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Tolleson Tidbits for September 2016

- **TUHSD students are in the final stages of registering for Dual Enrollment Courses through Estrella Mountain Community College. Campuses continue to see growth in the numbers of students selecting dual enrollment as an opportunity to earn college credit.**
- **University High School Class of 2017 showed an 87% ACT college readiness in English – the national average is 54%**
- **Tolleson Union High School retained the River Rock trophy by beating their rivals, the Agua Fria Owls, in varsity football**
- **In their first home game the Sierra Linda High School Volleyball Team paid tribute to Coach Matias Diaz who passed away unexpectedly this last July. Coach Diaz's family was in attendance and the Marching band played a tribute song for Mr. Diaz and his family. This game had the largest attendance for any home volleyball game with over 300 students and adults.**
- **University High School student Alex Esqueda attended the 2016 National Institutes of Health Science Education Partnership as a High School Student Research Fellow where he worked on research pertaining to Parkinson's Disease. Riley Wagner, also from University High School, participated in a science program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.**
- **An award of excellence from the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists was presented to Tolleson Union High School senior Megan Amaya, in Boston, MA. this past summer**
- **La Joya Community High School Senior, Kaley Yazzie, completed a summer program as a Questbridge scholar, visiting Stanford University and taking seminars to prepare for college. La Joya High School Junior, Gabby Robles, attended the AASC Student Leadership Camp this summer to develop her leadership skills.**
- **Copper Canyon High School student, Hernan Pena, a current senior at the school was named an AP Scholar for receiving scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams**
- **Sierra Linda High School's Victoria Hernandez was selected by the Phoenix Police Department as a recipient of a laptop awarded for the best written student essay. Her essay was chosen over 700 other essays in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area.**
- **American Dream Academy Sessions begin this month on each TUHSD campus and continue for eight weeks, culminating in a graduation celebration. The award-winning program, in collaboration with Arizona State University, partners with K-12 schools in low-income areas to help parents develop valuable skills to ensure that their son or daughter has a successful academic career.**