



SHARE THIS EMAIL



To move Arizona forward, we must move education forward.

E-NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2021



9 in 10 Arizona seniors who complete the FAFSA attend college directly from high school

- National College Attainment Network

## Moving Education Forward with FAFSA

One of the most effective ways to boost educational attainment is to ensure that more students have the financial resources needed to pursue a postsecondary education or credential. And one of the greatest tools to reduce the financial barriers to accessing postsecondary education is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The process to ensure more students, including low-income students and students of color, apply for and attend college starts with completing the FAFSA.

[LEARN MORE](#)



### Scholarships Awarded to 38 Students

Recently 38 students began the 2021/2022 academic year with scholarships and support from a success adviser. Twenty-three students received scholarships as a part of the Freeport-McMoRan Native American Scholarship program and 15 students received scholarships from Education Forward Arizona.

[LEARN MORE](#)



### 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.

[READ MORE](#)

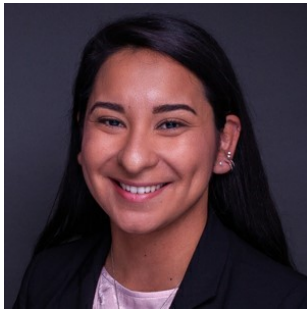
---

## Advocacy in Action

Education Forward Arizona is using its voice to advocate for the funding and policy changes needed to meet the goals in the [Arizona Education Progress Meter](#). Recently, Education Forward Arizona has been supporting federal proposals for universal Pre-K, free community college and to increase the Pell Grant. If implemented, these strategies would drive significant progress towards multiple goals in the Arizona Education Progress Meter.



[READ MORE](#)



## Where Are They Now? Alumni Update

As you read this, Naiby Rodriguez is preparing for residency so that she can work in Yuma as a family doctor. Naiby is member of our alumni board and a great example of how scholarships and mentors can make a difference in a student's journey. In seventh grade, Naiby and her twin sister, Aimee, joined the GEAR UP program. This helped them to get on the right educational path as they worked towards college. Naiby eventually made it to the University of Arizona, where she majored in physiology. See where she is now.

[READ MORE](#)

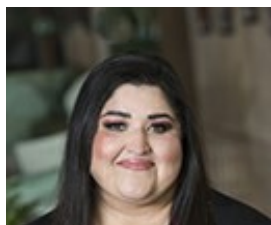
---

## Donor Highlight: Carstens Family Funds

Carstens Family Funds was one of the founding scholarship supporters of our organization's scholarship fund. Today, Carstens Family Funds backs a cohort of 10 to 20 new students each year for four years. Over the years, Carstens Family Funds has supported 11 cohorts of students through its \$2.7 million in scholarships. The impact the organization and the family has had on the growth of our scholarship program, and our students' achievement, is undeniable.



[READ MORE](#)



## Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month – Staff Spotlight

Meet Selena Llamas. Selena is a community impact manager serving Southern Arizona. In this role, Selena engages in outreach work in the Southern Arizona community to build public will and encourage



action to meet the Arizona Education Progress Meter goals. A proud Mexican American and fourth generation Tucson resident, Selena shares why National Hispanic Heritage Month is important to her.

[READ MORE](#)

**EDUCATION FORWARD ARIZONA**

Our mission is to advocate for and act on education improvements that advance the quality of life for all Arizonans.



[educationforwardarizona.org](http://educationforwardarizona.org)

This email was sent by: Education Forward Arizona  
4747 N. 32nd Street, Suite 160, Phoenix, AZ, Arizona, 85018 United States

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Update Profile](#)

[Manage Subscriptions](#)

[Unsubscribe](#)