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WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT AWARDS RECOGNIZE EXCEPTIONAL CITY EMPLOYEES

The Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission recognized the work of outstanding women in local public service at the 2016 Women in Government Day Awards Celebration on April 29. Approximately 135 women were recognized as nominees, and representatives from the City of Tucson and Pima County were recognized in four award categories.

City of Tucson Assistant City Manager Julianne Hughes was honored with the Leadership Award. Hughes has shown significant accomplishments through collaboration with City staff, directors, and personnel in the City Manager's Office. She has served the community in a variety of roles over her career, previously serving for nearly a decade as a prosecutor in the Criminal Division of the City Attorney's Office.

Kelly Nañez of the Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT) received the Unsung Heroine Award for her work managing the Streets & Traffic Maintenance Sign Shop. One of her many accomplishments include modifying a trailer to carry barricades for Operation Splash. The trailer allows crews to deliver barricades needed to protect lives when flooding occurs in washes, and it also provides faster response times for crews and the public.

The Rising Star Award was presented to IT Analyst Marissa Jarvis who works with public safety applications. Jarvis manages mobile communications used by public safety personnel in the field 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She also volunteers as a mentor to a community of Japanese students at the University of Arizona.

Jelena Myers and Andrea Frank were presented the Synergy Award for their work in the Tucson Police Department Crime Laboratory DNA Unit. They were instrumental in securing a more than \$1 million grant from the New York County Attorney's Office to process more than 1,000 untested sexual assault kits.

For more information about the Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission, visit <http://pimatucsonwomen.net/>.

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