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"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations." — Dr. Mae Jemison



Arizona PTA January Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Nataucha Legge for being selected the Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month for January. Western Peaks PTSA nominated Nataucha in recognition of her outstanding contributions as a Special Education Teacher and PTSA partner. It is said that Nataucha consistently goes above and beyond to create an inclusive and nurturing learning environment that positively impacts the lives of both students and colleagues and that she is a collaborative force. She consistently attends PTSA events and her PTSA feels she embodies the spirit of excellence, compassion, and dedication that defines an exceptional educator.

PTA Founders' Day

Founders' Day, February 17 is when we celebrate the legacy and work of our founders. National PTA works toward bettering the lives of every child in education, health and safety. Founded in 1897 as the National Congress of Mothers by Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst, National PTA is a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. **Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst founded the organization when women did not have the right to vote. But they believed mothers would support their mission to eliminate threats that endangered children, and in early 1897, they started a nationwide campaign. In 1970, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (National PTA) and the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers (NCCPT)—founded by Selena Sloan Butler in Atlanta, Ga.—merged to serve all children. As the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation, National PTA is the conscience of the country for children and youth issues. Your local PTA/PTSA unit can get creative and celebrate our Founders' Day each year. Make it a part of your planning and budget and honor our founders and your membership.**



Below are some members of the current Arizona PTA Board of Managers celebrating with the National PTA Founders following a recent meeting.



Black History Month

During February, Black History Month, we highlight the incredible contributions made by Black Americans throughout U.S. history. It is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Americans including Selena Sloan Butler. Butler founded the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers (NCCPT) in 1920. [Black History Month 2024: Facts, Theme & Origins | HISTORY](#)

Local PTA/ PTSA Unit Nominating Committee



It is that time of year when local PTA/PTSA units elect their Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee members work to seek nominees for the local unit election to be held in April or May. Be sure to include electing a nominating committee on your next general meeting agenda. Here are the bylaws regarding the Nominating Committee.

Section 5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- a. There shall be a nominating committee composed of three (3) members who shall be elected by this local PTA/PTSA unit at a regular general membership at least two (2) months prior to the election of officers. The committee shall elect its own chair.
- b. The nominating committee shall nominate an eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at a general membership meeting prior to the election meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting.
- c. Only those paid members who have given their consent to serve, if elected, shall be nominated for, or elected to an office.



Diversity and Inclusion Award

Does your local PTA/PTSA unit excel in the areas of diversity and inclusion? If so, be sure to apply for the National PTA's 2024 Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion award. Winners will receive \$1,000, recognition at the 2024 National PTA Convention and more. [PTA.org/DiversityAward](https://pta.org/DiversityAward) [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Run Your PTA | National PTA](#)



Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month

Have you submitted a nominee for Teacher of the Month? Each Arizona PTA local PTA/PTSA unit may send in one applicant submission (for 1 nominee only) per month for the Teacher of the Month program during the months of September through April. Submissions are due by the last day of each month. We hope your local unit PTA/PTSA unit will participate and send in a selected Teacher of Month nominee as often as possible. Teacher of the Month winners will receive a monetary award and a certificate from Arizona PTA. [Teacher of the Month | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](https://azpta.org)



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2023-2024
TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Is your unit in good standing
with Arizona PTA?

Do you have an amazing
educator who is also a
member of your local unit?

*Nominate your favorite
school staff who goes above
& beyond for the school,
their students and your PTA
for Teacher of the Month!*

*Monthly winners awarded
a \$100 by check*

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APPLICATION IS FOUND AT
WWW.AZPTA.ORG
UNDER **PROGRAMS AND
EVENTS**



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ALEXANDRIA, VA

Registration is Open

PTA.org/LegCon

Calendar

2/17/2024 - National PTA Founders' Day [History - About PTA | National PTA](#)

2/20/2024 - Local PTA/PTSA unit Reporting on Givebacks Due

2/26-3/1/2024- Public Schools Week [Public School Proud](#)

2/29/2024 - Arizona PTA Teacher of the Month Nominations Due [Teacher of the Month | Arizona PTA \(azpta.org\)](#)

2/29/2024 - Join Walmart to learn about free 1 year Business + Membership for PTA/PTSA units [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

3/7-8/2024 - National PTA Legislative Conference - [Legislative Conference - Events | National PTA](#)

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