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West-MEC Employee Receives Arizona Capitol Times “Cap Under 40” Honor

Glendale, Ariz. (Dec. 1, 2022) – Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC) Elementary and Community Liaison, Rahsaan Bartet, was recently awarded Cap Under 40 honors from the Arizona Capitol Times. Bartet is one of only 19 individuals to receive the recognition.

This distinction highlights those under the age of 40 whose work ensures that critical services, like education, economics and more, continue, and that policies reflect Arizona’s short and long-term interests. This year’s recipients have stayed diligent and have excelled in their position throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing hardships.

“It’s truly an honor to be recognized amongst such outstanding leaders. There’s hundreds of great people who could be on this list so I am humbled to be a part of it,” said Bartet.

Honorees of “Cap Under 40” routinely take on the most challenging issues and have established their credentials through hard work.

In addition to being West-MEC’s Elementary and Community Liaison, Bartet serves in other leadership positions in the community. He is the current chair of the leadership council of Opportunities For Youth, a nonprofit housed out of ASU’s Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions. OFY works with local communities, government entities and schools to help re-engage youth between the ages of 18–24 who have dropped out of school, are underemployed or unemployed.

He also holds leadership positions with Arizona Career and Technical Education Association, TradeUp!, and many more.

“I would like to thank my parents, who instilled in me at a very young age that compassion and perseverance are values to be kept close to the hear,” said Bartet. “I would also like to thank my great colleagues at West-MEC who make up every morning to try and make the world a better place by providing high-quality Career and Technical Education programs.”

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district focusing solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools across 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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