



ARIZONA RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION
"STRONGER TOGETHER"

Arizona Rural Schools Association

ASU Prep Digital Champions of Innovation Award

This award recognizes a leader in rural public education who exemplifies excellence through visionary leadership leading to the implementation of innovative practices securing a higher quality education for students at their rural public school or charter. Such innovation should demonstrate:

- Commitment to educational quality and student achievement and a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community.
- Facilitating a sustainable school culture and instructional programs conducive to student learning and staff development.
- Effective identification of student academic needs and appropriate instructional strategies to achieve measurable student academic improvement outcomes.

Eligibility: Awarded to an ARSA member school leader (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principal, or Program Director) who epitomizes the recognition the award embodies. Current ARSA employees and ARSA board members are not eligible.

Nomination Deadline: July 1, 2020

To be Awarded: September 18, 2020 at the annual ARSA Conference in Flagstaff

Criteria:

- Nominee must be from an ARSA member district.
- Nominees must be school leaders with at least two years' experience. (School Leaders include: Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Business Managers, Technology Directors, Maintenance Supervisors, Transportation Directors, Principals, Assistant Principals, Program Directors)
- Nominees must be able to point to a singular innovative achievement transforming the quality of education within their school or district. (A program which was designed and implemented within the district or school. Programs purchased as turn-key operations may be submitted, but visionary implementation is an important part of the recognition.)
- Candidates must be nominated by a peer recognizing the nominee's innovative leadership. (The peer may be another leader, or a faculty member or other school community member (e.g. board member, parent, etc.)
- Nominees must be able to articulate the vision grounding their innovative approach to public education. (The application includes a statement of vision by the nominee.)
- Nominees must be able to demonstrate (with evidence) that the innovation implemented positively affected student achievement levels. (May be in the form of testimonials or data)

- Nominees must provide two letters of support from staff engaged in the implemented practice. (Demonstration of the collaborative nature of the implementation and the positive impact upon the overall school culture.)

Nominee Contact Information

Name: _____

School: _____

District: _____ County: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

Nominator Contact Information

Name: _____

School: _____

District: _____ County: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

For ARSA Staff Only

- ___ 1. ARSA Member
- ___ 2. Experience
- ___ 3. Years in Position
- ___ 4. Program. Rating 1-5, 1 ____, 2 ____, 3 ____, 4 ____, 5 ____
- ___ 5. Vision. Rating 1-5, 1 ____, 2 ____, 3 ____, 4 ____, 5 ____
- ___ 6. Evidence of Innovation. Rating 1-5, 1 ____, 2 ____, 3 ____, 4 ____, 5 ____
- ___ 7. Two Letters. Rating 1-5, 1 ____, 2 ____, 3 ____, 4 ____, 5 ____
