

# Yet another award handed out to Challenge Charter School leader

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Greg Miller, principal and co-founder of Challenge Charter School, has been recognized yet again. Last month, Miller was named one of 13 national "principals who perform" by the Center for Education Reform (CER) at the group's 13th annual conference in Washington, D.C.

The award comes on the heels of the school's "excelling" ranking in the Arizona Department of Education's AZ Learns profile in October, and Miller's induction into the AZ LEADS<sup>3</sup> Circle of Honor earlier this year. AZ LEADS<sup>3</sup> is a coalition of education and business leaders around the state.

The Center for Education Reform noted stellar achievement scores at the Glendale school and its leader's support of the charter school movement. Miller said part of the recognition was about "not letting the torch dim, let alone go out."

"I am honored – CER basically interfaces with more than 4,000 charter schools nationwide," he said.

Miller and his wife, Pam, founded Challenge Charter School a decade



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It is appropriate that Challenge Charter School CEO Greg Miller, center, is surrounded by his family earlier this week, as he said a recent award is the result of a cooperative effort. Miller and his wife, Pam, left, founded the school a decade ago. The couple's daughter, Wendy, is vice principal. She joined her parents at the school in 2000.

ago, the first official "Core Knowledge" school in the state.

The K-6 school boasts an enrollment of 618, many who are bussed from Anthem, Buckeye, Litchfield Park, Maryvale, Surprise and Central Phoenix. Still more come from the surrounding neighborhood

near 59th Avenue and Bell Road.

For more information about Challenge Charter School, visit the school's Web site at [www.challengecharterschool.net](http://www.challengecharterschool.net) or call (602) 938-5411.

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