

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

*22nd Annual*

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**2019**

**Tempe's Changemakers and  
Courage Awards Banquet  
April 22, 2019**

**#TempeYouthFest**





**Elizabeth Montgomery**

Arizona Republic Social Media and Special Events Producer

Atlanta born and raised, Elizabeth Montgomery grew up in the newsrooms of WSB-TV and CNN behind her Emmy award-winning journalist father. Since 2005, she has been a reporter, writing for local and national publications but upon graduation from high school, Montgomery's journey from homelessness to journalist began.

Montgomery began her reporting career as writer for the Atlanta Voice Newspaper. For three years she had no home and often found herself sleeping in the parking lot of the paper while also taking classes at Clayton State University. Journalism quickly became more than a passion for her, it was a way of survival. However, with the assistance of an amazing family, the Frazier's, Montgomery was able to find stability in her unpredictable lifestyle and never looked back.

In 2015, she left Atlanta behind and moved to North Carolina to be a web specialist. In that community she saw a disparity of diverse coverage and with that motivation, launched the Black Issues Forum, where reporters and the black community came together to discuss media coverage.

In 2018, Montgomery moved across the country to Phoenix, Arizona to work at the Arizona Republic. As a Community Relations and Events Producer, she is responsible for producing the Arizona Storyteller show and working with community members and organizations to tell their story. She also serves as Parliamentarian of the Arizona Association of Black Journalists.

As a current Tempe resident, Montgomery continues to be an advocate and inspiration for those who face a tough journey. Her own story of hard work and perseverance proves that in helping others along the way, you just might end up helping yourself.

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## Changemakers and Courage Awards Banquet

Tempe Mission Palms Hotel

5:30 pm

Reception with Tempe High's Mariachi de Tempe

5:50 pm

Doors Open and Seating

6:00 pm

Opening Comments

Mayor Mitchell

and Tempe Diablo President Frank Coen

Dinner

Changemakers Award Presentations

Corona del Sol Steel Drum Band

Courage Award Presentations

Closing Comments

Emcee:

Elizabeth Montgomery

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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.

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**Changemakers**

Tempe High School

Diana Gomez  
Daniela Quintero  
Jose Bernal  
Nimo Guhad  
Eddy Vega Beltran

Corona del Sol High School

Brooke Schmidt  
Melanie Furman  
Zhaobo Zhang  
Carter Bower  
Talia Wise

McClintock High School

Kendra Parker  
Emilie Berthiaume  
Thaddaeus Canuel  
Justice Harasha  
Anjelina Stevens

Mountain Pointe High School

Jessica Calabrese  
Christian Perez  
Clara Jauregui  
Hope Swatton  
Jenna Barabash

Marcos de Niza High School

Shannon West  
Megan Norrish  
Daniella Peinado  
Lindsey Waggerby  
Regan Hatch

Desert Vista High School

Jessica Ives  
Armando Montero  
Margaret Braun  
Daanish Daudi  
Zachary Hills

Compadre Academy

Kiley McCarty  
Maria Ordonez  
Alyssa Jauregui  
Jonathan Castro Lupercio  
Kristopher Mathias

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## Courage Awards

**Elsa Hortareas**  
*Tempe High School*

**Ashley Blount**  
*Tempe High School*

**Debbie Hoopes**  
*Kyrene Middle School*

**Evi Johnston**  
*ASPIRE Academy @  
Connolly Middle School*

**Stephen Green**  
*Marcos de Niza High School*

**Anya Griffin**  
*Corona de Sol High School*

**Xavier Lockett**  
*Mountain Pointe High School*

**Jonnea Hunter**  
*Compadre Academy*

**Charlotte Fornasiero**  
*McClintock High School*

**Andrew Zani**  
*Tempe High School*

**Olivia Wambali**  
*Tempe High School*

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