



# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BHAG!



April 24, 2024



# AZ HSI CONSORTIUM

## INTRODUCTION

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.



AZ HSI CONSORTIUM  
ANNUAL SUMMIT

# SAVE *the* DATE

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AZ HSI SUMMIT  
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FLAGSTAFF, AZ

## STAY IN TOUCH



AZ HSI SUMMIT



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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*



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# Dr. Daniel Corr

President, Arizona Western College

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.

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WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 24



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## Mission Statement

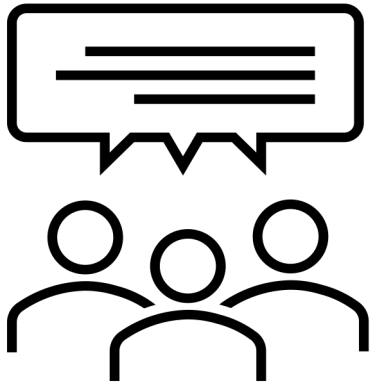
*Transforming lives through education and partnerships  
to create **THRIVING COMMUNITIES.***



# 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?



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# 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**

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# Partnerships - The AWC Advantage



**ASU** Local  
Arizona State University



**ARIZONA  
WESTERN  
COLLEGE**

**NAU**  
NORTHERN  
ARIZONA  
UNIVERSITY



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
**Yuma**

# ***Our Aspirations-***

United States Department of Education –  
Raise the Bar

Arizona – Achieve60 AZ



EducationForward AZ – Billions to Gain

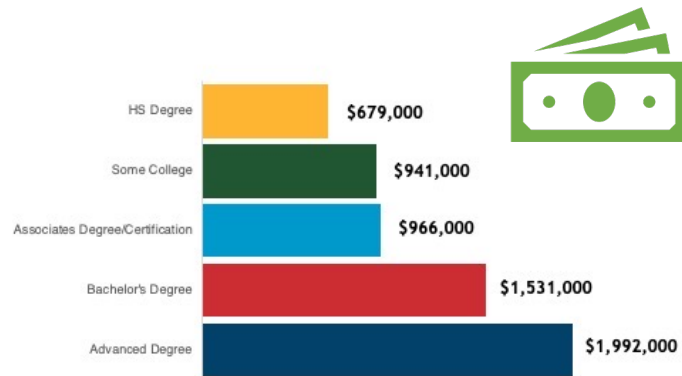
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# Why this is Important-

Helios  
Education Foundation

For most Arizona students, a college education leads to significantly higher lifetime earnings compared to a HS degree.



Lifetime Earnings

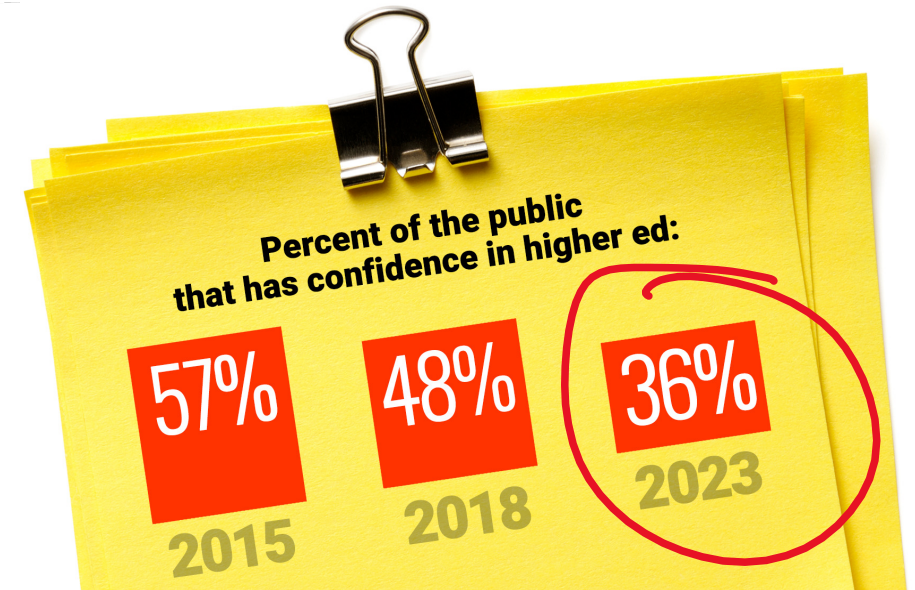
**\$1,531,100 v. \$679,000**

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



# *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



# The Solution-



## DUAL ENROLLMENT CIBOLA HIGH SCHOOL *Parent* NIGHT

The Arizona Western College Dual Enrollment program offers students the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school. The program provides a smooth transition from high school to college, allowing students to adjust to college-level coursework before graduating high school.

February 8, 2024  
5-6 PM

4100 20th St.  
Yuma, AZ 85364

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
DUAL ENROLLMENT AT CIBOLA HIGH SCHOOL

[azwestern.edu/dualcredit](http://azwestern.edu/dualcredit)



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

(United States Department of Education, 2022)

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# Building a College-Going Culture

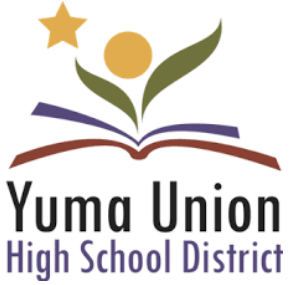
- I'm Going to College (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- FAFSA Completion
- American Dream Academy
- CAMP Program
- Intentional K-12/AWC Collaboration

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# 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

## FAFSA OPENS LATE THIS YEAR

The **2024-2025** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open much later this year than in previous years. It is expected to open in **December 2023**. The delay this year is due to the time it takes to roll out changes required by the [FAFSA Simplification Act](#).

Visit [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) for the latest updates on the new **2024-2025** application.



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# Defying the Odds – Dual Enrollment

8-year comparison for Dual Enrollment

<u>College District</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	<b>FTSE</b>			
Arizona Western	57	433	376	659.65%
Pima	262	1,025	763	291.22%
Central Arizona	80	228	148	185.00%
Coconino	119	258	139	116.81%
Maricopa	4,708	7,007	2,299	48.83%
Cochise	60	71	11	18.33%
Yavapai	341	349	8	2.35%
Mohave	289	279	-10	-3.46%
Eastern Arizona	102	84	-18	-17.65%
Northland Pioneer	365	244	-121	-33.15%
Total	6,383	9,978	3,595	56.32%

Source: Arizona Office of the Auditor General



# Dual Enrollment

## 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

**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**

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.**

**Bottom Line – It is making a Difference**

# ***AWC Approach – Career Connected High School Culture***



## **HIGH SCHOOL VISITS**

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



WEEKLY  
ON TUESDAYS



TIME  
8AM TO 11:30AM



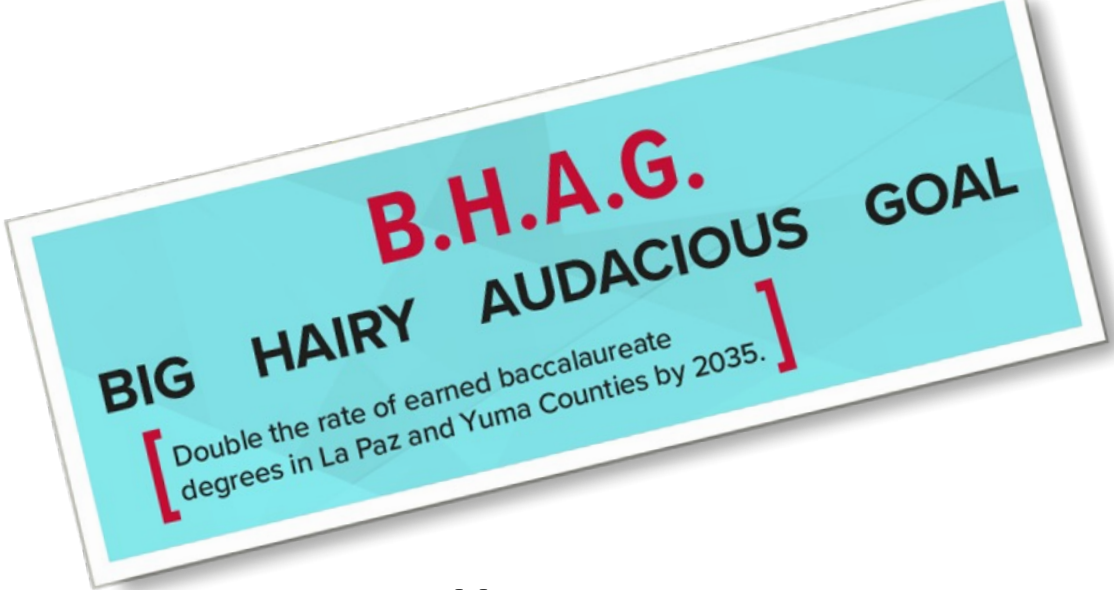
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- \$1.3M United States Department of Education Grant
- Blurs lines between high school, college & careers
- Creates Career Pathways

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# 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



let's connect →

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TO BE A  
MATADOR

