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Challenge Charter School recognized for high quality civic learning One of 20 to earn state designation

Glendale, AZ – Challenge Charter School is pleased to announce that CCS has been recognized as one of 20 Arizona Civic Engagement schools by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). The honor is part of ADE's Excellence in Civic Engagement Program (ECEP).

Launched in October 2012, the ECEP was designed to recognize and support the important role that schools play to ensure that students are informed and engaged citizens. ECEP recognizes schools that implement the principles discussed within the *Guardian of Democracy: The Civic Mission of Schools* report, which provides research-based evidence of the decline in civic learning in American schools and presents six proven practices that should be at the center of every school's approach to civic learning.

Twenty-eight schools across the state, traditional and charter, applied for recognition as School of Merit, School of Distinction and School of Excellence. Of those schools, eight were judged to have emerging programs, ten have been recognized as a School of Merit and ten are honored as a School of Distinction. Challenge Charter School was named a School of Distinction.

“One of the founding principles of Challenge Charter School, was its commitment to the larger community- Supporting our State’s National Guard and the US Marines; Fund Raisers for 1st responders, Community food banks, and the Red Cross for disaster relief, to name just a few that this school community has supported over the last 18 years. It is much appreciated that ADE’s ECEP has been developed to recognize and promote this type of community support”- Wendy Miller, MBA, Principal of Challenge Charter School.

Challenge Charter School will be recognized at an award ceremony on September 17th, 2013-Consitution Day.

For more information about ADE’s Excellence in Civic Engagement Program, please visit www.azed.gov/civicengagement. For more information about Challenge Charter School, please visit www.challengecharterschool.net.