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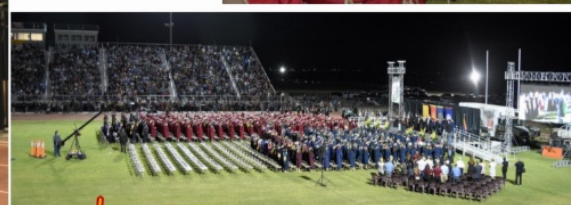
Graduation



1963-1965



AWC Now!



Graduation 2019



State Representative Charlene Fernandez currently serves Legislative District 4 -- which includes parts of Yuma, Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal Counties -- in the Arizona legislature, and is the Democratic Caucus Leader of the House of Representatives.

Charlene is one of the legislature's strongest advocates for public education, frequently pushing for more school funding from her position on the appropriations committee.

Prior to being elected to the legislature, Charlene worked in a variety of policy and constituent service roles for Congressman Ed Pastor, Governor Janet Napolitano and Congressman Raúl Grijalva. Charlene also served for more than 12 years on the Yuma Union High School Board.

Charlene was born and raised in Yuma, Arizona. She graduated from Northern Arizona University with a degree in elementary education.

Charlene and her husband, Sergio live in Yuma and together raised three children Brian, Carlye, and Lisa.



AWC Hall of Fame Celebration

Established in 2011, the AWC Hall of Fame honors alumni, former students, faculty and community leaders who have made a major contribution to the mission and goals of Arizona Western College, or, as former students, have contributed to in a significant way to the lives of others after being a part of the AWC Student Body.

Inductee: *Charlie Dine*



Serving as Arizona Western College's athletic director, Charlie Dine took over the head coaching duties for the Matador softball program out of necessity in 1982 and led the program for 11 seasons. During that time, he led Arizona Western to the NJCAA Softball Championship Tournament three times. His teams won national championships in 1983 and 1987 and also finished as the national runner-up in 1986. He earned national coach of year honors in 1983 and 1987 as well.

Dine finished his career at AWC with 248 wins and 99 losses, which at the time ranked in the top 10 in NJCAA history for most career wins. He also coached eight first-team All-Americans. During his 27 years at AWC, the doors to his office and home were always open to students

and student-athletes of AWC and youth of Yuma County.

Softball was not the only tie ...[Read more about Charlie Dine](#)

Inductee: *1987 AWC Softball Championship Team*



Bolstered by remarkable pitching from three players, the 1987 Softball team (54-11) dominated regular-season play and sailed to a national title with tough defense and great coaching.

It's remarkable that the team's lead pitcher, Kim Stoner, earned top billing as the country's best. What's even more remarkable is the team included pitchers Kim Beatty and Adrianna Bojorquez, who finished fifth and seventh in the nation - creating a pitching juggernaut. That powerhouse was coached on the field by ACCAC Player of the Year and AWC catcher Tammy Turner, who called every pitch from behind the plate. [Read more about the 1987 Softball](#)

[Championship Team](#)

1983 AWC Softball Championship Team



The teammates on the 1983 softball team jelled early, and coach Charlie Dine "said he thought way back in January his girls had a good chance (to play for a championship)" according to an article in the August 15, 1983 edition of the Western Weekly.

"The championship was very satisfying - to the players and the coaches," Dine said in the article by Joyce Christie. "It was a realization of all our goals. They all came true this year. At the national there wasn't anything

better or bigger than here in the Arizona Conference."

Two players on this roster were named to the NJCAA Softball All-Americans: Debbie Mygind (pitcher) and Missi Vassar (centerfield). Mygind was the nation's top strike-out pitcher, and Vassar led the country in RBI's. Six players were named to the all-conference team: Theresa Sims (third base), Nikki Woo (catcher) joined Mygind and Vassar on the first team, while Cindi Garcia (shortstop) and Tammy Braskett (second base) were named to the second team. [Read more about the 1983 AWC Softball Champions](#)



Kim Carroll, Lora Prince, Tammy Turner



Inductees enjoying the AWC softball game.



Tammy Turner, 1987



Tammy Turner, 2019



Lora Prince threw out the first pitch of the AWC Softball Game

AWC Alumni, students, advisors, staff, and Foundation staff and board members took the time to treat the graduates to breakfast after their rehearsal. We could not have done this without them. THANK YOU!!! Special thanks to ASU, NAU and UofA for sponsoring this breakfast.



AWC Alumni volunteers serving Chili Pepper burritos to the graduates.



AWC, ASU, NAU, and UofA graduates enjoy their breakfast after their rehearsal.

Help support higher education and make an impact on our community!

The AWC Alumni Association is close to establishing an



endowment of \$10,000 for scholarships! Has AWC made an impact on your life? Plan for a gift that keeps on giving and donate to the AWC Alumni Association to support this legacy gift. Also, be part of the establishment committee that determines criteria for the scholarship. What are you waiting for, donate now!

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