



Pendergast Superintendent Selected as a Most Admired Leader by the PBJ

DeBlieux serves her district and community with pride and passion



July 25, 2018 – (Phoenix, Arizona) – The [Phoenix Business Journal](#) is proud to announce they have selected Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, superintendent of the [Pendergast District](#) as one of the special leaders they will honor at the Phoenix Business Journal’s Most Admired Leaders program. DeBlieux is known for her charismatic personality and her “Bee”-liever Philosophy. DeBlieux has always had the bee as her trademark, stating, “Scientists can prove that it is aerodynamically impossible for the bumble bee to fly. Its body is too heavy and its wings too light to sustain flight. However, the bumblebee chooses not

to be influenced by science’s negative viewpoint and flies anyway. When you look at the bee, think this positive, empowering thought – “I can BEE what I want to BEE!”

According to Ray Schey, Publisher & Market President of the PBJ, “DeBlieux was selected along with 24 other leaders from a nomination field of more than 170 candidates. They were selected by a panel of judges for their leadership, dedication and impact on their organizations and our community.” The 25 selected winners will be recognized at an awards dinner on Thursday, September 20th, at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge. The winners will also be featured in the Most Admired Leaders special section to be included in the edition of the Business Journal on September 21.

In the words of Martin Quezada, Pendergast Governing Board President and Arizona State Senator, “Dr. DeBlieux is embarking on her fifth year as superintendent and the first Spanish speaking, Latina leader of our district. She brings a strong sense of what students and families need. Her goals focus on high achievement for our students, a well-trained staff, and an engaged community. She has made “believers” out of the students, staff, families and the communities we serve with her innovative programs and service to all. We are so proud of her and all of her accomplishments.”