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## 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TEMPE MAYOR'S DISABILITY AWARDS

**Tempe, AZ** – This Thursday afternoon, Tempe's Mayor Hugh Hallman, in partnership with the City of Tempe Commission on Disability Concerns and Tempe Community Council, will present awards to 17 extraordinary individuals and three local businesses during the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Tempe Mayor's Disability Awards. The awardees come from all walks of life and have overcome significant barriers to succeed, provide a workplace that supports the full participation of people with disabilities, and have dedicated their lives to honoring and supporting the disabled community. The award ceremony will take place Thursday, May 3, 2012 from 3:00-5:00pm in the Community Room of the Tempe History Museum.

Twelve students from the Tempe Union High School District schools will receive Outstanding Student Employee awards through their work in the District's Workbridge program. The Tempe Diablo's will generously provide scholarships to all these extraordinary young people who have shown exceptional dedication and performance as part-time employees or volunteers while completing their school requirements.

Winners were selected from a competitive slate of nominees in the following categories:

- Student of the Year (a new award this year)
- Exceptional Educator (a new award this year)
- Employee of the Year
- Employer of the Year
- Architectural Accessibility
- Valued Community Service
- Pride of the City

Since 1988, these awards have celebrated the outstanding achievements of individuals with a disability, as well as recognized those who provide employment and opportunity to those with a disability. Tempe has a long history of being a cooperative and inclusive community. It is hoped that events such as this will encourage others to emulate the winners and begin to advocate for and support the full participation of all people.

Support from Caribbean Spice, Moran Marketing, Irene and Lynn Mochel and the Tempe History Museum have made this event possible.



## About Tempe Community Council

Tempe Community Council (TCC) is a community-based nonprofit with a 40-year history of encouraging resident interaction and commitment to human services in Tempe. TCC serves as a unique convening point for government, nonprofits, the faith community and residents to work together to ensure that the most vulnerable in our community are served with dignity and provided with a comprehensive system of support. TCC and the City of Tempe are partners in a continuum of coordinated services to enhance the lives of Tempe residents, particularly those most in need

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## About the Commission on Disability Concerns

The Mayor's Commission on Disability Concerns advises and makes recommendations to the City Council and assists City departments and the City Manager in the establishment of essential policies, rules and regulations relating to compliance with federal and state disabilities legislation or regulations and on other disabilities concerns and issues as needed and prepares and submits an annual report to the City Manager and City Council. The Commission is composed of fifteen (15) members selected from Tempe residents. Terms are for three years and meetings are usually held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road. [www.tempe.gov](http://www.tempe.gov)

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