MARCH NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events



March 7: Term 3 Grading Period Ends



March 10: Term 4 Grading Period Begins

March 17 - 21: Spring Break! NO SCHOOL!



March 27: ASVAB Test Room 225 @ 7:20 am

Scan the QR code to sign up for the ASVAB



ASVAB information

Who: Available to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

What: The ASVAB is a standardized test that measures a person's aptitude and potential for military service and other careers.

Where: Room 225

When: March 27 @ 7:20 am

Why: Take the ASVAB if you are interested in joining the military or if you need help with choosing a career pathway.

Cost: FREE

SENIORS

Next Steps: If you applied and got accepted...

- Connect with your college advisor about any questions you have
- Apply for FAFSA/Review your financial aid letter
- Apply for housing and select your meal plan
- Complete your enrollment paperwork and academic advising
- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Participate in new student orientation
- Log in to your student portal and complete your To-Dos
- Update SchooLinks

Next Steps: If you still need to apply for college... Connect with your school counselor or career specialist about any questions you have Utilize SchooLinks to research colleges Apply for FAFSA Apply for scholarships Next Steps Meetings Next Steps Meetings AsU: March 4, 2025 : All day GCU: March 5, 2025 : All day U of A: March 13, 2025 9:00 - 10:00 am

JUNIORS, SOPHOMORES, AND FRESHMEN

This school year is almost over! Make sure you continue to...

- 1. Keep your grades up, finish this semester strong. Your GPA counts from the first day of Freshman year to the last day of Senior year.
- 2. Keep coming to school. Your attendance affects your academic performance.
- 3. Show up to class on time don't be tardy!



2025 College Prep Scholars Program

JUNIORS!

Are you interested in an amazing summer opportunity?

QuestBridge is seeking high-achieving high school juniors from low-income backgrounds to apply to the <u>2025 College Prep</u> <u>Scholars Program</u>! College Prep Scholars can receive awards and opportunities that will give them a head start in applying to top colleges, including...

* A full scholarship to a college summer program at Emory, UChicago, Yale, and more. Valued at up to \$20,000, the scholarship covers travel, tuition, housing, and food.

Vuest for Excellence Awards, valued at \$1,000, for a new laptop or other resources to help students enhance their college applications.

An invitation to a QuestBridge National College Admissions Conference featuring a college fair so students can explore schools that may be a good fit for them.

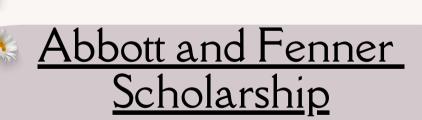
Personalized support with college essays, test prep, applying to college, or completing financial aid forms.

🎉 ...and more!

Scholarships

The Ike Foundation Scholarship

- Be enrolled as a high school senior
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Planning to enroll in a two or four-year college or university as a full time, degree-seeking student
- Demonstrate volunteer commitment of time to support the community
- Preferably fishing/conservation-related
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.2 (current transcript required)
- Submit at least one letter of recommendation from a current teacher, coach or administrator
- Show written acceptance from your selected college
- Completed application materials must be postmarked or submitted online before April 1, 2025 services with your feedback.



Abbott & Fenner are committed to continuing our efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succed.

The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution.

Award: \$1000 Renewed deadline: June 10, 2025

Click <u>here</u> to find out more about the scholarship and to apply.

<u>Hermann and Hermann</u> <u>Innovation Scholarship Contest</u>

To enter the scholarship contest, students should submit a creative entry via Tik Tok, Instagram, or YouTube addressing one of the following topics:

- Explain a family, social, or school situation in which your leadership made the difference. What was accomplished?
- Why do you believe you deserve this scholarship & what impact will you make?
- What or who has been your biggest influence or inspiration?
- What does "Innovation" mean to you? Explain how you plan to use "Innovation" in the future to make an impact on the world through your career or academics.
- Tell us about a time that you had to be brave or stand up for what you believed in.
- Tell us about a contribution you've made in your community.

Click here for instructions.

Deadline: May 6, 2025 Winners announced: June 3, 2025

Cox Diversity Scholarship

Sox will award scholarships to students attending any accredited higher learning institution that meet the following criteria:

- Community Service Required
- Graduating HS senior
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Minority

Deadline: April 1, 2025



The goal of this scholarship is to aid high-performing students in financial need to achieve a major that will prepare them for a job in four years. This fund was established by Francie Austin. The scholarship is intended to cover in-state tuition, fees, and books for a maximum of \$15,000 per academic year. Scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years and recipients can also receive mentoring services. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2025.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Renewable
- Need based
- Minimum 3.5 GPA
- 2-year or 4 year

<u>The 100 Club of</u> <u>Arizona Scholarship</u>

The 100 Club of Arizona scholarship program provides financial education assistance to immediate family members-children, spouses, or stepchildren (cousins, aunts/uncles or other extended family are not eligible) of sworn or certified public safety or fire employees of any local, municipal, county, state, federal or tribal agency in Arizona.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Community Service Required
- Minimum 2.8 GPA
- Vocational

Deadline: March 13, 2025



The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, providing recipients with the opportunity to achieve their goals and graduate college debt-free. The scholarship provides \$2,000 to help pay for essential items to attend college and up to \$7,500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters. Free workshops, Free Schwab Brokerage Accounts, and Free Study Abroad provide recipients with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum.

Click here for eligibility requirements and to start the application process

Scholarship Application Timeline

List of eligible institutions

SCHOLARSHIPS WITH MARCH DEADLINES

- 1. Phoenix Metropolitan Scholarship Amount: Varies
- 2. TheDream.Us National Scholarship Amount: Varies
- 3. Sandra L. Caldwell Excellence in Scholarship Amount: \$3,000
- 4. Education Forward Arizona Scholarship Amount: \$6,000
- 5. Ninth Circuit Civics Contest Amount: \$3,000
- 6. Arizona Community Foundation (AZ) Scholarship Amount: Varies
- 7. Nursing Scholarships Amount: Varies
- 8. Arizona Don't Text & Drive Scholarship Amount: \$1,000
- 9. Arizona Elk Society Scholarship Amount: \$1,000
- 10. State Scholarship Arizona Amount: \$10,000
- 11. Cirkled In Scholarship Amount \$2,500

<u>THE</u> THUNDERBIRDS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Founded in 2019, The Thunderbirds Scholars Program provides a fouryear, full ride, renewable scholarship to attend Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University or University of Arizona. This scholarship covers the cost of attendance including tuition, fees, and room and board. Recipients receive mentoring support from Education Forward Arizona. The Thunderbirds Scholars Program will entertain requests for opportunities for study abroad, internships and other programs.

Deadline to apply: March 15, 2025

To qualify, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Graduate from an Arizona high school, or equivalent with a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation-academic and personal
- Attend or plan to attend Arizona State University, University of Arizona, or Northern Arizona University
- Must not combine the scholarship with other funds except need-based federal financial aid

Criteria for renewal: Full-time student with a minimum GPA of 3.5. Students may apply for renewal after the first award year for four years.

Learn more at azfoundation.org/scholarships or email scholarship@azfoundation.org



ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION





ATHLETES

If you're wanting to play sports at the next level, here are a few helpful suggestions:

- Junior year you need to register for NCAA eligibility, NAIA eligibility, or both depending on your pathway
- Make sure the classes you are taking are NCAA or NAIA approved
- Make sure you are NCAA or NAIA eligible (see eligibility below)

GRADES MATTER! If you are getting Ds in core classes, you may want to retake them PRIOR to senior year. Talk to your counselor about this.

ELIGILBILITY REQUIREMENTS

NCAA

- 16 core classes
- 2.33 core GPA
- <u>10/7 rule</u> 10 of 16 core classes completed by 7th semester of high school.
 Check that your courses
 18 min ACT OR 970 n
 2.0 cumulative GPA
 Graduate top 50%
- are NCAA approved.

NAIA You must meet 2 of 3 requirements

- 18 min ACT OR 970 min SAT

IMPORTANT!

- Please make sure the current courses you are taking are NCAA approved. Any classes at Peoria Flex Academy is not NCAA approved.
- You can only repeat core classes at:
- 1) Cactus High School (during the school year)
- 2) Peoria eCampus
- 3) CHS Summer School

Helpful links:

NCAA Next Steps - Interested in Playing College Sports? NCAA Approved Courses List - CEEB Code 030257 NCAA Website NCAA Eligibilty Worksheet NCAA Division I Academic Standards NCAA Division II Academic Standards NAIA Website NAIA Eligibility Center NAIA Eligibility Guide



GPA

Why is my GPA so important?

Your grade point average or GPA is the sum of all your course grades throughout your high school career divided by the total number of credits.

Your CORE GPA is used for university admissions, scholarship opportunities, and merit-based awards. It is based on a 4.0 scale. Peoria Unified School District uses an unweighted GPA system.

GPA Scale

A = 4.0 points B = 3.0 points C = 2.0 points D = 1.0 points F = 0.0 points

CORE GPA	CUMULATIVE GPA
 Core GPA includes ONLY core classes English - 4 credits (English I, II, III, IV) Math - 4 credits (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, 4th math class) Social Studies - 3 credits (World History, AZ/US History, Economics/Government) 	Cumulative GPA includes ALL classes you take, core and electives Core: 16 credits Electives: 12 credits You can find your calculated cumulative GPA at the bottom left of your transcript. Please see your counselor if your GPA is missing.
 (Biology, Earth/Space, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental) Physical Education - 1 credit CTE or Fine Art - 1 credit Total: 16 credits 	The GPA posted on your transcript is your cumulative, not core. Use your transcript and this <u>GPA</u> <u>calculator</u> to calculate your CORE GPA.

GCC COLLEGE PREP ADVISING PRESENTS

SPRING BREAK COLLEGE ADVISING WEEK

March 17 - 21, 2025

- Finish course placement tests
- Fill out your FAFSA application
- Apply for scholarships
- Obtain first-semester class schedule



<u>Schedule an appointment</u> with Grecia Vargas (GUHSD) or Justin Mattingly-Jones (PUSD) or scan the QR code.

6000 W. OLIVE AVE. GLENDALE AZ, 85302

ENROLLMENT CENTER (EC)

Steps to take:

- 1. Choose "Schedule an Appointment" within the Linktree
- 2.Once the online scheduling platform has loaded, choose "Current Students or Staff" if the student has ever applied to or taken a course at a Maricopa Community College.
 - Log in using the student's MEID and password. If they need help getting their MEID or resetting their password, click <u>Find My MEID</u>.
- 3. Choose "Prospective Students" if the student has never applied to or taken a course at a Maricopa Community College.
 - The student will be asked to set up a user account and password. Once they apply to any Maricopa Community College, they will receive an MEID, which they can use in the future.
- 4. Once the webpage titled "Schedule a Meeting with College Prep Advising" has loaded, review and choose meeting date
- 5. If they need assistance with any of these steps, connect with the <u>GCC Service Desk</u> or <u>GCC Academic Advisement</u>.

I plan to send all relevant, helpful information to Cactus Seniors this Friday and next Friday via their PUSD email as well as the Maricopa and personal emails listed on their application.

ENROLL AT GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

- A Form of Identification:
 - Current AZ Drivers License or Permit; AZ State
 Identification Card; Passport; Permanent Resident
 Card; or,
 - High School ID -AND- a Birth Certificate
- Social Security Number (for federal financial aid and instate tuition eligibility)
- High School Unofficial Transcript

Click here to review acceptable documentation for lawful presence and ID authentication.

6000 W. OLIVE AVE. GLENDALE AZ, 85302 ENROLLMENT CENTER (EC)



Updates to the Obama Scholars Program

Beginning for fall 2025 new first-year students:

- Housing and meals allowances
- Awardees will receive standardized allowances for a portion of housing and meals for living on campus in their first year. Barrett, The Honors College awardees will receive standard allowances for housing and meals for living on campus for their first and second year.

The requirements for the **Obama Scholars Program** remain the same.

- Must have applied to ASU by Jan. 15, 2025
- Submit the FAFSA by Feb. 1, 2025
- Meet Pell eligibility requirements
 - Your students' FAFSA Submission Summary will inform them if they appear to be eligible for the Pell Grant.
- Demonstrate a total family income of \$42,400 or less on the FAFSA

Arizona Promise Program:

ASU continues to provide tuition assistance for eligible Arizona residents through the Arizona Promise Program.

Eligibility requirements:

- Arizona resident and high school graduate with a 2.50 GPA or higher
- FAFSA and ASU application received by April 1
- Eligible for the Federal Pell Grant
- First-year student enrolling at an Arizona public university in the fall semester immediately following graduation

Covers: Up to the actual cost of in-state tuition, mandatory fees and program fees after other financial aid is applied.

ACT TEST

Juniors, you will be taking the ACT test on **April 1, 2025** at Cactus High School. Instructions for testing day will come prior to the actual test.

The ACT contains multiple-choice tests in four areas: Math, English, Reading, and Science. ACT's writing is optional and will not affect your composite score.

<u>Test Breakdown</u>

English 45 Minutes 75 Questions

Measures your ability to make decisions to revise and edit short texts and essays in different genres. Measures mathematical skills you have typically acquired in courses up to the beginning of grade 12. **Reading** 35 Minutes 40 Questions

Measures our ability to read closely, reason logically about texts using evidence, and integrate information from multiple resources.

Science 35 Minutes 40 Questions

Measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning and problemsolving skills required in biology, chemistry, earth/space sciences and physics. Writing 40 Minutes 1 Prompt

Measures the optional writing section measures writing skills taught in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses.



To prepare for the ACT, you can take answer **practice test** questions online.

ACT scores are available 3-8 weeks after taking the test. Log in <u>here</u> to access your scores. You can <u>retake</u> the ACT again if you want to better your score, but you will need to register on your own and pay the fees.

For help on understanding your ACT scores, visit this website.

Math 60 Minutes 60 Questions

KAP ADVISOR

KapAdvisor is a FREE, virtual AI college admissions counselor

What you get:

- A virtual guidance counselor, college admissions consultant, exam expert, and industry insider, all in one
- Proven SAT and ACT practice questions to help raise your scores, delivered daily
- Personalized AI feedback on your college admissions essay
- Insights on the schools you're interested in, plus your chances of getting accepted

Sign up here for free!

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Microsoft 365 Copilot is an AI-powered tool that helps with your work tasks. You can download the app straight from your Microsoft 365 account.

Microsoft Copilot can help you:

- Make custom flash cards
- Create practice tests based on flash cards
- Clarify complex concepts





Chart your future in business.

Rising Leaders is a residential pre-college program for high school students graduating in 2026, delivered by the highly ranked W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University.

Join us to experience life at ASU, identify relevant business careers, and discover the many opportunities available to our business students. You'll be glad you did!

- Live on campus for six days and five nights in our residential business community
- Earn college credit by completing the program
- Dive into 30+ degree options and different discipline areas, such as entrepreneurship, finance, real estate, and artificial intelligence in business
- Participate in hands-on learning activities, including an applied project
- Get to know future classmates, faculty, and staff

Register to join us

Spots will fill quickly — sign up today! Early consideration: February 15 Regular consideration: March 15 Late consideration: April 1





Rising Leaders Program

Hosted at ASU's Tempe campus June 22-27, 2025 For any immediate questions or concerns, please email **wpcsummerprograms@asu.edu** or call our office at 480-965-5187.

Arizona State University 2025 Summer Programs

2025 Applications open. Apply early. Limited spots.

INSPIRE

is a no-cost, week-long college readiness program designed for Indigenous high school students from various Tribal representations. Students will develop academic, career and personal success tools through culturally relevant and project based learning while interacting with ASU's Indigenous students, staff and faculty.

Eligibility

Open to students entering grades 9th-12th in Fall 2025

Program Fee

No program fees required.

Program Dates

June 14–June 21, 2025

Apply

eoss.asu.edu/access/programs/ summer/inspire

For more information

sahmie.joshevama@asu.edu

Barret Summer Scholars is a week-long residential 2025 summer enrichment program designed for academically talented and motivated students entering grades 9th–12th beginning in Fall 2025. Participants engage in an honors course and an elective taught by university faculty to prepare them for enrollment and success at ASU and Barrett, the Honors College.

Eligibility

Open to students entering grades 9th–12th in Fall 2025. Academically motivated and/ or highachieving students are encouraged to apply. While there is no minimum GPA required, eligible students should demonstrate a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher (except for students entering 9th grade in Fall 2025).

Program Dates

9th grade Tempe Campus (Tempe) June 1–4, 2025 10th grade Downtown Campus (Phoenix) June 8–11, 2025 11th grade West Valley Campus (Glendale) June 15–18, 2025 12th grade Polytechnic Campus (Mesa) June 22–25, 2025

Program Fee

\$1,000 per participant, including a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Payment is required upon program acceptance. Need-based scholarships are offered.

Apply

eoss . asu .edu/bss

For more information

bss@asu.edu

Arizona State University West Valley Camps

Future Doctor's Institute

Join us for the **Future Doctors Institute** designed for rising high school seniors with aspirations of attending medical school.

- Examine critical disciplines, including biology, chemistry, healthcare innovation, and persuasive speaking skills.
- Connect with expert instructors, participate in hands-on activities, and gain valuable insights into the medical field.

Whether you're eager to explore the science behind medicine or sharpen your communication skills, Future Doctors Institute is the perfect launchpad for your future medical career. Prepare to learn, connect, and inspire your journey toward becoming a healthcare professional!

Date

Monday June 9 - Thursday June 12

Grade

Rising high school seniors

Location

ASU West Valley Campus 4701 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale, AZ 85306

Cost

\$469 including \$50 non-refundable registration fee

If selected to attend camp the \$50 non refundable registration fee will be applied to total cost. No money is required until student is selected to attend.

Click here to RSVP!

Arizona State University West Valley Camps

Forensic Science Institute

Uncover the mysteries of forensic science at **Forensic Science Institute**, a thrilling 4-day experience designed for rising high school seniors aiming for a career in forensic science.

- Dive into engaging topics like crime scene investigation, forensic techniques, and evidence analysis while honing your public speaking skills.
- Participate in hands-on activities, explore real-life case studies, and interact with industry professionals to gain a deeper understanding of this exciting field.

Forensic Science Institute is your gateway to the world of forensic science, offering insight, inspiration, and practical experience for your academic and career ambitions.

Date

Monday June 9 - Thursday June 5

Grade

Rising high school seniors

Location

ASU West Valley Campus 4701 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale, AZ 85306

Cost

\$469 including \$50 non-refundable registration fee

If selected to attend camp the \$50 non refundable registration fee will be applied to total cost. No money is required until student is selected to attend.

Click here to RSVP!

Arizona State University West Valley Camps

Future Lawyer's Institute

Step into the world of law with the **Future Lawyers Institute**, a comprehensive 4-day program tailored for rising high school seniors who are considering law school after their undergraduate studies.

- Explore foundational legal concepts
- Delve into the nuances of mental health in the legal field
- Refine your public speaking abilities through interactive workshops and expert-led sessions
- Engage with seasoned legal professionals, law school students, and build essential skills for a successful career in law

Future Lawyers Institute is your gateway to a future in law, offering both insight and inspiration for the next generation of legal minds.

Date

Option 1: Monday June 2 - Thursday June 5 **Option 2:** Monday June 9 - Thursday June 12

Grade

Rising high school seniors

Location

ASU West Valley Campus 4701 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale, AZ 85306

Cost

The West Valley Camps are proudly presented by Rafi Law Group, which has generously provided full scholarships for all selected students. Each scholarship covers the total cost of attendance, valued at \$469 per student.

If selected, students must submit a refundable \$50 deposit to secure their spot. This deposit will be fully refunded upon the student's successful completion of the entire camp.

Click here to RSVP!

RISE Summer Leadership Institute 2025 Summer Camp

RISE Summer Leadership Institute

A residential career and college readiness program for students entering their junior or senior year in Fall 2025. The program focuses on leadership, college preparation, career exploration, and community engagement. Students will participate in workshops and interactive sessions featuring professionals and educators whose work reflects the history, achievements, and contributions of Black and African American leaders. RISE encourages all students to embrace their strengths and take meaningful steps in their leadership and academic journey.



Apply

today

Eligibility Open to students entering grades 11th–12th in Fall 2025

Application Opens February 1, 2025

Priority Application Deadline February 26, 2025

Application Deadline March 31, 2025

Program Dates June 8–June 11, 2025

Location ASU Tempe Campus

Application Fee There is no cost to apply

Cost to attend

\$50 non-refundable registration fee

Camp topics include, but are not limited to, College Readiness, choosing a major, community networking, financial wellness, leadership development, personal growth and self care.

César E. Chávez Leadership Institute 2025 Summer Camp

César E. Chávez Leadership Institute

A summer residential program at Arizona State University that focuses on college readiness, leadership and high- energy engagement. Our summer program is open to students entering their junior or senior year in Fall 2025. Chosen students will participate in workshops and activities designed to explore areas of study/major/ knowledge. foster leadership encourage development and community engagement all within a collaborative and supportive peer environment.



Apply

Today!

Eligibility:

Open to students entering grades 11th–12th in Fall 2025

Application Opens: February 1, 2025

Priority Application Deadline: February 26, 2025

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025

Program Dates: June 22–June 25, 2025

Location:

ASU Tempe Campus

Application Fee:

There is no cost to apply

Cost to attend:

\$50 non-refundable registration fee to secure your spot within the program. CCLI camp is designed to provide educational consciousness of César E. Chávez community leadership and civic engagement. Camp topics include, but are not limited to, sense of belonging, servant leadership, financial literacy, enhancing family generational 'wealth', mental mindfulness, community engagement, and career exploration.

GCU SUMMER ACCELERATOR TRACK

Accelerate your college journey!

Save time and money by graduating faster and starting your future sooner with GCU's Summer Accelerator Track.

Scan the QR code

to learn more!

ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS RECEIVE:

Reduced tuition rates¹ Complimentary housing Internships and student job opportunities

To learn more visit *gcu.edu/summeraccelerator* or reach out to your university admissions counselor.

¹ Excludes Level 1-4 pre-licensure nursing students in the clinical portion of their program.

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Emerging Voices Writers Workshop

Sponsored by the School of Humanities, Arts & Cultural Studies, The English Program & Canyon Voices Literary & Art Magazine





Date: Friday, April 11th Place: Kiva Hall @ ASU West Valley Campus Prizes: Best work

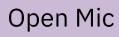
Email:Jeneva.Gonzales@asu.edu

Register: https:// rb.gy/w0weju



Offering Workshops & Prizes Poetry | Flash Fiction | Storytelling | CNF Noon to 4 pm Campus Tour 4 pm to 5 pm ----Reception, Awards & Readings

5 pm to 6:30 pm



Meet English Professors & Student Editors



If you need to meet with your counselor, scan the QR code and schedule an appointment.

You can also email your counselor if you have issues with the calendar.



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