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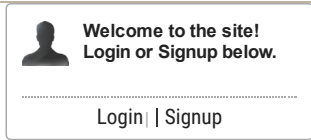
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Gateway airport director resigns

Jane Morris, executive director of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority has submitted her resignation, effective June 2.

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Morris told airport authority officials she is leaving the job to spend time with family and take care of family business matters. She's held the job for three years.

The airport authority will hire a new director, but no time frame for that process has been identified. The authority includes representatives from the member communities of Mesa, Gilbert, Queen Creek, Apache Junction, the Gila River Indian Community and Phoenix.

Two EV youths honored for volunteerism

Arizona's top two youth volunteers of 2016 were honored in Washington, D.C., during the 21st annual presentation of The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards on May 1.

Hope Weng of Tempe and Dustyn Phillips of Queen Creek, along with 100 other top youth volunteers from across the country, each received \$1,000 awards and personal congratulations from Academy Award-winning actress Hilary Swank at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Weng, 13, an eighth-grader at Tempe Preparatory Academy, delivered 100 care packages containing cookies, thank-you cards and a self-penned essay to residents of a veterans home to honor their service.



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Phillips, 17, a senior at Basha High School in Chandler, began conducting a wide variety of volunteer projects 11 years ago to benefit kids and families both in the U.S. and overseas.

Water bottles sought for Salvation Army program

East Valley Ford dealerships are teaming up with the Salvation Army, Ford and Big Surf Waterpark to collect water for the Fourth Annual Fill an F-150 Bottled Water Drive.

The drive, which runs until May 15, supports the Salvation Army's Extreme Heat Hydration Program.

Big Surf Waterpark will provide half-off admission vouchers (up to a \$14 value) to each person who donates at least one case of water (16 ounces or larger, 24 or more bottles) at any East Valley Ford dealership through May 15.

These locations participating in the East Valley:

- Berge Ford, 460 E. Auto Center Drive, Mesa
- Earnhardt Ford, 7300 W. Orchid Lane, Chandler
- San Tan Ford, 1429 Motorplex Loop, Gilbert.

Hamilton student wins at Arizona Science and Engineering Fair

Zhengdong Wang, a junior from Hamilton High School in Chandler, was one of the top winners at the Arizona Science and Engineering Fair at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Over 1,200 students competed in the fair, and the Grand Award Winners in the Senior Division will go on to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair May 8-13, 2016 in Phoenix.

Hamilton High School won Top Senior Division School for the third consecutive year.

For a complete listing of award winners, visit azsef.org

Mesa Chamber hands out awards

The Mesa Chamber of Commerce announced Business of the Year awards at its annual Leadership Awards Dinner at the Hilton Phoenix/Mesa.

HP2 Promotions won for Small Business, Longbow Golf Club for Medium-Sized Business, and the Boeing Company for Large Business.

Other recognition was awarded to Outgoing 2015 Board Chairman, Joe Holmes of Heal the Hero, and 2016 Ambassador of the Year, Melissa Moy of Dynasty Insurance and Legal Documents for their dedication and friendship to the Mesa Chamber.

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Marc Community Resources, Inc. was recognized as the Non-Profit of the Year for its good work in our community, Valley Express Towing and Auto Repair received the CopperPoint Insurance Companies Safety Award and Jodi Sorrell with the City of Mesa received a Special Recognition for her work on bringing light rail to downtown Mesa. The evening concluded with Jo Wilson of Benedictine Mesa taking the Volunteer of the Year spotlight.

In addition, Kasandra Zapien of Mountain View High School was chosen Student of the Year, Maureen Magnusson of Westwood High School was Teacher of the Year, and Dr. Andrew T. Holycross of Mesa Community College was Professor of the Year.

8 East Valley high school seniors awarded Flinn Scholarship

Eight East Valley high school students have been awarded the 2016 Flinn Scholarship.

The students will receive full tuition at a state university and will be offered opportunities like two study abroad experiences, an internship, enrollment in an honors program, mentorship from faculty and more.

The students are: Anagha Deshpande from Hamilton High School in Chandler; Enrique Andrés Favaro from Tempe Preparatory Academy in Tempe; Maeve Kennedy from Westwood High School in Mesa; Toni Marcheva from Skyline High School in Mesa; Ivette Montes from Westwood High School in Mesa; Rohini Nott from BASIS Chandler in Chandler; Tina Peng from Chandler Preparatory Academy in Chandler; and Andrew Roberts from Westwood High School in Mesa.

Scholars are selected on merit, typically achieving a minimum 3.5 grade-point average, ranking in the top 5 percent of their class, scoring at least 1300 on the SAT or 29 on the ACT and demonstrating leadership in extracurricular activities.

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