



Pendergast Teacher Denise Martin Receives University of Phoenix Full Scholarship

Canyon Breeze School 5th grade teacher honored at Diamondback's game



Phoenix Az. – October 5, 2016 – Denise Martin, Fifth grade teacher at Canyon Breeze Elementary School in Avondale, part of the [Pendergast District](#), was recently awarded one of only five Team Up for Education full tuition scholarships to the [University of Phoenix](#) from Paul Goldschmidt, first baseman of the Arizona [Diamondbacks](#).

The “Teaming Up For Education” scholarship program is the result of a partnership between University of Phoenix and the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation, and has made college education a reality for 17 Arizona residents since 2011. Of the scholarship recipients, seven have already received degrees from University of Phoenix while the others continue to pursue their education goals. Goldschmidt attended University of Phoenix while playing for the D-backs and received a Bachelor of Science in Management in 2013. This is his third year of being involved with the University’s scholarship program.

“Education is one of the most important tools we have for strengthening a community,” said Goldschmidt. “As a proud alumnus, I am excited to be working with University of Phoenix in our shared passions of giving back to Arizona and making the benefits of higher education a reality.”

University of Phoenix has a long history of working with athletes, professional teams and athletic foundations who share a commitment to higher education. Goldschmidt, along with his wife Amy, selected five 2016 recipients and Denise was one of them. They were presented with their awards at the D-backs game on Sept. 30, 2016.

In her application Denise shared, “I am passionate about teaching in the classroom, but I also enjoy collaborating with other educators in professional learning communities. A master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix will enable me to mentor educators new to the field with an in-depth understanding of methodology. My aim is to support other educators with the development of purposeful instructional strategies. With the knowledge obtained through this course of study I will be able to confidently lead professional development to deepen understanding, enhance methods and practices, and inspire others to be excited about teaching.”