Nominations Now Being Accepted for this year’s Arizona Secondary Transition Services Awards!

On behalf of the Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services, and other sponsoring agencies, you are invited to nominate a youth or young adult, an individual, parent, manager, employee or business owner to receive recognition and an award at Arizona’s Eighteenth Annual Transition Conference, Ignite the Future! Transition Resources to Spark Engagement.

It is important to us to recognize some of the many successes in the provision of transition services that occur each year across Arizona – but we can’t do it alone! We need your nominations to identify individuals that exceed expectations! After reading the information below, click on this link to make your nomination: Nomination Form for Arizona Secondary Transition Services Awards.

On the first page of the link, you will be given four categories to choose from to nominate someone for an Arizona Secondary Transition Services Award. After choosing a category, you will be provided with the form you need to complete. Be prepared to write a brief justification for your nomination (approximately 500 words). The justification will be reviewed and used for the selection process; therefore, it is pertinent that an effort to identify how the individual has exceeded expectations is clearly stated.

Please do not nominate programs or groups for any of the award categories. The hope is to recognize people for their individual efforts. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request.

The categories of awards we will be honoring are:

1. **Youth/Young Adult Nomination**
   Do you know of a youth or recently graduated young adult who has benefited from successful secondary transition services? Nominate a youth or young adult to receive this award.

2. **Community-Based Nomination**
   Do you know of an individual, an employee, a manager or a community business owner, who has superior experience or skill in the provision of secondary transition services? Does this person exceed expectations in offering the students and/or young adults with disabilities of Arizona an opportunity to connect with community-based experiences?
Nominate an individual, an employee, a manager or a community business owner to receive this award.

3. **School-Based Nomination**  
   Do you know of a certified staff, classified staff, or support staff member, a related service provider, or an administrator who is an example to others in the provision of superior secondary transition services?  
   Nominate a certified staff, classified staff, or support staff member, a related service provider, or an administrator to receive this award.

4. **Secure Care Nomination**  
   Do you know of a secure care certified staff, classified staff, or support staff member, a related service provider, or an administrator who is an example to others in the provision of superior secondary transition services?  
   Nominate a secure care certified staff, classified staff, or support staff member, a related service provider, or an administrator to receive this award.

In order to ensure your nomination is included in the selection process, nomination forms must be submitted by **Friday, July 13, 2018**.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Ana Núñez at (602) 542-4195 or via e-mail at ESSTransition@azed.gov.