



## CPG NEWS

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Freshman Welcome Breakfast:** Saturday, August 5, 2017, 8 to 10:30 am, JJ's Deli, Scottsdale  

- **Welcome Back Lunch for PVHS Staff:** Monday, August 7, 2017 11:00am – 1:00pm, PVHS Cafeteria. Join the PVHS PTO in welcoming back our teachers and staff. Volunteers and donations needed:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da4ab2ca5f85-welcome2>
- **CREST Parent Group Executive Board Meeting:** Monday, August 21, 2017 6:00pm, CREST Building.
- **CPG Welcome Reception:** Monday, August 28, 2017 6:00pm – 8:00pm, PVHS Cafeteria. CREST Track Representatives will be available at 5:30pm for Q&A.
- **CREST Parent Group Executive Board Meeting:** Monday, September 18, 2017 6:00pm CREST Building.

Click for the [CREST Parent Group calendar](#) and see all the latest events at CREST.



### DID YOU KNOW?

CPG News and the Crest Parent Group website both periodically post student scholarship and summer program opportunities. Be sure to read the information included in this Newsletter under Community Connections or access the [CPG Website](#).



### CPG UPDATE

**WELCOME BACK TO THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!**

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your CPG President. Firstly, congratulations to the Freshmen families on your admission to CREST at Paradise Valley High School. I am confident that you will grow to appreciate our supportive, engaging community. My two oldest children thrived at CREST, building lifelong friendships and a world-class education. As I send them off to college in a couple weeks, I am thankful that I have the opportunity to watch my two younger children excel at our school for several years to come.

The CREST program attracts students who are creative, innovative and driven. They are individuals who want to make the world a better place, dive deeper into learning and challenge themselves and others around them. I hope you will encourage your children to take advantage of the many opportunities that will come their way. Clubs, conferences, public and private

company tours, summer study, mentorship, internships and so much more. Our CREST teachers will encourage and inspire your students. They want to partner with you on this amazing journey. As we start a new year, please guide your children to keep an open mind and explore all avenues. In return, they will find their passion.

The CPG is dedicated to supporting CREST staff, students and families. However, the executive board cannot run this ship alone! It takes the efforts of many throughout the school year. Thus, OUR GOAL THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS 100% MEMBERSHIP! Take the first step and sign up online at [www.crestparentgroup.org](http://www.crestparentgroup.org) so you will continue to receive our monthly newsletters. If you can you make a monetary donation, we are so appreciative. If you cannot, there are many other ways to get involved. I challenge you to find a way to serve this community. Maybe you can help with our ice cream social or set up for senior banquet? Perhaps you work at a company that can donate materials? If you are crafty, maybe you would consider designing a gift for teacher appreciation week? Membership in the CPG earns you a spot amongst a supportive, dedicated group of parents to lean on. Lead by example, and register for membership today!

Best-

Lisa Lisk

CPG President



## STAY CONNECTED

**Follow CREST on Twitter.** For news from the CREST Program, faculty, and about CREST student accomplishments and timely information, follow PVHS CREST on Twitter @pvhscrest.

**Stay connected through text updates by signing up for Remind.**

**CREST T-SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE: \$15**



CREST T-Shirts are available, and popular sizes have been restocked! We will have t-shirts on hand at the **Summer Freshman Welcome Breakfast on Saturday, August**

**5, 2017 from 8 to 10:30 am at JJ's Deli, Scottsdale.**



## STUDENT NEWS

### BIOSCIENCE NEWS AND UPDATES

Bioscience students run a mentorship program for all incoming bioscience students. The mentors will be sending out a survey to all incoming freshmen that will be used to help pair them with an upper classman with similar interests. Please encourage the freshmen to participate and make the most of a peer who is there to help.

The updated site link is:

<https://sites.google.com/pvlearners.net/bioscimentors/home>

This can be found under the "clubs" tab on my website as well:

<https://sites.google.com/a/pvlearners.net/pvhs-mrs-landry/>



## ALUMNI CORNER

### LOOKING FOR ALUMNI STORIES

CREST has a proud lineage of graduates that are creating great success stories in college and beyond. If you have a story, let us know so we can share with the CREST community.

### IVY NEUROLOGICAL SCIENCES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT TGEN READIES STUDENT-SCIENTISTS FOR NEXT PHASE OF THEIR CAREERS

CREST graduate Tristan Neal was recently highlighted in a TGen media release about the Ivy Neurological Sciences Internship Program. To read more click on the link below.

<https://tgen.org/home/news/2017-media-releases/ivy-tgen-interns-ready-for-research.aspx#.WX DXtMrK36>



## ARIZONA SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION: TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM – NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

- Do you know an outstanding K-12 science teacher?
- Do you know an outstanding K-12 novice teacher (1st three years)?

We all know a teacher who makes a difference in the lives of children. Go ahead and nominate them today or nominate yourself for an ASTA Teacher of the Year Award.

Awards are given to an outstanding elementary teacher, middle level teacher, high school teacher and to a K-12 novice teacher (first three years). Anyone –principals, teachers, parents, students or members of the general public – may nominate.

[Click here](#) for the nomination form. **Nominations close September 15, 2017. Completed applications are due September 30, 2017.**

## 2017-18 SCENE APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The SCience and ENgineering Experience (SCENE) offers high-achieving high school sophomores, juniors and seniors the opportunity to gain exposure to cutting-edge science research.

Under the guidance of ASU faculty and student mentors, these students work in labs at Arizona State University, using state-of-the-art facilities and equipment to answer their own original research questions and compete in regional and national science competitions.

Students will do background work during the fall semester (reading, learning about experimental design, lab equipment, and lab techniques) and ultimately decide on a question to investigate.

During the spring semester, students conduct research and present their findings to their peers within the SCENE group. Eligible students will have the opportunity to compete in the Arizona Science and Engineering Fair.

If you feel that this program would be of interest to your students, please encourage them to apply by August 31,

2017. To learn more about the program, please visit our website.

For more information about Access ASU and our other program offerings, please call 480-965-6060 or click on the picture below.



## REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

The Regeneron Science Talent Search (Regeneron STS), a program of Society for Science & the Public (Society) is the nation's most prestigious science research competition for high school seniors. Since 1942, the Society has provided a national stage for the country's best and brightest young scientists to present original research to nationally recognized professional scientists.

As the new school year approaches, we thought you might know a few students with great research project (from any year of high school) who deserve to be recognized for their work, and might be interested in a top prize of \$250,000. Interested students, and teachers, should [sign up here](#) to learn more.

The application opens on August 1, and will remain open until November 15, 2017 at 8pm ET. Three hundred entrants will be named scholars and will receive \$2,000 each; 40 finalists will be named, awarded \$25,000 each, and will be invited for a week long competition in Washington, DC in March of 2018. Check out this [story](#) on last year's top winner, Indrani Das, and the [highlights video](#) from 2017 to learn more about the amazing top 40 finalists—teens who are future leaders in STEM fields.

We hope to see your students apply this fall to the 77th Regeneron Science Talent Search.



## PERRY OUTREACH PROGRAM ANNOUNCED



We're very excited to announce an upcoming Perry Outreach Program on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Mayo Clinic Arizona in Phoenix, AZ. The Perry Outreach Program is a free, one-day, hands-on experience for high school and college-aged women who are interested in pursuing careers in medicine and engineering. Students will hear from women leaders in these fields and try it for themselves by performing mock orthopaedic surgeries and biomechanics experiments.

We are now seeking applicants for our Phoenix program. Participants should be women in grades 10 and up with an expressed interest in science, medicine and/or engineering. We would very much appreciate if you could pass this information along to any high school principals, high school science teachers or high school students you may know. Applicants should be directed to fill out our online application in advance of the August 30, 2017 application deadline.



Additional information can be found on our website:  
[www.perryinitiative.org](http://www.perryinitiative.org)

The application may be accessed directly using the following link:  
<http://perryinitiative.org/programs/student-online-application/>

More information and a printable flyer for this event can be found [here](#). Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions you may have. Again, we sincerely appreciate your help in identifying qualified applicants for our program.



## SUPPORTING CREST

Families and friends can help support the CREST Parent Group and student organizations (HOSA, Skills USA (Engineering), and Skills USA (Computer Sciences)) with donations and tax credit donations. For more information or to make a donation please visit the CPG website and remember to please consult a tax advisor for questions regarding tax credits:

<http://crestparentgroup.org/donate/>