

Arizona Department of Education

Educator & School Excellence Unit- Title IV-A Program Area

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great excitement that I announce to you the latest growth within our Title IV-A program. Many of you are undoubtably familiar with the wonderful **Sandra Skelton** – while Sandra has been part of our Title IV-A team since its inception, I am happy to officially announce that Sandra will now be serving as our Title IV-A Education Program Specialist! Deeply rooted within the innerworkings of federal programs, Sandra will continue developing advanced tools to streamline the LEA and SEA grant review process. Please join me in congratulating Sandra on this advancement!

New to our team as our Program Project Specialist is **Venesa Hernandez**. Venesa joins us from the Exceptional Student Services Unit where she served as a Case Manager for the ASPIRE program. Venesa will be continuously monitoring our grant review process, ensuring a timely grant flow, as well as assisting with annual reporting and special projects.

Joining us from the Tolleson Union High School District is **Erin Henderson**. Erin will be serving as our Title IV-A Digital Learning Specialist and will oversee the new Office of Digital Literacy!

Our Title IV-A Program area is <u>fully</u> staffed!

As your Director of Arts Education & Title IV-A, I am charged with providing constituents with high quality staff, ensuring the best possible technical assistance and positive customer experience. I celebrate the solidification of our program area and look forward to increasing your customer satisfaction while also ensuring you have regular access to our content expertise.

Together, we will reimagine education through Title IV-A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment.

Yours in Collaboration,

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Sandra Skelton is an Education Program Specialist for the Title IV-A grant. She has worked in the education field for 21 years and with the ADE since 2006. Her extensive background working with diverse programs and grants within the ADE has equipped her to be a valuable asset and resource in launching the new Title IV-A grant. Sandra works with LEAs to provide technical assistance with the Title IV-A grant and how schools can best leverage these federal funds to support and enhance enrichment programs for all students.



Venesa Hernandez recently graduated from ASU with a BA in Family and Human Development and a Minor in Anthropology. With ten years in education, Venesa brings a passion for learning cultivated from her experience working at both the ADE and the Glendale Union High School District. Before joining the Title IV-A Team as the Program Project Specialist, Venesa served as a Case Manager for the ASPIRE project with the Exceptional Student Services Unit. Ms. Hernandez is an Arizona native and she is thrilled to be able to serve Arizona students and teachers.



Erin Henderson is from Chateaugay, New York, a small town along the Canadian border. She attended the State University of New York at Plattsburgh where she received a Bachelor of Arts in History and Master of Science in Teaching. Ms. Henderson relocated to Arizona in 2014 and began working at Copper Canyon High School as a World History Teacher and then became the Library Media Specialist. Her love of books and helping others integrate technology into their classrooms drives her passion for serving Arizona's students and schools. Erin lives in Phoenix with her husband and twin daughters, Charlotte and Nora.