



Pendergast District's Quezada, DeBlieux to be Honored with Prestigious Awards

AZALAS Honors Board Member and Superintendent

October 23, 2017 - Phoenix, Arizona – The Arizona Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (AZALAS) has chosen Senator Martin Quezada as Outstanding Board Member of the Year and Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux as Superintendent of the Year. According to the selection committee, Quezada and DeBlieux were chosen, "For demonstrating leadership, innovation and contributions in support of our Latino community and children." DeBlieux and Quezada will receive the honors and recognition at the 2017 AZALAS Annual Conference, "Engaged, Inspired and Committed to Excellence for Latino Scholars" on November 5-6, 2017.



DeBlieux serves as superintendent of the Preschool - 8th grade, Pendergast Elementary School District located in the cities of Avondale, Glendale and Phoenix. The District houses 12 campuses with the a primarily Latino population of students. A tireless advocate for students, staff members, families and the communities she serves, DeBlieux has instituted many staff and community engagement programs as well as bringing her "Bee-liever Philosophy" to the district. Additionally, she was recently honored as the West Valley Woman of the Year.

Quezada serves as Vice-President of the Pendergast Elementary School District Governing Board and is an attorney committed to social justice in Arizona. He currently uses his legal background and expertise in his role as the Democratic Whip in the Arizona State Senate, representing Legislative District #29 in Maryvale and Glendale. Martin was elected to the Senate in 2014 after serving two terms in the Arizona State House of Representatives. He is an education advocate and champion for children.



Both DeBlieux and Quezada work diligently to create innovative programs that focus attention on the needs of Latino youth. The Pendergast Elementary School District is proud of these fine individuals and the work they have accomplished to better our schools and communities.