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## **San Miguel High Students Celebrate Fall Sports, School Van Donation at First Pep Rally**

*Vehicle Presentation:*

*Wednesday, August 27 at 3:00 pm*

*San Miguel High School - 6601 S San Fernando Rd., Tucson, AZ*

**TUCSON, AZ (August 25, 2014)** –Students at San Miguel High School will have lots to cheer about at their first school pep rally Wednesday, August 27 at 3:00 p.m. when they kick off Fall sports and the arrival of a newly refurbished school van donated by Caliber Collision and Allstate Insurance.

San Miguel students participate in a unique corporate work study program where they learn skills necessary to be successful in a professional career while earning money to support the cost of their college preparatory education. The van, donated by Caliber Collision and Allstate as part of the nationwide Recycled Rides™ program, will provide students with safe and reliable transportation to get back and forth between school and their jobs.

The Recycled Rides program is a collaboration between collision repair companies, insurers and others in the collision industry who team up to refurbish and donate vehicles to individuals and nonprofit organizations in need. Associates at Caliber Collision volunteered personal time to refurbish the van as another way to restore the customers and communities they serve to the rhythm of their lives.

According to Nicola Hartman, Director of Advancement & Corporate at San Miguel, the school is responsible for transporting all 350 of its students in the Corporate Internship Program to their workplaces throughout Tucson.



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Several of the school's current vehicles are showing signs of aging and becoming unreliable. The Recycled Rides van donation helps ensure the students get to work and classes on time, and reinforces the importance of punctuality and responsibility.

"We respect and admire the commitment that San Miguel students demonstrate through their participation in the Corporate Internship Program," said Mitch McMaster, Caliber Collision Vice President of Operations. "Caliber's purpose is to restore the rhythm of our customer's lives, and we hope this gift of transportation will do the same for San Miguel students as they prepare for a bright future and successful careers."

"At Allstate, we are committed to giving back to our local communities and are thrilled to support the valuable work and academic opportunities that students gain at San Miguel High School," said Edmund Marquez, Allstate agency owner in Tucson.

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## **About San Miguel High School**

San Miguel High School is a private school located on the south side of Tucson. Designed to offer a unique, academic and work-oriented program for ambitious students, it exists solely to educate children of the working poor. More than 85% of our students qualify for the free and reduced meals program. To date San Miguel has a 98% graduation rate.

The Corporate Internship Program is the career-based component of the academic curriculum needed to graduate from San Miguel. Each student is required to work one day per week in a professional work setting, which pays for more than forty-percent of the cost of tuition.