

# Dr. Daniel J. Schulter

## Ida Flood Dodge Traditional Middle Magnet School

*2016 Rodel Exemplary Principal Finalist*

### Learning from a mentor

“ My mentor shared an article with me about "Big Rocks" early in my principalship. It was intended to remind us as instructional leaders that we must focus on the few most important things. Visiting classrooms to look for students engaged in rigorous instruction continues to be one of my "Big Rocks."

### Collaborating with the community

“ We work closely with a number of community organizations to provide resources for our students. Our Builders Club volunteers at St. Phillips to make sandwiches for the homeless on a monthly basis. They also collect diapers for the diaper bank and canned food for the food bank as a means of giving back to the community. The Lions Club has provided food baskets for families in need at our school. Pantano Christian Church has provided backpacks with supplies and volunteers to help at our school. The Pantano Rotary Club provides rewards for students who achieve academic success.

### A tip for new principals

“ You need to know what you are good at and find people who can support you on the things that are not your strengths. It is really important to surround yourself with a team of people who will work to support you.



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420 students in grades 6-8

**Experience:** 16 years in education including seven years as a classroom mathematics teacher, one year as an instructional coach, three years as a high school assistant principal, and five years as a middle school principal

**Degrees:** B.S. In Business Administration from the University of Arizona; M.Ed. In Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University; Ed.D. In Educational Leadership from the University of Arizona; Arizona Secondary Teaching Certificate and Principal Certificate

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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.

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