

## Rodel program trains next generation of leaders

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With a shortage of potential school principals looming, the Rodel Exemplary Principal Initiative has been created to provide a new generation of highly skilled school leaders.

The first class of Rodel Aspiring Principals will begin a two-year process to help prepare them to lead high-need schools.

"They bring a wealth of different experiences and preparations, but all have one thing in common: They are committed to a philosophy of ensuring all students succeed," said Rodel President and CEO Carol Peck.

The Rodel Charitable Foundation of Arizona, in partnership with Social Venture Partners Arizona launched the program this year. The 12 Aspiring Principals have a history of high student achievement and is committed to working with students in high-need communities. They are in positions ranging from classroom teacher to assistant principal with four to 21 years of experience in education.

They will be paired with one of the four Rodel Exemplary Principals who were selected earlier this year: Debbie Hutson, Lela Alston Elementary; Howard Paley, Edison Elementary; Barbara Pierce, Madison Camelview Elementary; and Jeff Sprout, Montebello Elementary.

View a slide show and read more about the aspiring principals at [phoenix.azcentral.com](http://phoenix.azcentral.com).

The 12 Aspiring Principals are:

- Karen Barton, Montebello [Elementary School](#), Phoenix.
- Ryen Borden, W.R. Sullivan Elementary School, Phoenix.
- Angelica Cruz, Excelencia Elementary School, Phoenix.
- Jacquylne Hardiesty, Cheatham Elementary School, Laveen.
- Theresa Killingsworth, Sevilla West Elementary School, Phoenix.
- Lauren Levy, Hendrix Junior High School, Chandler.
- Kristi Pashley, Madison Park Elementary School, Phoenix.
- Alana Ragland, Carol G. Peck Elementary School, Glendale.
- Teresa Simmons, Grayhawk Elementary, Scottsdale.
- Brady Wald, Gililand Middle School, Tempe.
- Stephen Wolf, Gateway Elementary School, Phoenix.
- Sarah Zembruski, Desert Meadows Elementary School, Laveen.