

**ATLAS Learning Academy**  
Achievement Through Leadership  
Adventure and Service.



“Let Nature be your teacher.”  
- William Wordsworth

# Amazing Staff!

As ATLAS continues its monthly growth, we could not do what we do without the staff we are honored to leverage from Phoenix High School, next door to ATLAS. PHS teachers are the core subject teachers for all ATLAS High School students. As the subject area specialists, these teachers assign and correct work, offer on site mini-labs, and are available for daily “office hours” for students to get help and/or take tests. The ability to get help when needed from teachers that students develop strong relationships with, is an advantage that really stands out for students at ATLAS. Here is what students had to say about them:



“**Mrs. Nelson** is easily the best English teacher I’ve ever had. She’s helpful, strict when she needs to be, but lenient if the circumstances require it. She’s smart, funny, and knows how to brighten up a student’s day. Mrs. Nelson has helped me improve my own writing substantially, and has encouraged me in my writing and along my career path. Mrs. Nelson has truly been a positive influence on my life, and she’s made a massive impact in my own confidence with my writing.” Colten--11th Grader

“**Mrs. Gruber** is an amazing teacher and leader to me. She’s always willing to help me and all of her students and makes sure that they’re where they need to be in order to improve. She always makes sure that I have what’s necessary to get work done and she helps me make plans to get my work done that work for me, personally. She encourages me and even though she’s my teacher it feels like she’s my friend too. I feel safe and happy and understood whenever I’m in her classroom, Thanks Mrs. G.” Analise--11th Grader



“**Mr. Nelson** is by far one of the best teachers I’ve met. He not only pushes you to learn the material, but wants you to understand it and apply it to your everyday life. He sets his students up for success. If something’s wrong with your work he won’t hesitate to tell you to correct it. As a student I respect the effort and the time he takes to ensure that we are getting the job done and learning as much as we can.” Gillian--12th Grader

“**Mr. Alcorn** has been a friend and a teacher for my time at ATLAS. He is a great listener when you need someone to talk to. He makes learning fun and he is always there if you need him. He always makes sure you stay on top of your work and helps you through it as you need it. He is very flexible about when you get work turned in. For example if you need more time writing a paper he will give you the time you need and help with what he can.” Raya--10th Grader



“Due to being a first generation college student I had no idea how the whole college thing worked. Luckily I had **Mrs. Zimmerman**, she welcomed me with open arms and guided me in the right direction. She was always helping me with all my questions, and thanks to her I was able to get accepted into an amazing school. I see how hard she works to guide students to a successful life, and to me her caring personality, patience, and drive is what makes her one of the best staff members on campus.” Maile--12th Grader

“**Rhonda** is the nicest office lady you will probably ever meet. She is very helpful and sweet when you walk into the office and need help. Rhonda memorizes students names and faces quickly which is amazing because there are so many students to remember.” Emma--11th Grader



“**Mr. Whitecotton** is the nicest principal and overall really cool guy. He knows how to talk to kids and he is fun to be around. Mr. Whitecotton is understanding and truly listens to what you have to say. He is an easy ‘go to’ guy. He does anything he can to help you succeed.” Charles--10th Grader



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