



**The 2006 English Acquisition Services
"Arizona ELL Teacher of the Year"**

Lisa Wakefield

Greenway High School, Glendale Union High School District

Lisa Wakefield is an ELL teacher at Greenway High School in the Glendale Union High School District.

Lisa was on her way to a career in Business. As she began her senior year, she reluctantly inquired of one her professors, "What would you think if I told you I wanted to be a teacher?" Her professor's response – "I know you well enough to know that if you put your mind to something – you *can do* and *will do* it well." That is all **Lisa** needed to go forward. After a summer experience in China, teaching English as a Second Language, Lisa decided to follow her heart and pursue her Master's Degree in Education.

As history would have it, Lisa graduated from Greenway High School and her 17 year commitment to teaching ELLs has brought her full circle. She returned to Greenway High School three years ago to restart an ELL program.

Lisa is committed to teaching English Language Learners. Lisa's plan for the future is to continue that which she loves - teaching ELLs. "There is something different when you take the time to teach a student the English language, to teach them to survive in a new culture. There is a unique bond that is built between the teacher and the student."