

# Frank J. Armenta

## Cholla High Magnet School

*2016 Rodel Exemplary Principal Finalist*

### Learning from a mentor

“ Listening is at the heart of leadership; a good leader listens to other people's perspectives and seeks to understand.

### Being inspired to lead

“ I'm inspired by all the teachers that made a positive difference in my life and, as a principal, I aspire to make a positive impact on the lives of young people.

### Setting high expectations

“ The school's mission and vision guides my communication of high expectations for the campus. I lead by example and model "Charging Fearlessly Toward Academic and Personal Excellence."



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Tucson Unified District

1,700 students in grades 9-12

**Experience:** 17 years in education including six and half years as a high school teacher, four years as a high school assistant principal, and the past six and half years as a high school principal; currently serving as resident principal in the district's Leadership Prep Academy for aspiring district leaders, and as a member of the district's Recruitment and Retention committee

**Degrees:** B.A. in Education from the University of Arizona; M.A. in Language, Reading, and Culture from the University of Arizona; Principal Certificate from Northern Arizona University; Superintendent Certificate from Northern Arizona University

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**Rodel, in partnership with Social Venture Partners Arizona, developed the Rodel Exemplary Principal Initiative to recognize outstanding school principals and populate a pipeline of highly skilled school leaders for Arizona's most challenging schools.**

The Rodel Exemplary Principals are selected for their demonstrated ability to lead high-need schools to success by inspiring their staffs to develop a campus that is high achieving, safe, orderly and welcoming.

Each cohort of Exemplary Principals provides professional development, field experience and mentorship to a class of Rodel Aspiring Principals. After learning from the best, Rodel Aspiring Principals are better prepared to lead their own high-need schools.

**The 2016 Rodel Exemplary Principals will be announced on January 10 at [www.rodelaz.org](http://www.rodelaz.org).**