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## **University Students to Honor Huppenthal, Heinz as Legislators of the Year**

*District Events Planned to Also Honor Student Advocates of the Year*

PHOENIX – Directors from the Arizona Students' Association (ASA) have released the list of 2010 Legislators and Student Advocates of the Year awards to members of the State Legislature for their work on the 2010 ASA Legislative Agenda. The two Legislators of the Year award recipients are Senator John Huppenthal (R-20) and Representative Matt Heinz (D-29). The Student Advocates of the Year awardees include State Representatives Rich Crandall (R-19), Bill Konopnicki (R-5), David Schapira (D-17), Nancy Young-Wright (D-26), and State Senators Paula Aboud (D-28) and Linda Gray (R-10).

"These State Legislators went above and beyond to advance ASA's legislative agenda," said Elma Delic, a student at the University of Arizona and Chair of ASA. "It is an honor to award them for standing up for bills important to students."

The awards were based on criteria gauging sponsorship and support of the 2010 ASA Legislative Agenda, a process that began with ASA establishing legislative priorities, students worked to recruit student stories, gathered research and letters of support, and attended the committee hearings. The bills were drafted by ASA which is a statewide organization that represents the collective voice of Arizona's public university students.

As advocated by the State Legislators and proposed by ASA, SB1186 will strengthen efforts to ease the transfer of community college credits to the state's universities by matching course-numbers for 100 and 200 level courses. HB2668 will formalize student government civic engagement efforts with university administration to expand voter access for college students.

The awarding of the plaques will take place at various events as coordinated by students with the respective State Legislators.

**About ASA**

The Arizona Students' Association is the statewide student advocacy organization for all 120,000 public university students in Arizona and has been in existence since 1974. ASA works to make college affordable and accessible by advocating student concerns to all level of government and by showing grassroots support for student issues. For more information, please visit [www.azstudents.org](http://www.azstudents.org).