



Arizona Chapter of Financial Executives International (FEI) Presents 2015 CFO of the Year Awards

Brian Mee, Pendergast Chief Business Officer Honored as Finalist

November 24, 2015 (Phoenix, Arizona) – [Brian Mee, Pendergast School District](#)'s Chief Business Officer was honored recently as a finalist in the Arizona chapter of the Financial Executives International 2015 CFO of the Year Awards. The CFO of the Year Awards are given to professionals for outstanding performance in their roles as corporate financial stewards and highlights the important roles that financial executives play within Arizona.

Mee is responsible for the creation, implementation and accountability of an \$80 million budget. According to Susan Serin, Governing Board President, "School districts operate much like large corporations except the stockholders are the students, staff, families and the communities served daily. The District has high student achievement and Mee has been at the forefront of helping to make that happen by helping to provide the resources needed. We are so very proud of Brian and all he has contributed to the success of Pendergast District."

Brian is humbled by the recognition and shares the virtues of his job, "The impact I can make in the lives of students is of utmost importance to me as the Chief Business Officer of the District. It is my responsibility to ensure that every decision made concerning the use of our resources is based on what is in the best interests of our 10,000 students on our twelve campuses, and to ensure they are spent in the most efficient manner."

District Superintendent Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux believes, "With Brian's strong leadership the District has been able to weather significant challenges that include diminished funding since 2008. "Through prudent planning and streamlining systems, the District is able to maximize resources and look for additional funding sources including partnerships that have contributed to the success of the District and its students. We are grateful for Brian's knowledge, foresight and skill as a team leader and an amazing individual."

Mee is not only an active member and past president of the [Arizona School Business Officials Organization](#); he has served as president of the [Association of School Business Officials International](#) and is a highly regarded business expert and mentor.