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## **Regents recognize Harry Hengl for Outstanding Service to Higher Education in Arizona**

PHOENIX – The Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) honored Harry Hengl with the Regents' Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education at a dinner reception held in conjunction with the Board's recent meeting.

The award was established in 1996 to provide special recognition for Arizona citizens and/or organizations that provide exceptional service to higher education in Arizona.

"Mr. Hengl's contribution to Northern Arizona University and higher education in Arizona is truly exceptional," commented Regent Mark Killian, who chaired the Regents' Award nomination committee. "It is with respect and gratitude – for his years of leadership and service to NAU, for his decades-long career as an educator, and for his outstanding record of service to the community of Yuma – that we honor him with the Regents' Award."

Northern Arizona University President John Haeger added his praise for the honoree. "Harry Hengl exemplifies how one person can make a big difference in the lives of our students," said NAU President John Haeger. "NAU is especially grateful for his work to strengthen the university's ties to Yuma. This award is well deserved."

A graduate of Northern Arizona University, Mr. Hengl has led a distinguished career as a high school educator until his retirement, and then became the managing member of Western Financial Partners, LLC, a mortgage purchasing company in Yuma. Mr. Hengl's work with NAU is exemplary. His involvement includes being a member of the NAU-Yuma Branch Campus Advisory Board, immediate past chairman of NAU Foundation Board, member and past president of the NAU International Alumni Association, current co-chair of the state-wide Coalition for Solutions through Higher Education, and member of the Leadership Council for the College of Education at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

For the past 21 years, Mr. Hengl has been instrumental in the organization of the NAU Classic Golf Tournament which has provided thousands of dollars for scholarships for local students to attend NAU in Flagstaff and Yuma. He also is actively involved with the P.R.I.S.E. Program, a grant program which aids in training Yuma-area students to become special education teachers. In recognition for his service

to NAU, in 1996 Mr. Hengl was awarded the NAU Alumni Service Award and in 1997 the Distinguished Alumni Award from NAU for his work in education.

This year's honorees also included Thomas Keating and Julie Ann Wrigley. A list of previous award winners is available [here](#).



Harry Hengl and NAU President John Haeger

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