



## MEMBER MONTHLY

Member Benefits & AzCAN Updates



### College Knowing & Going College Readiness Team Expansion

Creating a college-going culture in high schools that serve large numbers of underrepresented students is critical to reaching our state's attainment goal. Thanks to Helios Education Foundation for its continued investment in the College Knowing and Going (CKG) initiative, which is focused on increasing the number of students who complete steps toward postsecondary education. The new 3-year CKG College Readiness Team expansion will develop comprehensive, student-centered college readiness programs at 40 high schools across the state.

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## NCAN UPDATES

### Gear Up for FAFSA Season: This Year's Seniors Need It More Than Ever

*Bill DeBaun, NCAN*

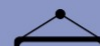
October 1 looms large on the calendar of every college access and success professional in the United States. No, it's not the date where they set their reminders to break out their Halloween decorations, it's the date when the FAFSA opens for students and their families to potentially claim their piece of federal (and sometimes state and institutional) financial aid.

All eyes will be on seniors from the class of 2022 as they navigate the milestones that will potentially lead them to college campuses *next* fall. We are following a FAFSA cycle where seniors from the class of 2021 [completed nearly 5% fewer FAFSAs](#) than the year before. Many advocates (myself included) project that there will be postsecondary enrollment declines [for the second year running](#).

District and schools, and the myriad professionals that make them run, have their work cut out for them. There have never been more demands on counselors, teachers, district and school leaders, and the other caring adults that pave the way for students toward college and career readiness. The past 18-months have been devastatingly difficult, and the prospect of helping students complete the FAFSA, a notoriously not-fun form, may be daunting.

It doesn't have to be. We're here to help.

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If you want to be part of making significant changes in Arizona education that benefits all students, then Education Forward Arizona is the place to do it. A career with our statewide organization is one that gives back every day. It's a place where you can watch your passion for education and Arizona's future grow and make a real impact for all students. We are always looking for the next motivated, dedicated and charismatic individual to help us on our mission. We think it could be you.

We are currently hiring for the following positions:

[AdviseAZ AmeriCorps Members](#)  
[College Knowing & Going Program Coordinator](#)  
[College Knowing & Going Program Manager](#)  
[Senior Director of Marketing and Communications](#)

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Hopi Education Endowment Fund Scholarships

#### [Itaasoy Wuwniwuy \(Grandmothers Wisdom\) Scholarship](#)

The scholarship funded, by retired scientist Mr. Jim Angus to honor the legacy of Frances Dawahoya of Bacavi Village. One (1) \$1,000, and Two (2) \$500 scholarships are available for a full-time undergraduate or graduate, Ph.D., JD, etc. Hopi students pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university for the Fall 2021 Semester.

#### [George Then Business Scholarship](#)

The scholarship was established by George Then to support Hopi students and to promote careers in the Business field. One (1) \$500 scholarship available for a full-time undergraduate Hopi student pursuing a degree in the Business field at an accredited college or university for the Fall 2021 semester.

#### [Arthur and Gloria Ross Scholarship](#)

This scholarship, "while named for our parents, really is a tribute to the many gifted Hopi teachers and artists that so enriched their lives. Art and Gloria Ross were honored to be able to spend time at Hopi, experiencing intellectual and spiritual growth while learning about the culture, religion, and worldview of their hosts. They shared with their Hopi teachers a deep reverence for the land in that area and they were committed throughout their lives to the value of education. Therefore, we can think of no better way to honor them than to contribute to the strengthening of the Hopi community through this scholarship" – Elisa and Jonathan Ross. Two (2) \$5,000 scholarships are available for two (2) full-time undergraduate/graduate Hopi students pursuing a degree in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields at an accredited college or university for the Fall 2021 semester.

#### [Susan Then Science Scholarship](#)

The scholarship was established by Mr. George Then to honor his late wife Susan and to promote careers in the Science field. Mrs. Then, a former High School biology teacher enjoyed all sciences. One (1) \$500 scholarship is available for a full-time undergraduate Hopi students pursuing a degree in any Science field at an accredited college or university for the Fall 2021 semester.

Applications will be competitively reviewed based on the criteria listed below. Final recipients will be chosen by a Selection Committee. If you have any questions, please contact the Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarship Program (HTGSP) 928-734-3542.

The deadline for all Scholarships is October 29, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. MST. For an application please visit [www.hopieducationfund.org](http://www.hopieducationfund.org), call 928-734-2275 or contact Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarships Program (928)-734-3542

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Need help filing your FAFSA?  
Watch a short overview  
presentation and get one on  
one help at our

### FAFSA FILING WORK SHOP

TUESDAY, OCT 5 | 5:30 - 7 PM  
SATURDAY, OCT 9 | 10:30 - 12 PM  
WEDNESDAY, OCT 27 | 5:30 - 7 PM  
SUNDAY, NOV 7 | 3:30 - 5 PM

ALL WORKSHOPS ON ZOOM  
RSVP at [bit.ly/azFAFSA2021](https://bit.ly/azFAFSA2021)



**ASU** Arizona State University

**NAU** NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

**A** THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

## 2022-2023 FAFSA Filling Workshop

We want to help you feel more ready than ever and so we will be hosting several FAFSA Filing workshops. A brief overview of the FAFSA will be presented and we will have breakout rooms available in case you'd like to meet with a financial aid counselor one on one. This is a great opportunity for you if you want a refresher on how to file your FAFSA or have specific questions, so please join us!

Choose the best time that works for you:

- Wednesday, Oct. 27th, 5:30 - 7 pm
- Sunday, Nov 7th, 3:30 - 5 pm

RSVP here: [bit.ly/azFAFSA2021](https://bit.ly/azFAFSA2021)

## High School Student Programming

Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University are offering Tri-University Events that help students and families learn more about admission, financial aid and the college search process at Arizona's public universities.

These sessions include:

- Tri-University Welcome: Understanding Your In-State Options
- Admission 101
- Preparing for the FAFSA
- Paying for College: Understanding Financial Aid and Scholarships
- and more

RSVP here: [bit.ly/TriUniversityEvents](https://bit.ly/TriUniversityEvents)

**Be A LEADER Foundation**

# TAKING STEPS TOWARDS college success

## VIRTUAL SUMMIT

OCTOBER 22-23, 2021

Icons: Virtual Resource Fair with local and national scholarship & community organizations; Engaging sessions including topics such as college success, college success, leadership development and health & wellness; One-on-one FAFSA and College Advising Sessions available throughout the event; Student Led Empowerment Sessions; Identification - Making the event fun & interactive; Nationally recognized Keynote Speakers.

The 2021 Be A Leader Taking Steps Towards College Success Virtual Summit will be held Oct. 22-23. It will include a virtual resource fair, engaging learning sessions, student led empowerment sessions, nationally recognized keynote speakers and more. [Register here.](#)

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HELPING OUR **UNIQUE** POPULATIONS EXCEL  
**CONFERENCE 2021**  
*Our Students, Their Agency*

The HOPE Conference 2021 will be held December 9-10, 2021 in Tucson, Arizona. It provides meaningful professional development opportunities for educators of all students served by Unique Populations at the Arizona Department of Education. This year's conference also includes the signature event, Arizona Student Success Stories Awards Banquet, where we will honor and celebrate outstanding Arizona students. [Learn more.](#)



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