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Congratulations to the Awards of Excellence Winners!

The Awards of Excellence Winners were announced at the Annual 2016 AZ Out-of-School Time Conference! Congratulations to all of our finalist and those winners!

Melanie McClintock Leadership Award Winner

Chris Lopez, City of Avondale's Youth Development & Community Engagement Supervisor

Outstanding Out-of-School Time Professional

Diane Bushu, Deer Valley USD Las Brisas Before and After Care's Lead Instructor

Outstanding Out-of-School Time Program

Spencer D. and Mary Jane Stewart Branch,
Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix



Stay tuned as we follow up with our winners and you see them throughout the year in another round of fantastic COX-sponsored videos.

**15th Annual Arizona
Awards of Excellence**

Join the National Afterschool Association Virtual Conference

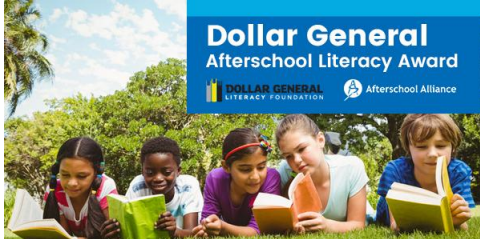
The **NAA16 Virtual Convention** will be starting next week! In last year's inaugural Virtual Convention, nearly 500 afterschool professionals participated and offered great feedback on how it benefited both their professional growth and their program.

NAA16 Virtual Convention packages the **top-rated workshops from the 2016 NAA Annual Convention** and delivers them in a convenient online format. You'll gain valuable insight from knowledgeable, motivational, fun speakers-ideas you can begin implementing immediately! [See the list of workshops.](#)



Register for the Virtual Conference

Nominate a Program with Strong Literacy Activities



The **Afterschool Alliance** is partnering with the **Dollar General Literacy Foundation** to welcome nominations for the **\$10,000 Dollar General Afterschool Literacy Award** for a third year. This year focuses on English language learners and the ways OST programs ensure these youth have the reading and writing abilities they need to thrive.

Nominate a program today.

Find out more on the site for the Dollar General Afterschool Literacy Award. An upcoming webinar will also host past winners to share lessons and tips for nominating a program. If you have any questions, please email **Nikki Yamashiro**. The deadline is **December 16, 2016**.

Join the 2016 Youth Leadership Day



The **Governors Youth Commission** invites all Arizona high school youth to the **11th annual Youth Leadership Day (YLD)** conference. This day provides an opportunity for students across the state to hear inspirational speakers, attend leadership development workshops and network with their peers.

The goal is to motivate Arizona's future leaders to recognize their inherent skills and gain the necessary tools to assist them in positively contributing to the development of a stronger, safer, and more prosperous state. In 2016, YLD was attended by over 600 youth, youth group leaders, and educators. **Register now**

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