



MEMBER MONTHLY

Member Benefits & AzCAN Updates



Celebrating AmeriCorps Week: Thank You AdviseAZ Members!

From March 13-19 we are joining AmeriCorps in celebrating AmeriCorps members across the country that work to help better communities.

The AdviseAZ program, funded by AmeriCorps, helps high school students who are low-income, first-generation and/or students of color stay on track to graduate and attend a postsecondary institution.

"I always had questions and wanted someone to go to who had more recent experience and could really help me navigate and transition from high school to college," said AdviseAZ Member Jazmin Morales. "A member would have benefited me greatly especially since they could help walk me through the process, which is what I feel many schools lack."

Learn how AdviseAZ members like Jazmin are helping high schoolers achieve their postsecondary dreams [here](#).

How Nogales is Maximizing College Knowing & Going

Nogales High School is maximizing its resources, especially regarding the College Knowing & Going Ambassador Program, which mobilizes influential students to inspire their peers to pursue higher education and help with the logistics of doing so.

"I like being able to help my peers," said CKG Student Ambassador Diego Medina. "Especially with applying for college and figuring out their future careers."

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Registration is open for most 2022 College Access Professional Development Trainings!

Our [CAP trainings](#) will help college access professionals develop an understanding of their role in developing a college-going mission for all students, particularly students in poverty or facing other barriers in postsecondary planning. Registration is now open for the modules below at no cost to you.

Building a College-Going Culture for All Students
April 4 - May 9

College and Career Advising for Special Populations
April 25 - June 3

This course is designed to help school staff collect and analyze relevant data and transform their programs and services in order to improve the postsecondary success of their students.

[Register today.](#)

College, Career & Academic Planning

May 23 - June 7

This course focuses on engaging students in career awareness and development, linking careers to postsecondary planning, using data to address equity in postsecondary opportunities and finding the right postsecondary fit.

[Register today.](#)

This course helps counselors develop the skills and knowledge required to help homeless and foster-care students, students with disabilities, immigrant and refugee students, and LGBTQ students with applying, financing and transitioning into education after high school.

[Register today.](#)

Financial Aid and College Applications

June 6 - July 15

This course includes four sessions that increase the counselor's knowledge of financial aid and college applications. The topics including assisting students with the college application process, preparing students for college admission tests, guiding students through the complexities of financial aid and helping students with the financial aid process.

[Register today.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Arizona Spring Training: FAFSA & College Applications

On **Friday, April 8, 2022**, The Arizona Department of Education, Education Forward Arizona, Earn to Learn, Be A Leader Foundation, College Depot and the Arizona FAFSA Challenge are hosting a virtual college application and FAFSA training workshop for all counselors and educators!

The **FREE** training will provide high school counselors and college & career specialists with updates and resources that will assist with their on-campus FAFSA and college application workshops. In addition, a series of informative FAFSA and college-going breakout sessions will be offered to help prepare Arizona for the next school year.

Let's get ahead of the game and score a home run with our statewide college-going efforts!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



Arizona Gives Day



Arizona Gives Day is April 5-6, but you don't have to wait until then to make a difference!

Starting today, you can take part in improving education in Arizona by investing in our work. Your donations will help Education Forward Arizona grow a network of education advocates and equip them with the knowledge and tools needed to become a strong collective voice for moving education forward in our state. You'll also help support innovative programs like AzCAN that help low-income students and students of color become college and career ready!

The Rural College Access and Success Summit

One of the few national convenings to focus on rural America, the Summit brings together teachers, principals, superintendents, higher education leaders, legislators and nonprofit leaders to share ideas and strategies for ensuring that rural youth have the opportunity to successfully transition from high school to college and career.

It will feature [keynote speakers](#) Geoff Canada, founder of the Harlem Children's Zone, and Jimmy Wayne, a former foster kid turned award-winning country recording artist.

This event will be held from April 24 - 26, 2022. [Register today!](#)



Save the Date!



NCAN UPDATES



NCAN: Congress Finalizes Bipartisan Federal Funding Deal: \$400 Pell Grant Increase Coming

After prolonged negotiations, Congress has finally reached an agreement to fund the government through September 2022. Lawmakers hope to vote on and enact the \$1.5 trillion bipartisan legislation this week.

There's some good news for NCAN members and students in the bill: a \$400 increase to the maximum Pell Grant for the 2022-23 award year. This brings the max award to \$6,895 and is the largest single boost to Pell in more than a decade (since the 2009-10 award year).

"NCAN applauds congressional leaders for including a \$400 increase to the maximum Pell Grant in the omnibus appropriations bill – a step in the right direction toward our priority of doubling the max grant amount," said NCAN CEO Kim Cook. "We urge Congress to pass this Pell Grant increase to make college more affordable and help reverse recent enrollment declines."

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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



CONFERENCE with the PHOENIX ZOO

Virtual Teen Career Conference with the Phoenix Zoo

The Phoenix Zoo is excited to give teens an opportunity to explore many different careers in animal science during their **free** virtual [Teen Career Conference](#) once **on March 26** from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Through specially selected speaker panels, attendees will hear from experts in zoology, conservation, animal husbandry and veterinary care working both within the zoo and in the field. The speakers will offer insights into their career paths and advice on breaking into their respective fields.

Representatives from the zoo and other scientific and educational institutions from around the Valley will be on hand to offer information about their programs and opportunities for teens to begin working toward their careers right now. Volunteer opportunities, camps and other programs will also be highlighted.

Also included this year are two professional skill-building workshops designed to offer participants an opportunity to begin building skills that will benefit their professional knowledge and personal growth.

[Register today.](#)

JOB OPENINGS



Education Forward Arizona is currently hiring the following positions:

- [CKG Project Coordinator, Southern Arizona](#)
- [Community Impact Manager, Northern Arizona](#)
- [Program Manager for Community Initiatives](#)

AdviseAZ is currently looking for [members](#) and [sites](#) for the 2022-2023 school year.

There will be informational sessions in April for potential members and sites who would like to learn more about the program:

Sites:

[April 7, 9-10 a.m.](#)

[April 7, 3-4 p.m.](#)

Members:

[April 14, 9-10 a.m.](#)

[April 14, 3-4 p.m.](#)



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