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IMAGINE PREP AND IMAGINE ROSEFIELD STUDENT LEADERS ENERGIZED FOR 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

Sunjay Nath Student Leadership Speaker Provides Tips for Successful School Year

Surprise, AZ— Student leaders from Imagine Prep at Surprise and Imagine Rosefield joined with their colleagues from Imagine campuses across the valley to hear Sunjay Nath, renowned student leadership speaker on Friday, July 30th.

“Imagine Prep at Surprise prides itself on preparing students for college, career, and life,” explained John Buzzard, Principal Imagine Prep at Surprise. “This requires us to provide our students with opportunities to gain the skills and knowledge to succeed not only at Imagine Prep but for life afterwards. Mr. Nath’s comments encouraged our students to think about the upcoming school year and provided strategies on how to make the most of this year.”

Sunjay’s comments encouraged students to take responsibility for their action or inaction and reminded students that ultimately they are in charge of their own destiny. This message of ownership and self determination especially resonated with the members of the Imagine Prep at Surprise Student Council members who were in attendance. The Student Council plans and implements many of the schools social functions throughout the year but is also responsible for advocating on behalf of the student body.

Sunjay’s comments made me realize the importance of focusing on the good stuff,” explained Ben Scattergood, Imagine Prep student. “I will definitely make an effort to be more positive this year and to focus on the good stuff. I will work with the Student Council to make sure we take responsibility for creating the type of school the students want to part of.”

Students at Imagine Rosefield responded most to Sunjay’s words regarding personal responsibility.

“Sunjay was very interesting,” said Sara Morris, sixth grader at Imagine Rosefield. “I really liked when he encouraged us not to listen to others but to find our own path. As I start the school year, I will remember ‘chife’ and that it is my choice to have a good or bad day.

”Sunjay encouraged the students to remember, “Although we are influenced by the people around us, any action we do or not do is ENTIRELY our responsibility.” He went on to say, “Every morning you wake up with a choice, whether you are going to have a good day or a bad day. Whether you choose good or

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bad, you're right.”

Sunjay Nath's rich life experience provides the foundation for his motivational talk. In addition to authoring *The ABCs of Student Leadership* and being a contributing author of *Professionally Speaking*, Sunjay travels around the world speaking to students and student leaders about making life choices and taking ownerships for the choices they make. Prior to becoming an author and professional speaker Sunjay was a founding Vice President of an e-learning company based in Toronto that has gone on to become a multimillion-dollar company.

Buzzard continued, “Sunjay definitely inspired our students to start the school year off with a bang. I am excited to see the amazing things all our students accomplish this year.”

The event was sponsored by the Arizona West Region of Imagine Schools. In all, approximately 100 students attended the event, with 20 from Imagine Prep at Surprise and 20 from Imagine Rosefield. Imagine students return to school on Thursday, August 5th.

Imagine Prep at Surprise is a tuition free college prep school preparing students in grades 7-12 for college, career, and life using technology and project based learning. To learn more about Imagine Prep at Surprise, please see <http://www.surpriseprep.com> . Imagine Rosefield provides a learning community of achievement and hope for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. To learn more about Imagine Rosefield please see <http://www.imaginerosefield.com>

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Pictures below and attached:

Caption: L: R Katie Fosgreen, a student entering 4th grade at Imagine Rosefield volunteers during Sunjay Nath, motivational presentation to Imagine Schools student leaders.



Caption: L: R: Sunjay Nath, student leadership motivational speaker takes a minute to answer a few questions from Imagine Prep reporter, Christian Rubio after his speech.

