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21st Annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards

Tempe, AZ – The City of Tempe Commission On Disability Concerns, in partnership with Tempe Community Council, is pleased to announce the **2009 Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards on April 30, 2009, from 3:30 - 5:30pm at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282.**

Mayor Hugh Hallman will present awards these awards to honor those in our community who have overcome significant barriers to succeed in the workplace; as well as those employers and architects who support the full participation of people with disabilities in the workplace and all aspects of community life.

The following individuals will be honored at this year's event:

Outstanding Student Employees:

- Tim Lupton-Stegall - Desert Vista High School
- Jasmine Banks - Desert Vista
- Ivan Rios - Tempe High School
- Aaron Vizcarra - Tempe High
- Raymond Martinez - Marcos de Niza High School
- Nancy Derby - Marcos de Niza
- Charles Calhoun - Marcos de Niza
- Nico Douglas - Marcos de Niza
- Jonathan Pugh - Marcos de Niza
- Francisco Kuipers - Marcos de Niza

The Tempe Diablo's will generously provide scholarships to Outstanding Student Employees.

Outstanding Employer of Students: Harkins Theatres – Tempe Marketplace 16

Outstanding Employee of the Year: Travis Shrum,

Outstanding Employer of the Year: Bank of America

Valued Community Service Award: Willard Masayestewa

Architectural Accessibility Award: Tempe Transportation Center

A keynote address will be delivered by Randall Howe, Assistant United States Attorney in the Appeals Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. From 2001 to 2008, Mr. Howe was the Chief Counsel of the Criminal Appeals Section of the Arizona Attorney General's Office, supervising 20 attorneys in Phoenix and Tucson. For the previous 12 years, he

served as an attorney in the Criminal Appeals Section. He has personally represented the State in more than 350 appeals and habeas actions and has argued more than 70 cases in the Arizona Supreme Court, the Arizona Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Mr. Howe has been involved in the disability community since 1988. He served as Chair of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities from 2004 to 2005. He currently serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Center for Disability Law and Vice President of the Board of Directors of Arizona Bridge to Independent Living. Mr. Howe graduated from Arizona State University College of Business, Summa Cum Laude, in 1985 and Arizona State University College of Law, Cum Laude, in 1988.

The Mayor's Disability Awards have been presented since 1988 to recognize both those who provide opportunities for individuals facing adverse challenges in everyday life and individuals with disabilities who perform exceptionally in the workplace despite their challenges. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For additional information, contact Tempe Community Council at (480) 858-2300.

About Tempe Community Council

Tempe Community Council is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is connecting those in need with those who care. Tempe Community Council works in partnership with the City of Tempe and community organizations to serve as a planner, advocate, and resource to improve the funding and policies affecting human services in Tempe and the surrounding communities.

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About the Commission on Disability Concerns

The mission of the Commission on Disability Concerns is to advocate disability issue awareness, equal access and full community integration and to seek resolution of the concerns of people with disabilities for the benefit of all the people of Tempe. Commission meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at the Tempe Public Library. Meetings begin at 6:30pm in the 2nd floor boardroom and are open to the public. http://www.tempe.gov/ada/disability_commission.htm

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