

Mayor Mark Mitchell, the Tempe City Council
and the Tempe Diablos welcome you to the

20th Annual

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**Tempe's Changemakers and
Courage Awards Banquet**

#TempeYouthFest





J.R. Cardenas was born in Fresno, California to immigrant parents. He is the second of six children, all boys. At a young age he was sent to live in Nayarit, Mexico with his grandparents and learned to read, speak and write Spanish proficiently.

His career started at the age of 18 as a remote technician for a Spanish language radio station. He attended a broadcasting academy where he learned the basic fundamentals of both Radio and Television broadcasting.

Three years into his career, J.R. was the main anchor for a weekend television show, which soon became one of the most viewed amongst hispanics in Arizona. At a young age he learned to lead shows which later in his career allowed him to produce, direct and host a variety of shows throughout the U.S.

Spanish Television was the beginning of his career and soon after J.R. would make the jump onto the general market. He became the host of an Arizona based show that grew rapidly onto cover the southwestern states, and in late 2015 J.R. Joined 12 News as part of the morning show team.

Since then he's transitioned to tell some great stories of the community, A+ Teachers, Made in Arizona and has become a bridge between the Hispanic and General Market communities.



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Changemakers and Courage Awards Banquet

Tempe Mission Palms Hotel

6:00 pm

Reception with Tempe High's Mariachi de Tempe

Doors Open and Seating

Opening Comments

Mayor Mitchell

and Tempe Diablo President Rich Antonio

Dinner

Changemakers Award Presentations

Corona del Sol Steel Drum Band

Courage Award Presentations

Closing Comments

Emcee:

JR Cardenas

12 News Reporter

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Changemakers

We celebrate students who are committed to a cause, dedicating themselves to making the world a better place. Whether it's on their school campus or in our community, when they see a problem, they take meaningful action to create positive change.

Courage Awards

We celebrate students who have courageously overcome incredible adversity. They choose to make their education a priority while facing life challenging events, such as personal and family situations.



Changemakers

Compadre Academy

Jenna Beck
Key'Onna Cooley
Jamal Hinton
Andrew Lopez
Francisco Mendoza

Marcos de Niza High School

Lucy Argota
Braylen Drew
Nicole Hoke
Jakob Rivali
Cassidy Wright

Corona del Sol High School

Ericka Boeger
Julia Cuendet
Maggie Engel
Josh Onwordi
Erica Ronda

McClintock High School

McKinley Becraft
Carmela Guaglianone
Zaria Guignard
Shaul Leket-Mor
Jonah Wiley

Desert Vista High School

Bryson Barrow
Andrew Basha
Elena Kalina
Nabia Kheshtchin-Kamel
Savannah Sampson

Mountain Pointe High School

Dana Beamon
Lauren Everett
Janae Jessie
Justice LeVecke
Nicole Swatton

Tempe High School

Shandy Htun
Theint Nwe
Joseph Olivas
Julio Lara Padilla
Alexis Schlotterback



Courage Awards

Hannah Olsen

McClintock High School

Evan Johnson

Desert Vista High School

Anna Anselone

Mountain Pointe High School

Monica Martinez Aviles

Tempe High School

Michael Cooke

Kyrene Altadeña Middle School

Luz Ruiz

Tempe High School

Daniella Peinado

Marcos de Niza High School

Feliz Gonzalez

Compadre Academy

Sophie Stern

Connolly Middle School

Rudy Rauls

Mountain Pointe High School

Aasiya Muhammad-Bey

Compadre Academy

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