



EVERYDAY HEROES 2004 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Pursuing Victory with Honor AIA Student of the Year Award:

Sponsored by the Arizona Department of Health Services

Joseph Kay

Tucson High School

National Merit Scholar and accomplished jazz musician Joseph Kay is as skilled athletically as he is academically, playing Basketball and Volleyball at Tucson High School for the last three years. He also co-founded the Associated Students Against Poverty club, organizes weekly activities in support of the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, and is active with the Principal's Advisory Council. His academic counselor says "he continues to take the things other find difficult – academic success, athletic excellence, musical accomplishments, civic leadership – and make them seem achievable." Joe has been awarded a full scholarship to Stanford University.

Pursuing Victory with Honor Administrator of the Year Award:

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Scott Brown

North Canyon High School

Mr. Brown has been the Athletic Director at North Canyon High School since 1998, and is also the founder and sponsor of the Athletic Club and Sports Lunch Bunch. In addition, Mr. Brown coaches in the Special Olympics. One co-worker said, "his reputation among the athletes as being an approachable AD is unequal; his respect for young people, and theirs for him is remarkable."

Pursuing Victory with Honor Official of the Year Award:

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Don Cerimeli

Mr. Cerimeli has been an AIA Official for 16 years, officiating Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity Football and Basketball. He has been active in the Scottsdale Boys and Girls Club for 23 years, coaching 11 All-Star football and basketball teams, and has received the Scottsdale Youth of the Year award and the NFHS Arizona Football Official of the Year award.

Pursuing Victory with Honor Coach of the Year Award:

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Jerry Dawson

Chaparral High School

Mr. Dawson has been at Chaparral High School for three decades, coaching Baseball, Football, Basketball, Wrestling and Track. He's been the State Baseball Coach of the Year seven times and helped Chaparral win 17 regional titles, 11 of them in a row. A whopping one hundred of Dawson's players have gone on to play at the college and/or professional level.

Tony Komadina Awards for Outstanding Girls' Athletic Programs:

Catalina Foothills High School

4A–5A Recipient

Participation in girls' athletic programs at Catalina Foothills has risen 12-percent since 2001, with 329 females participating in sports this year. Four out of the five athletes signed to Division I schools from Catalina Foothills this year were females. And three female coaches earned the title of Southern Arizona Coach of the Year while coaching a boys' sports team. Catalina Foothills female athletes also take part in many community service activities, including "Outside the Lines," a school-sponsored club that matches athletes with elementary school children for tutoring and mentoring, and "Go the Distance," a program that collects old running shoes and distributes them in Latin American countries.

Phoenix Country Day School

1A–3A Recipient

Phoenix Country Day School girls athletic programs, including Volleyball, Swimming/Diving, Basketball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis and Softball, have won five State Championships and eight Regional Championships since 1999. A whopping 84-percent of the Upper School girls participate in sports. Their female athletes also take part in community service throughout the year in a variety of different organizations, including AIDS walk, Animal Welfare League, Autism Foundation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Crisis Nursery, Foundation for the Blind, Habitat for Humanity, Just Say No Foundation, Positive Force Players, Race for the Cure, Sojourner Foundation, St. Mary's Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul, and Teen Lifeline.

Cox Technology in Education Award

Deb Moore

Sunrise Mountain High School

Deb is the founder of the Marketing, DECA, Hospitality, and Travel & Tourism programs at Sunrise Mountain. Aside from computers and the Internet, other technical learning tools that Ms. Moore utilizes include a classroom performance system that uses remote controls to allow students to respond to questions from their seats and interactive globes. The students also work in groups and use technology to communicate with each other as well as with collaborators such as the Phoenix Coyotes, and the Fiesta Bowl.

**Cox9 After the Bell Award:
Life Skills Program**

Highland High School

The special needs students at Highland High School get real-life lessons from the dedicated staff of the Life Skills program. Learning how to cook, wash clothes, write checks, take out the garbage, and interact with others at school and in the workplace, these students are getting much more than a high school education, they're learning to live and work independently.

Dr. Voie Stuart Chase Coy Scholar-Activity Participant of the Year Awards:

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1A/2A/3A Boys

Anthony Paul Greco

Blue Ridge High School

Paul has been involved in the Speech & Debate team, Showcase Choir, Drama Club, Bible Club, Chess Club, Physics Club, Student Council, Junior Varsity and Varsity Soccer teams, and the Track team. He is also an Eagle Scout and has performed many hours of community service doing yard work and fire recovery/prevention. Paul is enrolling in the United States Military Academy in the fall and plans to become a Military Officer.

1A/2A/3A Girls

Kellen Allen

Blue Ridge High School

Kellen has participated on the Volleyball team, Harmonic Vision Showchoir, Concert Choir, Bible Club, and Leo Club during her high school career, as well as in her church youth group and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She has been on the "Who's Who in American High School Students" list twice and received a U.S. Achievement Academy Mathematics Award. Kellen plans to attend Arizona State University and pursue a career in music theatre.

4A/5A Boys

Garret Shields

Mountain View Mesa High School

Garret has been involved in Speech & Debate, Choir, Youth & Government and the National Honor Society for almost his entire high school career. He is also active in the Racquetball club and gives back to the community by feeding the homeless, assisting in blood drives and volunteering at voting booths. Garret plans to serve on a mission before attending Brigham Young University and working toward a doctorate degree in history.

4A/5A Girls

Melissa Lou

Desert Vista High School

Melissa has been an Academic Decathlon and Orchestra member throughout her four years in high school and is number one in her class of 662 students at Desert Vista. She volunteers at the Ahwatukee Foothills Urgent Care Center, Frank Elementary Tutoring Program, Guadalupe Tech Kids Center and Carl Hayden Community Center. Melissa will be attending Arizona State University in the fall and hopes to pursue a career as a musician.

Dr. Voie Stuart Chase Coy Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards:

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1A/2A/3A Boys

Reuben Asia

St. Gregory College Preparatory

Reuben has participated in Soccer, Basketball, Tennis and Cross Country at St. Gregory, and has been involved in Peer Leaders, Junior State of America, Associated Students of St. Gregory, Hebrew High, Spanish Honor Society and Operation Deep Freeze, a program that feeds homeless men in Tucson. According to his Athletic Director, "student, athlete, musician and community servant, Reuben represents the very best that St. Gregory has to offer."

1A/2A/3A Girls

Julie-Anne Bailey

Valley Christian High School

Julie-Anne is involved in Cross Country, Track, Choir, Cheer, Student Council, Bible Study and National Honor Society at Valley Christian High School. She is a two time State and two-time Regional Champion in Cross Country and a ten-time State Champion in Track & field. Julie-Anne has also devoted hundreds of hours to community service. She plans to attend Pointe Loma Nazarene University and become a math teacher.

4A/5A Boys

Joseph Kay

Tucson High Magnet School

Joseph has participated on the volleyball and basketball teams, as well as the jazz band at Tucson High. He has also served as the captain of the volleyball team and the president of Associated Students Against Poverty, a club he co-founded his freshman year. "Joe has a strong sense of fair play and truly believes in doing what is right," explains one of his administrators. Joe also received a scholarship to attend Stanford University.

4A/5A Girls

Tyler Benson

Catalina Foothills High School

Tyler plays Soccer and Softball and is the Captain of the Softball team. She also volunteers as a National Honor Society tutor and with Special Olympics. Tyler was recruited for both Soccer and Softball, but according to her principal, "Tyler's academic prowess and gifted athleticism have culminated in her signing with Boston University, where she will no doubt excel both in the classroom and on the softball diamond." She plans to major in Business and Communications.

Overall Excellence Awards

1A Conference

Mogollon High School

2A Conference

Scottsdale Christian Academy

3A Conference

Seton Catholic High School

4A Conference

Catalina Foothills High School

5A Conference

Mountain View High School (Mesa)

The Blue Cup Awards

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1A/2A/3A Recipient

Valley Christian High School

Valley Christian, the largest of the three 2A conference finalists, has nearly 400 students, more than 60-percent of them participating in activities or athletics while maintaining a B average. The school has made a commitment to the Pursuing Victory with Honor program through a campus-wide effort including monthly articles in the school newsletter, a community service day in the fall, and an Outstanding Character Award that goes to an athlete from each sport who best exemplifies the six pillars.

4A/5A Recipient

Catalina Foothills High

With more than one thousand students out of 1,800 participating in activities or athletics, it is commendable that Catalina Foothills' involved students have also maintained a 3.43 GPA. In addition to PA announcements at games and articles in their mailed-home newsletters, this school goes even further to emphasize the Pursuing Victory with Honor program by holding mandatory meetings with any student or coach who gets ejected before they can get back on the field and requiring every student-athlete to sign a Pursuing Victory with Honor contract before being allowed to play.