

City of Phoenix Announces Outstanding Young Men and Young Women

The Phoenix Youth and Education Commission selected 16 district winners of the 2009 Outstanding Young Man/Young Woman (YMYW) of the Year program. Each district winner received \$250 and was recognized at an awards luncheon this week sponsored by Rotary International.

The program is sponsored by the city of Phoenix, know99 television, Phoenix Rotary, Phoenix Soroptimist, Arizona Public Service and Southwest Airlines. Approximately 300 students from all eight city council districts applied for the award. Applicants submitted essays, transcripts and a letter of recommendation. They were interviewed by a panel that included members of the Phoenix Youth and Education Commission. The winners were selected for outstanding community service and commitment to excellence in all areas of their lives.

Winners from Glendale Union High School District are:



The District 1 Outstanding Young Man of the Year is Roberto Cazares, a senior at **Moon Valley High School**. For the past four years, Cazares has volunteered at the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and serves as president of the Future Educators of Arizona. Cazares, who aspires to teach high school English or special education, speaks in local high schools and conferences for the organization.



“The one teacher that has made the most impact is Ms Jackson from Moon Valley. She is always there to help me with my education, peer pressure and my mom being sick. She has always encouraged me to not give up, to hold my head high and not give in to peer pressure.”



The District 3 Outstanding Young Man of the Year is Joseph Replogle, a senior at **Thunderbird High School**. Replogle’s Eagle Scout project took him to Mexico to build homes for families in poverty. With the goal of earning a medical degree, Replogle aspires to provide medical care to third world countries.



“Mrs. Kaye demonstrated to me that science should be used not simply for inquisitive discovery but also for the progress of society. Mrs. Kaye constantly offers advice on how to apply science outside the classroom.”



The District 5 Outstanding Young Man of the Year is John Licas, a senior at **Apollo High School**. Licas is a member of the Key Club and volunteers at the Veteran’s Hospital as well as the Ronald McDonald House. He hopes to one day become a nurse practitioner in a pediatric clinic and will be entering college as a sophomore.

“[Ms.] Berg inspired me to become a leader, public speaker, and an understanding student.”