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Horizon School

2016 Rodel Exemplary Teacher

A tip for parents

“ The tip that I give parents every year is that it is vitally important for them to be advocates for their child. They were their child's first teacher and it is critical for them to value their child's education and understand that these formative years are establishing work ethic that will follow them into adulthood. Education is powerful.

Collaborating for student success

“ Collaboration has allowed me to better differentiate for each child and gain a better understanding of their learning needs. In our Professional Learning Community, we have implemented DuFour's four questions to help guide us in providing quality instruction, common formative assessments, and consistent analysis of student work. I believe that this has helped me become more knowledgeable about what my students need to know and what they need to be able to do. The opportunity to collaborate has increased my awareness of my teaching practices, the level of rigor in my classroom, and how my responses to intervention should be structured.

A tip for new teachers

“ The most important tip that I would give a new teacher is that you must create a balance between your work life and your personal life. In our profession, it is very hard to separate the two. Teachers think and worry about our students all the time and many times we put our personal lives on the back burner. I would recommend they dedicate one late night a week, and set an 'end time' each day.

Learning from a mentor

“ A valuable lesson that I learned from my parents, my most important mentors, was to give back to the community in which I was educated. I was lucky to have been hired by the school district that I attended as a child. It is also the very same district in which both of my parents were teachers and where my father was an administrator. My parents taught me that all children deserve to have the best teachers and the highest quality education. I made that my goal.



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Fifth/Sixth grade ELA and Social Studies

Experience: Twenty-nine years in education including one year as a fifth/sixth combo Universal Design Learning teacher, four years as a first-grade teacher, two years as a fourth-grade teacher, four years as a fifth-grade teacher, fifteen years as a sixth-grade teacher, and three years as a seventh-grade teacher; currently serving as First Year Induction Coach, and member of the School Improvement Team; Horizon Teacher of the Year 2015; Glendale Elementary District Teacher of the Year Runner Up 2015; Mentor Teacher for ASU iTeach program

Degrees: B.A. in Education and M.A. in Education from Arizona State University; ESL Full Endorsement; Reading Endorsement; Gifted Endorsement

The Rodel Exemplary Teacher Initiative honors extraordinary teachers and asks that they each mentor high-potential student teachers.

What sets the program apart from typical student teaching programs is that mentor teachers are selected based on their outstanding student achievement in high-need schools, their ability to mentor new teachers, and the recommendation of their principals and Rodel's observation team. This ensures that student teachers are learning from the best. In addition, Rodel provides further training and support to both mentors and student teachers to assure Promising Student Teacher Graduates start their careers as outstanding educators.

Since 2004, 167 Rodel Exemplary Teachers have been named and more than 650 Rodel Promising Student Teachers have been mentored.
