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### **AHS Senior Receives Award from Department of Education**

**Tucson, AZ** - Amphitheater High School Senior, Travis Frank, received the *2009 Youth and Young Adult Award* from the Arizona Department of Education at their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Transition Services Conference in Scottsdale, last week. Travis received the award for his work with leading and constructing his own special education Individual Education Plan (IEP) and transition meetings for the last three years. Transition services are an integral part of a special needs students' IEP which are designed to facilitate a successful transition from high school to postsecondary education or employment, and independent living. Though these meetings are required by law for every exceptional education student, Travis's participation, leadership, and ability to run his own meetings has set him apart from other students, and now earned him this award.

As a member of the Amphitheater Community Transition Team, Travis has attended workshops and provided "the student's point of view" to other transition teams from across the state. He has participated in panel discussions at the Arizona Transition Conference and has been asked to share his experiences on a national level.

"Travis has given of his time and expertise in the area. He is truly a participating team member as well as the driver of his transition plan", said Nancy Jones, Transition Coordinator, Amphi High School. "He is an example of what the participation of the student means to the fulfillment and functioning of the transition team and plan."

In addition to his work with exceptional education, Travis serves as a student Athletic Trainer for the AHS Athletic Department, and works with the AHS varsity football team.

Amphi High is one of the 22 schools and special programs that make up the Amphitheater School District which serves the educational needs of nearly 16,000 students in Northwest Tucson and Oro Valley.

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