



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS MONTH'S HONOREES



RACHEL ROSEN
LOCAL HONOREE
CORONA DEL SOL
HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to
our national honoree:
RACHEL ROSEN
from Tempe, AZ
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A teacher of theater, film, and a popular Life 101 class about happiness has been named an Amazing Teacher for September.

Rachel Rosen teaches at Corona Del Sol High School – also where she graduated from and where she was encouraged by her own performing arts teachers to pursue a career in education.

“I was really involved in theater and choir,” Rosen said. “And when I was a senior, two of my teachers separately pulled me aside and said, ‘You know, Rachel, you’d make a really good teacher and here’s why.’ It was like a light bulb going off. I had a lot of leadership roles in high school, and I just needed that little push from some educators who were really influential in my life.”

In addition to theater and technical theater, Rosen is teaching an elective Life 101 class about happiness that was developed by a Yale psychology professor and recently released with a high school curriculum.

Emotional well-being has become even more important amid the pandemic, Rosen said, and the class emphasizes gratitude and kindness. More than 60 students signed up for it.

The friend and colleague who nominated Rosen said, “She is teaching students to seek and find happiness in their every day, celebrating who they are and their unique strengths.”

Rosen said it’s both thrilling and humbling to be named an Amazing Teacher.

“I get nice notes from families and students along the way, but public recognition is not something that you get used to a lot in teaching, and it’s a little bit of validation that maybe I’m doing something right and accomplishing what I set out to do when I decided to be a teacher,” Rosen said.

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