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Educational Visionary Award Recipients Announced

Phoenix, Arizona – NorthBridge College Success Program, an organization leading the way to increase Arizona's college graduation rates for students with learning disabilities, proudly announces the 2018 Educational Visionary Award Recipients.

- **Steve Seleznow**, President & CEO, Arizona Community Foundation is accepting the Visionary Leader Award for his lifelong commitment to effective educational programming. In 2015, Seleznow articulated a visionary plan to improve the support system for students with learning disabilities within the Maricopa Community College System that is leading to greater academic success for this growing college-going population.
- **Dr. Amy Rabideau**, DRS Manager, Glendale Community College is accepting the Visionary Partner Award for her years of student-centered services helping individuals with disabilities succeed in college and life. As manager of the DRS office at Glendale Community College, Rabideau's work has been instrumental in improving access, services, and outcomes to students with disabilities across the community college district.
- **Valley of the Sun United Way & Phoenix Union High School District** (Brian Spicker, Chief Program Officer of Community Impact at VSUW and Dolores Ramirez, Post-Secondary Articulation Specialist at PUHSD) are accepting the Visionary Collaborators Award for their commitment to increasing high school graduation and college success rates for students through the Thriving Together initiative.

Awards will be presented at *Honor, Celebrate & Inspire*, April 7th at MarketPlace One (1 North 1st Street, Phoenix) where NorthBridge will celebrate these visionaries and the accomplishments of hundreds of high school and college students who have benefited.

Contact Jason Moore, Executive Director, to coordinate interviews with the recipients.

About NorthBridge College Success Program: NorthBridge is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded upon the principle that youth with learning differences can transition and excel in postsecondary education with specialized and individualized support. Since 2011, NorthBridge has inspired and supported this under-served population and proven that degrees are possible for these promising students. With NorthBridge support students with learning

differences out perform their neuro-typical peers, as NorthBridge students are 24% more likely to pass their courses and 30% more likely to stay in school and earn a degree.

NorthBridge programming is currently helping almost 1,000 youth transition to and succeed in college through its innovative and award-winning programs.

- College Success Program
- Accuplacer Ready
- TechForce Scholarship Ambassador Program

For more information about NorthBridge College Success Program, the Educational Visionary Awards and *Honor, Celebrate & Inspire*, visit www.NorthBridgeaz.org.