IT’S ALL ABOUT THE BHAG!

April 24, 2024
The AZ HSI Consortium, established in 2021, seeks to strengthen the individual and collective capacity of Arizona HSIs to intentionally support conditions necessary for Latinx student success in Arizona.
SAVE the DATE

AZ HSI SUMMIT
10.04.24
FLAGSTAFF, AZ
IT’S ALL ABOUT THE BHAG!

Join us to learn about Arizona Western College’s Big Hairy Audacious goal (BHAG) of doubling baccalaureate attainment in Yuma and La Paz Counties by 2035!

PRESENTED BY:
Dr. Daniel Corr
President at Arizona Western College

TIME
1 - 2 PM

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 24

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Dr. Daniel Corr began his tenure as the ninth President of Arizona Western College (AWC) in July 2016. During his tenure, he has been committed to building on the tremendous success achieved by AWC and is an active member of the many communities served by the college. He has focused his early efforts on facilitating student success, increasing access to higher education, executing the adopted College’s strategic plan, and fostering a climate of innovation, collaboration and stewardship at AWC. Prior to assuming the role of AWC’s President, Dr. Corr held a variety of instructional and administrative positions at four different community colleges in Arizona and Illinois. All told, he has over 30 years of experience at the community college level.
Dr. Daniel P. Corr
President, Arizona Western College
April 24, 2024
Mission Statement
Transforming lives through education and partnerships to create THRIVING COMMUNITIES.
Beautiful Yuma, Arizona

- Sunniest place on earth
- Winter leafy green capital
- Colorado River
- Low wage, seasonal agricultural work dominates
- 62.9% Hispanic
- A Tri-Region border community
- Strong Growth
- District spans 10,000 square miles
What is a BHAG?
A commitment

B.H.A.G.

BIG Hairy Audacious Goal

Double the rate of earned baccalaureate degrees in La Paz and Yuma Counties by 2035.
Arizona Western College

By The Numbers

• Approximately 12,000 students
  - 76% Hispanic
  - 72% First-Generation
  - 55% Second Language Learners
  - 88% Awarded Financial Aid

• High Rates of Poverty
• 84% Attend Part-Time

100% Amazing

A College of the Community
Partnerships - The AWC Advantage
Our Aspirations-
United States Department of Education –
Raise the Bar

Arizona – Achieve60 AZ

EducationForward AZ – Billions to Gain
Why this is Important-

Lifetime Earnings
$1,531,100 v. $679,000

- Social Benefits (Health/Crime/etc.)
- Fiscal (Tax contributions/Lower public expenditures)

Source: Helios Education Foundation, Billions to Gain report, March 2023
The Reality -

- Declining **Confidence in Higher Education**
- **Community College** Enrollment Declining
  - Down 37% 2010-2022
  - National Student Clearinghouse, 2022
- Declining **Hispanic Enrollment** in AZ Higher Education
  - 41.3% of H.S. grads enroll in H.E.
- Fewer University **degrees awarded** to Arizona residents
  - Arizona Board of Regents, 2023

Source: Gallup Poll and Chronicle of Higher Education, July 2023
The Solution:

- Early Parental Involvement
- Dual Enrollment
- FAFSA Completion
- Career Advising & Navigation in H.S.

(United States Department of Education, 2022)
Building a College-Going Culture

• I’m Going to College (5th grade)
• FAFSA Completion
• American Dream Academy
• CAMP Program
• Intentional K-12/AWC Collaboration
FAFSA Completion

- Partnership with Yuma Union High School District
- FAFSA Nights/Workshops held by AWC staff at individual high schools at least once a month
- High School and Gila Ridge High School highest in the State
- Spanish language materials

71% Completion Rate
Yuma Union High School District school, San Luis High School, has highest rate of completion in AZ
## Defying the Odds – Dual Enrollment

8-year comparison for Dual Enrollment

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Source: Arizona Office of the Auditor General
AWC saw a five-year % change increase of about 24% of the total number of Baccalaureate degree recipients who entered as New Transfers while there was a -0.6% change decrease statewide.

102 Students graduated with their Associate (AA) degree before their high school graduation*

115,673 credits earned by high school students since 2017 (at $25/credit hour)

Record Numbers:
- transfer students (From AWC 2021-22): 430
- university graduates (From AWC 2020-22): 727

A New Approach to College-Going Culture

- $25 Credit Hour (2017)
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Waiver
- Strong Coordination with High Schools; Embedded Faculty in the High Schools Dual-Enrollment Conference

AWC Approach – Career Connected High School Culture

- $1.3M United States Department of Education Grant
- Blurs lines between high school, college & careers
- Creates Career Pathways

HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

AWC is at Gila Ridge High School every week to help you begin your college journey.

JOIN US
azwestern.edu/apply
The BHAG is Happening!!

- Enrollment Up #1 in AZ
- High School Yield Up #1 in AZ
- Dual Enrollment Rate #1 in AZ
- Transfer Rates Up #1 in AZ
- 1 in 5 students enrolled in Early College at AWC

Record number of Bachelors Degrees awarded in 2023, on track for 2024
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