the SEED alumni news

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35 Years for the Seed

In September 1977, we started the Seed with nine young children in the Glovers' Tempe garage. This year, our 35th year, we have 146 students from all over the valley who love to learn in their spacious classrooms and play on our huge playground. We have five Seed alumni on staff and nine second generation Seeds. One of our teachers is married to a Seed alumnus. We love all these connections and look forward to expanding them as we develop our Seed Alumni Association.

Seed Alumni Association

Last fall we had our first Seed alumni event, hosted at the home of JT and Jennie Benton. It was wonderful to reconnect with several of our Seed alumni and we've been thinking about how we can develop our alumni group. This year Jessie (Wenz) Coyle, a Seed alumnus and current staff member, is heading up the Seed Alumni Association. She and a committee are working on ideas for including alumni in current school activities as well as some alumni-only events. We welcome your input and ideas. It's a perfect time to get involved and be a part of the Awakening Seed Alumni Association!

Purpose of the Seed Alumni Association

The purpose of the Seed Alumni Association is to engage our alumni in service, capitalize on opportunities for connection, re-establish relationships, invoke resources, and further the mission of the Seed.

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Membership

A $25.00 membership fee will get you an Awakening Seed 35th Anniversary t-shirt with the vintage logo hand drawn by Mary herself. The fee will be used to help maintain the association and its events. Additionally, it is a long term goal to have the means to offer a scholarship solely for the child/ren of The Seed's precious alums. You can send your contribution to the Seed as a check or money order or pay on the website using the Paypal account.

Halloween Carnival

Remember the Halloween carnival? How could you not? It's a night to dress up, play games, be with friends, and giggle during The Mystery Theater performance. We would love it if you could join us again this year for the Awakening Seed Halloween Carnival. It will be held on Friday the 28th at the school from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Alumni Newsletter

It is the goal of the Awakening Seed Alumni Association to get you involved!

We want you to feel connected to the school. In turn we want to feel connected to you! So please email Jessie Coyle at Jessie.Coyle@gmail.com or Mary Glover at marykglover@me.com and let us know what you are doing, where you are, your dreams and aspirations, your accomplishments and your memories of the Seed. Each newsletter will feature a past student. The newsletter will also contain a section called "You Did It" where we honor accomplishments and goals met. Another section will contain Seed memories of its past students.

Alumni Bulletin Board

For several years we've posted graduation announcements of our former students each spring. We are expanding this to include photos and special interest stories of our alumni. If you have done something you'd us to know about, please send the information and a photo or website link. We'd like to display graduation announcements, notices of accomplishments, births, weddings and other proud moments.

Alumni Bios on the Website

Did you know there is a special section on the website devoted to our alumni? If you want to read some bios of a few Seed grads, go to this link: http://www.awakeningseedschool.org/seeds-of-possibility/alumni-connection/
We'd love to add yours to the collection, so contact Mary if you're interested in being featured. It doesn't matter how old you are or what stage of life you've entered. We want your stories!

Follow-up Study

If you're interested in reading the follow-up study of some of our Seed grads, written by Penelope Denton and Mary Glover, you can download the document from this link: http://www.awakeningseedschool.org/wp-content/uploads/files/

Featured Seed Alum: Deana Hernandez

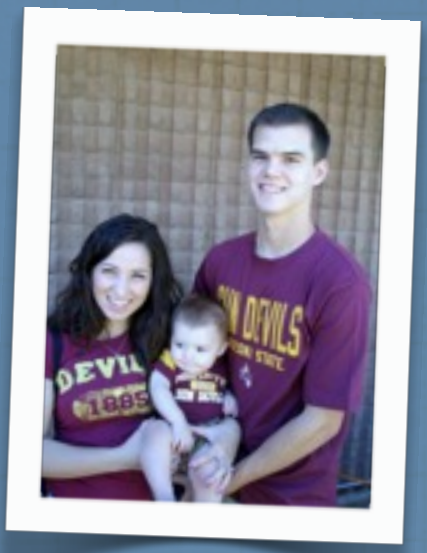
Age: *20*
Attended Awakening Seed: *1993-1998*

What you are doing now?
I'm an assistant teacher at the Seed and raising my handsome one year old son, Sol.

Long term goals:
I have many long term goals, but a couple are obtaining a real estate license, maintaining a healthy lifestyle and receiving a Bachelors degree in Education

Favorite memory of the Seed?
I would have to say my favorite memory is when I was in 2nd grade, Mary picked out a different song for each student in the class and we would all sing someone their song on different days.

One word to describe the Seed?
Enriching



Anything else you would like us to know???
I'm very happy that Sol is able to attend the Seed and I am so honored to be back and working for such an amazing school.