

Awards and Accolades

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Las Adelitas Arizona ^[1] honored **Maria Teresa Velez**, associate dean of the **UA Graduate College** ^[2], with the creation of a scholarship fund for Latinas pursuing higher education in Southern Arizona. Las Adelitas Arizona is a nonprofit organization that advocates for the engagement of Latinas in the political process. The scholarship was officially established at the organization's third annual Posada on Saturday. Velez has dedicated much of her professional life to the advancement of underrepresented groups in higher education. As associate dean of the UA's Graduate College since 1996, Velez has focused on diversity programs and has helped increase the presence of minority students in postgraduate studies and has mentored many Latinos and Latinas as they pursued their educational goals.

Keisuke Hirano, head of the **Department of Economics** ^[3] at the **Eller College of Management** ^[4], has been chosen as a fellow of the **Econometric Society** ^[5], an international society with the purpose of advancing economic theory relating to statistics and mathematics. Fellows are selected for their significant contributions to economics. Hirano earned his master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Harvard University and his bachelor's degree in economics from Yale University. He specializes in empirical methodology for microeconomics and related fields. Hirano also works to develop methods for analyzing economic data and assessing the impact of economic policies. His current projects focus on economic forecasting and model choice, as well as analyzing data from auctions and other settings with strategic interactions.

The Aurora Foundation of Southern Arizona ^[6] selected **Cheryl Glass**, director of **Camp Wellness** ^[7], as a recipient of the **Daniel Moreno Educator Award** ^[8]. The foundation presented the award to Glass on Oct. 4 at its fifth annual Award and Silent Dinner Auction. The Educator Award is presented to a person who strives to share knowledge with others and provide them with understanding and skills. Glass was honored for assisting hundreds of people with mental illnesses throughout her career, helping them improve their lives by educating them on the possibility of recovery. Camp Wellness is a **UA RISE Health & Wellness Center** ^[9] initiative. It consists of a nine-week program designed to help those with serious mental illnesses or substance abuse problems through peer support and classes.

Professors **Elliott Cheu**, **Ken Johns**, **Erich Varnes**, **Michael Shupe** and **John Rutherford** are being honored by the **UA College of Science** ^[10] with the first **Galileo Circle** ^[11] Dean's Award. The Dean's Board of Advisers instituted the award in recognition of the "extraordinary accomplishments of a team of UA science faculty scientists." Cheu, Johns, Varnes, Shupe and Rutherford are collaborators on the **ATLAS experiment** ^[12] at the **European Organization for Nuclear Research's Large Hadron Collider** ^[13], which aided in the discovery of the Higgs boson particle. The experimental particle physics group has made exceptional contributions over many years by building key pieces of the ATLAS experiment, developing software used in running the experiment and producing numerous results searching for new physics.

Gholam A. Peyman and **Frederic Zenhausern**, both faculty members in the **UA College of Medicine – Phoenix** ^[14], have been named fellows of the **National Academy of Inventors** ^[15]. Election to NAI fellow status is a high professional distinction awarded to academic inventors who have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation and whose inventions have made tangible impacts. Peyman also is a professor of optical sciences and engineering at the UA. His most widely known invention is LASIK eye surgery, a vision correction procedure designed to allow people to see clearly without glasses. Zenhausern is a professor and director of the **Center for Applied Nanobioscience and Medicine** ^[16] at the **UA College of Medicine – Phoenix** ^[16]. His work is aimed at early diagnostics of human diseases, such as cancer, infectious and cardiovascular diseases. His team is developing platform technologies to translate molecular analysis into clinical tools and adoption of novel technologies for point-of-care diagnostics applications, such as the Microfluidic DNA Analysis System – one of Zenhausern's innovations that allows for DNA analysis in a mobile setting.

The **Credit-Wise Cats** ^[17] were honored on Friday at the 2013 **Metropolitan Pima Alliance Common Ground** ^[18] awards ceremony with a win for the **Arizona Financial Face-Off project** ^[19]. The Credit-Wise Cats organization is one of several financial education outreach programs developed by the UA's **Take Charge America Institute for Consumer Financial Education and Research** ^[20] in the **John & Doris Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences** ^[21]. The Common Ground awards recognize community leaders, projects and events that feature successful collaboration between the private and public sectors for the overall benefit of the community. Arizona Financial Face-Off is a finance-focused competition for Tucson high school students that allows them to gain a deeper understanding of topics like budgeting, saving, credit cards, credit reports and the fundamentals of financial stability.

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- Name of the organization granting the honor.
- A description of the honor.
- When the honor was announced and when it will be presented (or was presented).
- A photo of the honoree. If others appear in the photo, please provide their names and affiliations.

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