiest precincts in the city by sheer call volume.

One of the common complaints the CAOs (Community Action Officers) have been receiving is in regard to transients. The CAOs are working hard at identifying and arresting those transients who are engaged in criminal behavior, while at the same time attempting to provide social services to those people who are simply in need. The CAOs can be reached at the precinct at 602-495-5009.

The precinct is fully dedicated to community-based policing and understands that by working together with neighborhoods, businesses and schools we can solve problems more effectively. Neighborhoods can assist us by being active participants in their local block watches and by simply being good neighbors to one another.

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

## NSI UPDATE: A Community's Perspective



**Claudio Coria, Principal,  
Alhambra HS**

"GCU's investment in the NSI grant has greatly improved the safety at our school and within our community.

I have seen this transformation just in the 2 and a half years that I have been here. Parent, teacher and student surveys are now consistently demonstrating this reality. The Phoenix Police Department is now more responsive to our needs than ever before – meeting with me, our parents and neighborhood association groups. Also, I have observed a real effort on their part to work proactively in identifying problem areas near our school and taking measures to work with business owners and residents to problem-solve. They have been especially visible before school and after school – key transition times for 2800 students. This was not the case prior to last year.

On behalf of our parents, students and staff – thank you for investing in our school and in this neighborhood. It's a safer place for everyone."



**Councilman Danny Valenzuela  
(District 5):**

"I am very proud of the work that has been done and will be done in the future with the Neighborhood Safety Initiative. By working with the city to create this program, Grand Canyon University has not only made an investment in educating our youth but also in keeping their families safe. I look forward to continuing to work with GCU, the Phoenix Police Department and neighborhood leaders to strengthen the safety of our community."



**Councilwoman Laura Pastor  
(District 4):**

"The Neighborhood Safety Initiative has had an incredible impact on the Canyon Corridor. The NSI is a successful example of how a public private partnership can work! The visibility of Police officers through increased patrols and overtime hours reinforces the reality that the Police are here to serve and protect our neighborhoods. Their presence reminds residents to call 9-1-1 or Crime Stop (602-262-6151) to report crime or suspicious activity. Looking forward, I am hopeful that the trend of collaboration between the City, GCU and the community will continue to create positive change to promote growth and community investment while keeping this area safe."





# CCNA: Bringing Neighborhoods Together

**Vision:** To see a thriving, healthy and culturally diverse Canyon Corridor.

**Mission:** CCNA leverages resources that build strong relationships through communication and sharing of knowledge to enhance the quality of life in the Canyon Corridor.

**A**s time flew by over the months of October through December, the community members and stakeholders of the **Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance** diligently continued to meet, not only at their monthly meetings, but also at the various sub-committee meetings, crafting their strategic plans of action for their target areas: civic engagement, neighborhood vibrancy, public safety and health.

**1st Community Voices Forum** (Saturday, May 18, 2013): The first Community Voices Forum was held to plan and launch the creation of the Quality of Life Plan (QLP) for the Canyon Corridor. Over 150 neighborhood stakeholders met at Grand Canyon University to “dream” and plan together the future of Canyon Corridor.

**2nd Community Voices Forum** (Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014): With the dawn of the New Year, a renewed sense of fervor tinged the air. The “Forum” was here. The CCNA hosted its 2nd Community Voices Forum at Grand Canyon University. From the CCNA members to community leaders and stakeholders to diplomats, one and all came to the event to ensure that their voices would be heard and to gather the last input for the QLP for the Canyon Corridor. Near and far, the vast array of representatives showed support for the tremendous work that was being put into the revitalization efforts as well as the development of the QLP for our community. This 2nd Community Voices Forum was designed to gather community comments, critiques, recommendations and support. The subcommittees gathered the information from various community members and representatives as a final way to ensure that everyone had a chance to voice their opinions that would be the defining aspects of the QLP.

**3rd Community Voices Forum – QLP Rollout** (Saturday, May 17, 2014): The CCNA will present the final draft of the QLP, the living document that describes the past and present, as well as the vision that will shape the future of the Canyon Corridor neighborhood.

**Canyon Corridor Business Alliance:** In addition to the CCNA and the monumental 2nd Community Voices Forum, the local Canyon Corridor Business Alliance has continued to develop and grow. It is continually striving to achieve the goal of creating economic health in the community and promoting business diversity. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the Business Alliance, contact Zoe Sarabo at 602-272-4133 or edc@rebothphx-cdc.org.

**Questions:** For more information about the CCNA, how to get involved or just to be added to the email list for important community updates, please contact Sam Macias at sam.macias@rebothphx-cdc.org or 602-249-9759. ■



**CCNA Meetings:** Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Grand Canyon University in the College of Education Building (COE room 104-106). The Meet ‘N Greet starts at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary dinner provided by GCU and the meeting begins at 6 p.m.

# Canyon Corridor Leadership Academy

**C**anyon Corridor Leadership Academy is a 12-session course focusing on community change. Facilitators Karen Sutherland (St. Luke's Health Initiatives) and Sam Macias (Rehoboth CDC) led the course with the goal to equip emerging community leaders with the tools and skills necessary to envision, organize and lead change efforts in our local communities.

Over three months, students dedicated 12 Saturday mornings to the training.

The course discussed and included activities on topics such as leadership, communication, conflict resolution, planning and mobilizing campaigns for change.

The husband and wife team of SALT Outreach, Eli and Christine Steinbrecher, also attended the training. "The academy has really given us some valuable strategies and skills that we've immediately applied to our non-profit," they said.

Our next leadership academy session will begin in April. We are currently taking applications. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

For questions or to receive an application, call Sam Macias at 602-249-9759. ■

# Around the World Play Day (GAIN event)

**A**round the World Play Day, also known as the GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) event, is a time of celebration for the Canyon Corridor community. This year's event was coordinated by Carley Barry, of Rehoboth CDC. The event included a collaborative effort between CCNA community members, organizations and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation. Mayor Stanton attended, lending his support and appreciation of the good work being done in Canyon Corridor. Alhambra High School students showed a commitment to community through their volunteerism and dance team presentations! Their favorite teacher, Chris Oglesby, even did a little Zumba. This year's Around the World Playday is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014. Mark your calendar and come celebrate Canyon Corridor, a thriving, healthy and culturally diverse community. ■



Mayor Greg Stanton speaks at 2nd Community Voices Forum and presents letter of support (see below).



## Neighborhood Association Meeting Info

**Alhambra Neighborhood Association** meets on the fourth Thursday of September, October, March and April at 6 p.m. at the **Alhambra Elementary District Office, 4510 N. 37th Ave.**

**Cordova Neighborhood Association** meets monthly on the third Tuesday except August and December at 6 p.m. at **Cordova Elementary School, 5631 N. 35th Ave.**

**Granada Neighborhood Association** meets on the third Thursday of October through May at 6:30 p.m. at **Granada East in the multipurpose room at 3022 W. Campbell Ave.**

**Sevilla Neighborhood Association** meets during the school year on the first Thursday at 7 p.m. at **Sevilla Primary, 3801 W. Missouri Ave.**

**Vecinos Unidos Siempre** meets every first Tuesday of the month beginning November 5 at **Granada East in the multipurpose room at 3022 W. Campbell Ave.**

**Community Association Contact Info:** There are several ways to contact the block watch or neighborhood associations in your area. Please visit [phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/assistance/index.html](http://phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/assistance/index.html), call or email your city council office or contact Faith Weese at [faith.weese@gcu.edu](mailto:faith.weese@gcu.edu)



# Alhambra District Thanks You!

**A**lhambra Elementary School District is proud to provide a quality education and prepare our children for high school, college and their future. In November, the Alhambra School District asked this community to support the district through the passage of a capital override election. This was the first time Alhambra District asked for voter approval for a capital outlay budget override and we are grateful community members showed their continued support of our schools by passing the override.

Alhambra Elementary School District's capital outlay override will generate \$5 million per year and will cost the average homeowner approximately \$65.36 per year; however, the override will not increase the current tax rate. Passage of the capital outlay override will enable Alhambra Elementary School District to pay off a community-approved bond debt in advance. By paying off the bond debt early and replacing it with a lower capital outlay override, there will be no new increase to the tax rate. Alhambra Elementary School District will use this funding in the following ways:

- **Classroom Technology** – Enables the district to purchase computers and up-to-date technologies used in the classroom and to prepare students for college and careers
- **Student Transportation** – Enables the district to purchase additional school buses to provide safe transportation to and from school
- **Renovation of District Facilities** – Enables the district to maintain schools and district facilities, which helps increase property values within the community

We look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence in ensuring a quality education for all of our children!



## You're Invited

The Annual Bring Your Parents to School Day is Wednesday, April 30 at all schools. Parents are invited to spend a portion of the day, or a full day, with their child(ren) from school start time to dismissal time to see learning in a 21st century classroom and experience outstanding instruction alongside their child(ren)! Contact your local school for more information.

## Honor Earned by Governing Board Member

A special congratulations is extended to Governing Board Member Mari Alvarado for being selected as a recipient of the All Arizona School Board Award sponsored by the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA). This is the highest award for individual board members and it was only awarded to three community leaders throughout the state! The honor is awarded to a board member for active service on their school district governing board, their leadership at the local, state and federal levels, their demonstrated concern for children of the district, their rapport with fellow board members and their support of ASBA activities.

## Teachers Earn Prestigious Honors

One Alhambra teacher recently earned her National Board Certification, which is an advanced teaching credential that complements a teacher's state teaching license. National Board Certification is achieved upon successful completion of an assessment program designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards. Congratulations to Lisa Elliott, third grade teacher at Montebello School, for achieving certification. Alhambra District now has four teachers who have earned this rigorous honor!

Also, congratulations to Christie Pentkowski, third grade teacher at Granada Primary School, who was named as one of 11 Rodel Exemplary Teachers in Arizona. Ms. Pentkowski will mentor six Rodel Promising student teachers over a three-year period.

Great schools help to make great neighborhoods. Your continued support is needed to make our schools, our neighborhoods and our children's futures a priority. Thanks for partnering with Alhambra School

District in fulfilling our nation's most important work: educating our children!

In Appreciation,

*Karen E. Williams*

Dr. Karen E. Williams  
Superintendent



**Dr. Karen E. Williams**  
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# Elementary Schools in Our Canyon Corridor Community



**Catalina Ventura School**  
 6331 N. 39th Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85019  
 602-841-7445  
 Serves Students  
 in Grades K-8  
**Principal:** Ms.  
 Melissa Gonzales  
**Principal's Core**



**Commitment:** "I believe that every child deserves a high-quality education delivered by highly qualified and caring teachers and staff that are dedicated to enriching the lives of students so that they are college and career ready."

**School Motto:** The PRIDE of Catalina

- Powerful partnerships
- Rigorous academics
- Inspiring life-long learners
- Developing character
- Expect the best



**Cordova Primary School**  
 6615 N. 39th Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85019  
 602-242-5828  
 Serves Students  
 in Grades K-2  
**Principal:**  
 Ms. Belinda Quezada  
**Principal's Core**



**Commitment:** "I believe that every child deserves the right to a high-quality education that will enable them to achieve their dreams."

**School Motto:** "Oh, The Places You'll Go"



**Cordova Middle School**  
 5631 N. 35th Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85017  
 602-841-0704  
 Serves Students  
 in Grades 3-8  
**Principal:** Dr. Sharon  
 Spearman  
**Principal's Core**



**Commitment:** "I believe that all students deserve a quality education taught by highly effective teachers. They should be taught for their futures, including the areas of science, technology, engineering and math."

**School Motto:** "Excellence Every Day for Everyone"



**Granada East School**  
 3022 W. Campbell Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85017  
 602-589-0110  
 Serves Students  
 in Grades 4-8  
**Principal:** Ms. Sandy  
 Kennedy  
**Principal's Core**



**Commitment:** "I believe every child deserves a high-quality education provided by a highly qualified, highly effective teacher in an environment that demonstrates a sincere commitment to meet students where they are, academically and emotionally, with actions that embody trust, care and integrity."

**School Motto:** "Dream Big – Planning for College . . . Preparing for the Future!"



**Granada Primary School**  
 3232 W. Campbell Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85017  
 602-841-1403  
 Serves Students  
 in Grades K-3  
**Principal:** Mrs.  
 Theresa Killingsworth  
**Principal's Core**



**Commitment:** "I believe every child is entitled to a high-quality education that provides a clear pathway to success and the opportunity for continuous improvement."

**School Motto:** "The Road to the Ivy League Begins at Granada Primary School!"



**Montebello School**  
 5725 N. 27th Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85017  
 602-336-2000  
 Serves Students  
 in Grades K-8  
**Principal:**  
 Mrs. Nicole Durazo  
**Principal's Core**



**Commitment:** "I believe every child deserves a high-quality education and the opportunity to achieve the American Dream."

**School Motto:** "Montebello Acts with Pride!"



**Sevilla Primary School**  
 3801 W. Missouri Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85019  
 602-242-0281  
 Serves Students  
 in Grades K-3  
**Principal:** Mrs. Mandi  
 Bilyou  
**Principal's Core**



**Commitment:** "I believe all children can learn at high levels. My responsibility, as an educator, is to maximize the potential inherent in every child. When we realize each child's maximum potential, we will change the world."

**School Motto:** "Learning: It's what we do. It's why we're here!"



**Sevilla West School**  
 3851 W. Missouri Avenue  
 Phoenix, AZ 85019  
 602-347-0232  
 Serves Students  
 in Grades 4-8  
**Principal:** Ms. Karen Stengel  
**Principal's Core**



**Commitment:** "I believe all students deserve a high-quality education with rigorous and engaging lessons that will help to build their future and ours."

**School Motto:** "Building Our Future"



## Spotlight on: Imagine Schools - Cortez Park

**I**MAGINE SCHOOLS is built upon expectations high enough to live up to a child's potential. In our schools, success means developing character and enriching minds as we graduate students well prepared for college, careers and life.

Imagine Schools' vision is for every student to reach his or her full potential and discover the pathways for lifelong success.

### **Mission:**

#### **Growing Minds:**

Inspiring individual academic growth by fostering a love for learning

#### **Guiding Hearts:**

Helping individuals to love themselves, one another and their community

#### **Giving Hope:**

Providing an environment for everyone to discover and pursue their passions and goals in life

### **Gaining Leaders:**

Developing servant leaders to influence the world around them, today and tomorrow

Imagine Schools' shared values of justice, integrity and fun form the foundation of our educational mission. Imagine educators aspire to live by these values daily and teach them to our students.

Imagine Schools - Cortez Park is an exemplary school focused on enrichment specific to the needs of the diverse background of the students currently enrolled, including extracurricular programs ranging from sports such as flag football, cheerleading, volleyball, soccer and baseball, to activities focused on science, math, drama, student council and various non-athletic activities to foster development and empowerment. Imagine Schools Cortez Park also offers Extended Day Learning Programs for 3rd-8th graders, in addition to supplemental resources such as math, reading and English as second language classes, not only for the students,



but for parents as well to foster strong relationships to ensure the success of ALL students.

Although Imagine Schools - Cortez Park is outside the greater Canyon Corridor boundaries, some students living in the Canyon Corridor attend the school through the bus transportation provided by the school.

With an extensive partnership list, from food banks to colleges/universities, churches to public and private organizations, Imagine Cortez Park has built an additional support system of resources outside of the classroom to provide further support for students and their parents alike.

**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

**E**DUCATION AT BOURGADE Catholic High School fosters the spiritual, intellectual, moral, social, creative and physical development of the total person.

Informed by faith and the Christian tradition, we are committed to providing a rigorous academic program that prepares students of all learning styles for college.

Supporting family as the primary educators of the student, we continue the development of spiritually centered lifelong learners, effective communicators and citizens of a global world.

As educators and ministers, we promote a Christian vision of life that respects individuals, appreciates cultural differences and gives witness to faith beyond the school setting.

Bourgade Catholic High School strives to be a student-centered learning community where each unique individual is welcomed and encouraged to grow in his or her relationship with God, others and a constantly changing world."

## Bourgade Catholic High School Philosophy

The College Counseling Department at Bourgade Catholic enables students to reach their full potential academically and personally by providing guidance and counseling in the areas of education, social skills and life planning. Two full-time counselors, one responsible for freshmen and sophomores, the other for juniors and seniors, work with students to plan and track course selection to complete graduation credits. In individual and group settings, students are listened to, challenged, encouraged and supported in daily life and career decisions.

The addition of one full-time college counselor in fall 2012 enables the college counseling program to focus on a comprehensive 4 year plan to address the needs of all students and to discover a college and career plan suited to the individual needs of each student. In addition, the highly successful College 101 course is offered as an elective to seniors in the fall and spring semesters, along



with evening and weekend opportunities for all seniors to receive individual help with the college selection and application process.

Since 2005, 96 percent to 100 percent of our graduates have been accepted at a two- or four-year college or university. In addition, we are successfully providing young men and women the tools to be the first generation in their families to matriculate to a college or university: 50 percent of the Class of 2012 and 60 percent of the Class of 2013 are proud to be the first in their family to attend college.

Bourgade Catholic High School is a co-educational college preparatory located on the 27-acre campus located at 4602 N. 31st Avenue. The home of the Golden Eagles, Bourgade Catholic High School has been a fixture in the Canyon Corridor neighborhood since opening its doors in 1962.

**For additional information, visit [bourgadecatholic.org](http://bourgadecatholic.org) or contact Joann Siebenman, Advancement Director, 602-973-4000 X120 or [jsiebenman@bourgade.org](mailto:jsiebenman@bourgade.org)**



**Principal  
Kathy  
Rother**

# Taking the Jesuit Mission one step further

**E**VERY SUMMER the front lawn of Brophy College Prep is filled with young children and teenage boys all wearing the same colored shirts. For the past 20+ years, Brophy students have led a camp for underserved boys and girls across the Valley that may not have a camp opportunity in their summer plans.

The Loyola Project was founded in response to the needs of students Valley-wide, many of whom Brophy students had tutored in their after school programs during the school year. Admission is free to the campers and transportation, activities and academics are all part of the "camp" experience.

Approximately 180 campers, ages five to ten, attend the summer enrichment camp which is run by Brophy students, "Men for Others" as the school often refers to them. All Jesuit schools across the world have a service component built into their curriculum as the Jesuit philosophy challenges its students to fill gaps in the world's needs with their talents and time.

In summer 2013 the Loyola Project "adopted" 14 refugee children from Serrano Village Apartments. These 14 children, ranging from kindergarten to third grade, were bused to and from Brophy for a month-long summer school program from June 10 to July 3. These 14 students were hand selected by Georgia Sepic, owner and manager of Serrano Village Apartments, with a focus on early elementary school-aged children. The children were chosen to "...give them the best ever opportunity to form a strong foundation for learning," offered Ms. Sepic.

With the state budget severely depleted, and the Head Start enrollment sporting huge waiting lists, participation in the Loyola Project at Brophy was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for underserved youth to get a boost in their educational experiences as well as a chance to develop some strong role models through the Brophy students who lead the camp and who have reached out to the refugee community living in the Canyon Corridor neighborhood.

THE LOYOLA ACADEMY, which operates 11 months of the year on the Brophy campus (not to be confused with the Loyola Project) is a 6th, 7th and 8th grade middle school for underserved students who qualify by verified financial need, academic promise and parental/guardian participation. Its goal as written in its Mission Statement, is to "...develop leaders who are intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to doing justice" in the education tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order of priests. Drawing upon the Jesuit philosophy of becoming "Men for Others," Loyola Academy strives to produce students that are successful at Brophy, in college and beyond, so that they may share their God-given gifts and talents.

**To learn more about Brophy College Preparatory, The Loyola Project and The Loyola Academy, visit their website at [brophyprep.org](http://brophyprep.org) or call the Brophy Office at 602-264-5291.**



# Alhambra's Academic Decathlon

**D**ulce et decorum est pro vincere scholar – It is sweet and honorable to win for one's school. With all due respect to poet Wilfred Owens, Alhambra's Academic Decathlon team chose a passage from his Dulce et Decorum Est poem and transformed it into their motto. They have demonstrated their prowess by successfully competing against schools across Arizona and earning themselves a 10th place ranking out of 73 teams.



**Claudio Coria,**  
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AZ 85019  
coria@phoenixunion.org

Enter Mircea Mot's Academic Decathlon classroom on any school day at Alhambra High School and you will witness an outstanding demonstration of teamwork and collaboration. Mr. Mot is the advisor and he has built a strong team. He responded to a call for volunteers to start the program and has found it to be a very humbling and rewarding experience. There are 24 students in the class and each one is motivated and determined to do well. Academic



Decathlon teams throughout Arizona are given 10 different topics to study, with this year's theme being World War I. Students who are proficient in a certain subject area mentor and enrich students who may have a different strength, thereby making themselves a force to be reckoned with in competition. Teachers from specific subject areas also volunteer their time to help the students learn the material.

Under the outstanding tutelage of Mr. Mot, this team has competed successfully throughout the season. They set goals for themselves, one of which was to place in the top three of the regionals. They placed second, so they are now on their way to the state competition. Student Jesus Salinas, who

earned a gold medal in Science, says, "It's hard work, but it's worth it." Jesus believes that the speech and interview portion of the class is preparing him well for college, in addition to the course materials. He also feels all students should consider joining Academic Decathlon. Students Juan Solis, gold medalist in math, and Freddy Melara, who earned medals in math, music, speech and social science, also agree that Academic Decathlon is a lot of work. They compare Academic Decathlon to sports, in that Academic Decathlon is "athletics of the mind."

The Academic Decathlon team is just one of the many great things happening at Alhambra High School. We believe in our young people and their capabilities to succeed at high levels. ■

## National Board Certification Awards:

**Presented by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the National Board Certification (NBC) is considered to be the teaching profession's highest honor and is awarded to teachers who demonstrate, through a professional assessment, that they meet the high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. Alhambra High School is very proud to announce that two of their teachers achieved this high distinction:**



**Cynthia Maher** teaches writing and grammar to many refugee and immigrant students. She has been with PUHSD since 2006, but has taught at ASU, American University in Cairo, Egypt and U of A. With the certification, she will never be able to teach again without asking: "Why am I doing it? How will I assess progress? How will I know that the kids have learned it? What will I do if they don't and how will I extend the learning, if they do?" Her grandfather and her father were both educators and Maher says it is in her genes. "The best part of teaching, besides the students, is the fact that there are always ways to improve as a teacher, and it never gets old or stale."



**Cristina Yoder** is in her second year at Alhambra after 13 years in the Peoria District. Yoder was an art therapist for years and never wanted to follow in the footsteps of her mother, an English teacher. But after having children, she became a teacher and loves every day of teaching. Yoder wants to be the best teacher for her students and she says the NBC process really helps refine her craft. She enjoys teaching her students how to draw and paint and see them realize that they are capable of amazing things. Born in Cuba, Yoder attended college in Indiana and Kentucky before coming to Arizona.





## GCU Learning Lounge tutoring to expand

**I**T WAS CONCEIVED as an opportunity to give underperforming students at a neighboring public high school free, individualized math and English homework help in a safe environment where they also could grab a bag of Teddy Grahams and watch a little television after studying. But in just four months, the Grand Canyon University Learning Lounge has evolved into an experience for more than 150 Alhambra High students, some who have now passed Arizona's high school graduation test and are contemplating their careers.

"Last fall, these Alhambra students were worried about graduating from high school," said Dr. Joe Veres, GCU's director of K-12 outreach, of which the Learning Lounge is the crown jewel. "Now, they're getting college life experience, building relationships with our 30 tutors and thinking about going to college."

The Learning Lounge was launched last September. It was envisioned by Brian Mueller, GCU's CEO and president, and championed by the Phoenix Union High School District and Alhambra's principal, Claudio Coria, and its teachers and staff. Word spread quickly at Alhambra that the Lounge, a chill place that handed out free T-shirts and mugs, was open from 3 to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

### Passing the AIMS

Alhambra seniors Sarahi Chavez and Isaul Rodriguez were among those who showed up early and often. As a result of working several days a week with tutor Leslie Pace, each passed the writing portion of the AIMS test. Chavez graduated in December, and Rodriguez has straight A's and is on track to graduate in May. Both students are Mexican immigrants who only learned English within the past few years.

"We just went slowly, and we were able to spend a lot of time together," said Pace, a freshman majoring in web design. "They were willing to work, and they had a lot of discipline."

Chavez, who was born in Mexico and came to the United States at age 15, had tried to pass the test four times previously. She said Pace was a great teacher who not only improved her writing skills, but also her confidence. Chavez said she did it for her brother, 12-year-old Isaac, and plans to don her cap and gown and walk in Alhambra's May graduation ceremony for him, too.

"I want him to see that if I can do it, he can do it also," said Chavez, who hopes to go to college and become a family therapist.

Chavez, Rodriguez and four other Alhambra students passed the AIMS test last semester. The tutors worked with nearly 175 students, about six percent of the school's population, and provided 139 days – 835 hours – of extra instructional time during the Lounge's first 60 days.

"Our priorities are still to increase math and English scores of ninth graders, where we can have the most impact, to build their confidence and support our partner schools," Veres said. "But we are also seeing other needs, the junior or senior who says, 'Hey, I need help.' We don't turn anyone away."

### Making way for more students

Students at Bourgade Catholic High, a GCU educational partner about a mile south of campus, also were invited to the Lounge last semester. The school plans to use it more this spring, said Assistant Principal Vicki Kilgarrieff.



In November, the Lounge and its overstuffed chairs and couches, stacks of books and CDs, study tables and computers were relocated to Building 9 on campus. With the move came the start of daily deliveries by St. Mary's Food Bank of nutritious meals for the students, an arrangement suggested by September Lopez, a GCU graduate student in professional counseling.

Currently, St. Mary's delivers each week about 100 meals, which have a variety of offerings from the five food groups. The quantity will expand with student demand this spring.

Having seen and heard what has been accomplished at Alhambra, Maryvale is all in. At a time when public school funding is tight, the school, which is about four miles southwest of GCU, has found money to pay for two buses to bring up to 110 juniors and seniors to the Lounge, initially once a week. Tutors also will travel weekly to Faith Christian School, another GCU educational partner.

To handle the influx of new students, GCU is hiring up to 20 additional tutors, noting that none of the original 30 tutors hired last semester has quit.

Veres said he is amazed that, with TV, food and games as potential distractions, the students are usually focused on one thing. "These kids want to spend a majority of their time face-to-face with the tutors," he said.

He credits the tutors with making the program successful. "Our students made this what it is," he said. "It's 'Find Your Purpose' in action."

Shortly before Christmas break, Chavez and Rodriguez dropped by the Lounge to tell Pace they had passed the AIMS and to give her a candy bar in gratitude. They said they probably wouldn't be back.

"I do miss them," Pace said. "It's cool to be able to encourage someone that they can get through high school, they can make good grades and, one day, go to college if they want to. It feels good to have helped change someone's life like that." ■ —Janie Magruder, GCU News Bureau

**For more information on the program, contact GCU's Director of K-12 Outreach, Dr. Joe Veres, EdD at 602-639-7971 or [joe.veres@gcu.edu](mailto:joe.veres@gcu.edu)**

# By the Numbers

## Social Networking and Neighborhood Statistics

### Did You Know?

65% of all adults who have internet access use a social networking site

Only 2% of peoples' Facebook friends are neighbors

28% of Americans don't know any of their neighbors by name

79% of Americans who use an online neighborhood forum talk with their neighbors in-person at least once per month, compared to 61% of all Americans

67% of homeowners feel safer in their home/neighborhood because they know their neighbors

47% of Americans who know their neighbors say because of this they have no immediate plans to move or sell their home

25% of Americans who know their neighbors say because of this they have received help with a lost pet or helped a neighbor with a lost pet

44% of Americans who know their neighbors say because of this they feel proud of where they live

93% of Americans say it is important for neighbors to look out for one another

45% of Americans would help a neighbor look for a job

44% of Americans would cook meals for a neighbor

32% of Americans would assist in babysitting for a neighbor



## What is Nextdoor.com?

**N**EXTDOOR.COM is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free. The mission is to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods.

Daniel Garcia, Chief of Police for Phoenix PD, recently announced that Phoenix PD will be using Nextdoor in an effort to facilitate virtual neighborhood watches and help foster neighbor-to-neighbor and police-to-resident communication.

Nextdoor is "a tool for us to effectively share crime prevention and safety updates, free events and emergency notifications. You can expect to receive crime and safety updates from Phoenix PD on Nextdoor specific to your neighborhood."

Information is empowering! Providing you with vital information relative to your neighborhood is extremely important to me

and to the Phoenix officers. Policing is not the sole responsibility of the police, but rather a shared responsibility between the police and the entire community.

Please remember, that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities.

As a reminder, calling 911 should remain your priority to request emergency services, to report criminal or suspicious activity, to file police reports, etc.

We look forward to using Nextdoor to build stronger, safer neighborhoods throughout Phoenix!

**For more information, please visit [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) or contact your local Community Action Officer (For the Canyon Corridor, Community Action Officers are Officers Matt Martinez & Joe Trujillo) To contact the Cactus Park Precinct, call 602-495-5009.**



# Jumpstart Your Workspace



**D**O YOU RECALL a time when you sat at your desk confounded by a situation, wishing for a network of like-minded individuals to help guide you to a solution? Now, envision such a place. Jumpstart is that vision come true! Located at 37th Avenue and Thomas Road, Jumpstart is strategically placed at the cross section of Maryvale Village and Canyon Corridor.

**The Vision:** To provide a collective space and resources that support local businesses in West Phoenix in achieving growth through development of sustainable processes and procedures.

**The Mission:** To strengthen and empower the local community, pursued through increasing the viability and capacity of local businesses. Achieving this goal will result in job retention and creation through intentional, calculated efforts and nurturing local business owners. Methods include one-on-one training, education and technical assistance and consulting through the leveraging of current existing resources.

Stellar Corp initiated Jumpstart to provide an affordable, all-inclusive office setting that breaks down barriers of “silo operations” and encourages inter-connectedness by leveraging the collaborative energy of business owners. Currently, Sam Macias, a business management senior in GCU’s Ken Blanchard College of Business, is

working in partnership with Stellar Corp in pushing Jumpstart to be a stimulant for economic development in west Phoenix.

Looking at the economy of the west side, affordability was a key component in the development of the prices for businesses. “Daily Driver” membership starts at \$55 for monthly space in the collaborative space called the Parking Lot. “Designated Driver” members receive dedicated desk/workstations in a shared suite. A full “Diesel Driver” membership is \$200 - \$300/month. All members receive building access, workshops and Wifi. Conference rooms are included in the Designated and Diesel Driver memberships, but are also available for individual rates. There is also a \$15/day Drive-Thru membership if individuals want to “test drive” Jumpstart space.

Supporting community partners include Maryvale Revitalization Corporation, KJZZ, Rio Salado – Thomas, Washington School Elementary School District Business Alliance, Grand Canyon University, Business Alliance of Canyon Corridor, Co-Hoots Co-working and AZ Small Business Development Center.

**For more information, contact Sam Macias at [sammaciascoaching@gmail.com](mailto:sammaciascoaching@gmail.com), 602-430-3837 or visit the website at [jumpstartphoenix.com](http://jumpstartphoenix.com)**



## Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) Training: “1st Spanish Speaking Training in Cactus Park Precinct”

The Phoenix Police Department, Vecinos Unidos Siempre blockwatch and President Judith Ornelas, coordinated a Spanish Speaking Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol certification class. Providing child care and enlisting Detective Kornegay and Maria Uhing to teach the class allowed area Spanish-speaking residents to be the latest inductees into the program. The four-hour class has been given to numerous Spanish-speaking community groups throughout the city but this is the first in Cactus Park Precinct. Congratulations to this group for taking a proactive effort in keeping their neighborhood secure and providing another layer of “eyes and ears” in watching the neighborhood.

**To sign up for this certification class, visit [phoenix.gov/police/ppd\\_pnp.html](http://phoenix.gov/police/ppd_pnp.html) or contact your local community action officer for more details.**



## REFUGEE HIGHWAY PARTNERSHIP “North America”

**Helping the Church Serve Forcibly Displaced Peoples**

The 6th Annual Refugee Highway Partnership North America Roundtable will be hosted this year in Phoenix, AZ at Grand Canyon University from July 22-25, 2014 as a place to gather in prayer, for networking and insight in ministries working with refugees!

**If you or someone you know is interested in attending, or need more information, visit the website: [rhpna.com](http://rhpna.com), email [roundtable@rhpna.com](mailto:roundtable@rhpna.com) or check out Facebook: RHPNA!**

# The Community and Grand Canyon University

**G**rand Canyon University continues its mission to help its neighbors thrive and prosper. The university believes that education can and should be the fuel for economic growth and community betterment. GCU's community involvement includes several large initiatives and projects to assist the community:

## Learning Lounge

Free tutoring services by scholarly GCU students are available Monday through Friday to the students of Alhambra High School in an effort to address AHS' gaps in reading and math proficiency.

## Serve the City

Twice a year GCU floods the community with hundreds of volunteers who spruce up the neighborhood through their outreach efforts. The volunteers paint buildings, plant gardens, complete yard work and remove graffiti. The students are exposed to needy organizations in hopes that they will continue reaching out on a regular basis.

## 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 to 15 that live in the community.

## Serrano Village

GCU students are regular visitors at this apartment complex filled with refugees, where they help adults 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.

## New Clothes, New Beginnings at GCU

Provides new clothes, shoes and school supplies for valley youth in preparation for fall semester.

## 12 Months of Service

GCU identifies a different project every month for employees and students to get involved in.

## Fall Festival, Canyon Cares Christmas and Easter

Holidays are big events at GCU, where the neighborhood is invited onto campus to receive children's Christmas gifts, Halloween and Easter candy and food in a fun and welcoming atmosphere.

## Game Changers

Game Changers is an innovative teen leadership conference and service project with adult mentor dinners and various teen leaders. It is always a huge success in helping inspire youth leadership in looking toward success as an achievable dream.

**For more information, email [info@gamechangersaz.org](mailto:info@gamechangersaz.org)**

## Back-to-School Health & Safety Fair

This event focuses on kids from our surrounding community to prepare them for school. Over 6,000 attend the event featuring free backpacks, drawings for laptops, health screenings (vision and immunizations-provided by GCU nursing students) and safety training.

Grand Canyon University students embrace the community through many more activities as well, such as '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.







## Helpful Phone Numbers

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

**Officer Matthew Martinez**  
Neighborhood Patrol Officer  
South of Missouri  
Voice Mail 602-534-0474  
matthew.martinez@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  
jlarking@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.develde@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

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

### Association/Organization

Community Life Center [facebook.com/communitylifecentercanyoncorridor](https://www.facebook.com/communitylifecentercanyoncorridor)  
TERROS [terros.org](https://www.terros.org)  
Cactus Park Precinct [phoenix.gov/police/precincts/cactuspark/](https://www.phoenix.gov/police/precincts/cactuspark/)  
Boy Scouts of America 602-933-7747 ext. 257 [grandcanyonbsa.org/](https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/)  
Girl Scouts of America 602-531-5937 [girlscoutsaz.org/](https://www.girlscoutsaz.org/)  
Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance [cnaalliance.com/](https://www.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](https://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-phoenix-az)  
Rehoboth CDC [rehobothphx-cdc.org/](https://www.rehobothphx-cdc.org/)

### Schools

Alhambra Elementary School District [alhambraesd.org/](https://www.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](https://www.phxhs.k12.az.us/Alhambra)  
Bourgade Catholic High School [bourgadecatholic.org/](https://www.bourgadecatholic.org/)  
Grand Canyon University [gcu.edu](https://www.gcu.edu)

### Churches

Lynnhaven Community Church [lynnhavenchurch.com/](https://www.lynnhavenchurch.com/)  
First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix [firstphx.org/](https://www.firstphx.org/)  
Los Artes Church  
Orangewood Nazarene Church [orangewoodchurch.org](https://www.orangewoodchurch.org)

### City of Phoenix Departments

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

### City of Phoenix Council



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



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



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

\*Members of Arizona Multihousing Association

# Calendar of Events

## APRIL

- 4 Movies in the Park: "Dolphin Tale" (Cielito Park, 6 p.m.)
- 4 GCU Men's Volleyball Game vs. Ball State (Antelope Gymnasium, 6 p.m.)
- 4-5 GCU Theatre Department: Into the Woods (Ethington, 7:30 p.m.)
- 5 GCU Men's Volleyball Game vs. Ball State (Antelope Gymnasium, 6 p.m.)
- 6 GCU Theatre Department: Into the Woods (Ethington, 2 p.m.)
- 5 Canyon Cares Easter (GCU Campus, 10 a.m.-noon)
- 7-10 Alhambra Elementary School District - AIMS Testing
- 8 CCNA Meeting - Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance (GCU College of Education building 33, 6-8 p.m.)
- 8-9 Alhambra High School- AIMS Testing
- 11-12 GCU Theatre Department: Into the Woods (Ethington, 7:30 p.m.)
- 11 GCU Baseball Game vs. Sacramento State 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Movies in the Park: "Brave" (Alhambra High School, 6:00 p.m.)
- 12 GCU Baseball Game vs. Sacramento State 1:30 p.m.
- 12 Bourgade Catholic High School Prom
- 13 GCU Baseball Game vs. Sacramento State 12:30 p.m.
- 13 GCU Theatre Department: Into the Woods (Ethington, 2 p.m.)
- 15 GCU Broadway and Opera Concert (First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix, 7 p.m.)
- 18 GCU Softball Game vs. New Mexico State 5 p.m.
- 19 GCU Softball Game vs. New Mexico State 1 p.m.
- 25 GCU Baseball Game vs. New Mexico State 6:30 p.m.
- 26 GCU Baseball Game vs. New Mexico State 6:30 p.m.
- 27 GCU Baseball Game vs. New Mexico State 12:30 p.m.
- 27 GCU - Classes End

## MAY

- 2 Bourgade Catholic High School- Frosty Friday's - Freshman Ice Cream Fundraiser
- 3 Movies in the Park: "The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe" (Grand Canyon University, 6:30 p.m.)
- 13 CCNA Meeting - Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance (GCU College of Education building 33, 6-8 p.m.)
- 16 GCU Baseball Game vs. Utah Valley 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Bourgade Catholic High School Graduation
- 17 GCU Baseball Game vs. Utah Valley 6:30 p.m.
- 17 CCNA Community Voices Forum (GCU Tell Science Lecture Hall, bldg. #28, 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
- 18 GCU Baseball Game vs. Utah Valley 12:30 p.m.
- 21 Alhambra High School Graduation - 10:30 a.m.
- 22 Alhambra High School and Alhambra Elementary - Last Day of Classes
- 23 Bourgade Catholic High School - Last Day of Classes

## JUNE

- 10 CCNA Meeting - Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance (GCU College of Education building 33, 6-8 p.m.)

## JULY

- 8 CCNA Meeting - Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance (GCU College of Education building 33, 6-8 p.m.)

## AUGUST

- 4 Alhambra High School- Classes Begin
- 12 CCNA Meeting - Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance (GCU College of Education building 33, 6-8 p.m.)
- 12 Alhambra Elementary - Classes Begin
- 25 GCU - Fall Classes Begin

## SEPTEMBER

- 9 CCNA Meeting - Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance (GCU College of Education building 33, 6-8 p.m.)

## OCTOBER

- 11 CCNA Around the World Play Day (Canyon Corridor GAIN Event)
- 14 CCNA Meeting - Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance (GCU College of Education building 33, 6-8 p.m.)

**FOR INFORMATION ON GCU ATHLETIC OR ARENA EVENTS,**  
contact the box office at 602-639-8999.  
**FOR INFORMATION ON GCU PERFORMANCES,**  
contact the Ethington Theatre box office at 602-639-8880.

Canyon Corridor Neighborhood Alliance presents:

## COMMUNITY VOICES FORUM



Help create a vision for the future of our community.

What are your wishes for:

- Safety
- Neighborhood Health
- Community Engagement
- Neighborhood Quality
- Youth activities and services
- Neighborhood beauty
- Education
- Healthy Food Option
- Senior activities
- All ideas welcome

Snacks and refreshments provided

"Bringing Neighbors Together to Hear Your Voice"

**Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**  
at Grand Canyon University  
Tell Science Lecture Hall, Building #28 — see map on back  
Note: 8:30AM Breakfast and 12:00PM/noon Lunch will be served

RSVP: call 602-249-9759 (or for more information)

Come & contribute to a vision of our future in our Canyon Corridor Community. We need your ideas, wishes and hopes for our community.


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## Family Movie Nights — FREE MOVIES!

Come enjoy excellent FREE movies with your neighbors.

- All movies will have a pre-movie event.
- First 100 people get free popcorn and water.
- Dress for the weather, bring blankets and have fun!

Presenting:




DOLPHIN TALE

Friday, April 4, 2014 Cielito Park 6 p.m.

Location is near swimming pool, with seating on ground. Bring blankets or chairs.

A story centered on the friendship between a boy and a dolphin whose tail was lost in a crab trap.

Presenting:




BRAVE

Friday, April 11, 2014 Alhambra High School 6 p.m.

Determined to make her own path in life, Princess Merida defies a custom that brings chaos to her family. Granted one wish, she must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse.

Presenting:



CHRONICLES OF NARNIA  
THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE

Saturday, May 3, 2014 Grand Canyon University 6:30 p.m.

Four kids travel through a wardrobe to the land of Narnia and learn of their destiny to free it with the guidance of a mystical lion.

In case of bad weather both Friday movies shown next day on Saturday  
Family Movie Nights produced by Canyon Corridor Community Coalition and sponsored by Grand Canyon University





2nd Community Voices Forum — Canyon Corridor Community  
Jan. 11, 2014



Alhambra Elementary School District EXPO  
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Serve the City — Bourgade High School  
Feb. 15, 2014



Serve the City — Serrano Village  
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GCU Learning Lounge  
Alh. H.S. student  
with GCU tutor  
Jan. 21, 2014



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Alhambra High School Academic Decathlon  
Feb. 7, 2014



Alhambra Elementary  
School District EXPO  
Nov. 2, 2013





Serve the City - Canyon Kids in Little Canyon Park  
Feb. 15, 2014



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Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training  
Childcare by Sam and Anna  
Community Life Center  
Feb. 8, 2014



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Game Changers  
Leadership for H.S. Students  
Feb. 1, 2014



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Serve the City - IRC New Roots Refugee Garden  
at Cross-Connection International Fellowship Church  
Feb. 15, 2014



Serve the City - Kick Off  
Feb. 15, 2014



Serve the City  
IRC New Roots Refugee Garden  
Cross-Connection Church  
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Alhambra High School  
Academic Decathlon  
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ESL Classes at Alhambra High School  
- ongoing -



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