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NEWS RELEASE

AIA HONORS CHAMPIONS AT LUNCHEON

PHOENIX, AZ (May 19, 2010) – On Monday the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) honored coaches, administrators, officials and students at the annual AIA Champions Luncheon, formerly Everyday Heroes.

The AIA Champions Luncheon, presented by the City of Glendale, was held at the Glendale Civic Center in front of 200 in attendance, including the Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale City Manager Ed Beasley and Glendale City Council Members.

The first awards presented this year were the Tony Komadina Award for the outstanding girl's athletic program, and the Leadership in Girl's/Women's Athletics Award. The Tony Komadina Award went to Bourgade Catholic in the 1A-3A category and to Raymond Kellis High School in the 4A-5A category. The Leadership in Girl's/Women's Athletics Award went to Todd Nelson of Tolleson High School.

The luncheon was recorded by Glendale-11 and will be replayed on their channel at a later date. The broadcast will also be available on www.aia365.com by June 2 for viewing and DVD purchase.

Each year the AIA recognizes individuals for Pursuing Victory with Honor (PVWH) on and off the field. The recipients for the 2010 PVWH Awards are as follows:

- Female Student of the Year: Jessica Tonn of Xavier College Prep
- Male Student of the Year: Dain Dastrup of Benson High School
- Coach of the Year: Robbie Robinson of Mesa Mountain View High School
- Administrator of the Year: James Braden of the Dysart School District
- Official of the Year: Jim Day from Lake Havasu, Ariz.

In addition to the PVWH Awards, the AIA Champions Award, presented by Farmers, was presented to Michael Josephson of the Josephson Institute of Ethics. The biggest award for a school, the Directors Cup, formerly the Blue Cup, was presented to Pinnacle High School.

The scholar athlete and activity awards are presented annually to the student who is a graduating senior, has been involved in AIA sanctioned athletics or activities for a minimum of two years and has maintained a 3.75 GPA or higher for the last seven semesters. The recipients for the 2010 Dr. Voie Suart Chase Coy Scholar Athlete and Activity Awards were:

- Scholar Activity (1A-3A) Female: Charity Ormand of Desert Christian High School
- Scholar Activity (4A-5A) Female: Catherine Landry of Xavier College Prep
- Scholar Activity (1A-3A) Male: Benjamin Montemayor of Desert Christian High School
- Scholar Activity (4A-5A) Male: Kyle Nelson of Mesa Mountain View High School
- Scholar Athlete (1A-3A) Female: SheaLynn Hill of Joseph City High School
- Scholar Athlete (4A-5A) Female: MaryJo Kolze of McClintock High School
- Scholar Athlete (1A-3A) Male: Colton Cray of Desert Christian High School
- Scholar Athlete (4A-5A) Male: Matthew Gulbrandsen of Mesa Mountain View High School

For more information on the recipients, please check the AIA website at www.aiaonline.org on or after June 2.

Congratulations to all of the 2010 AIA Champions Award Recipients, presented by the City of Glendale.

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