

2025 AZ HSI SUMMIT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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2025

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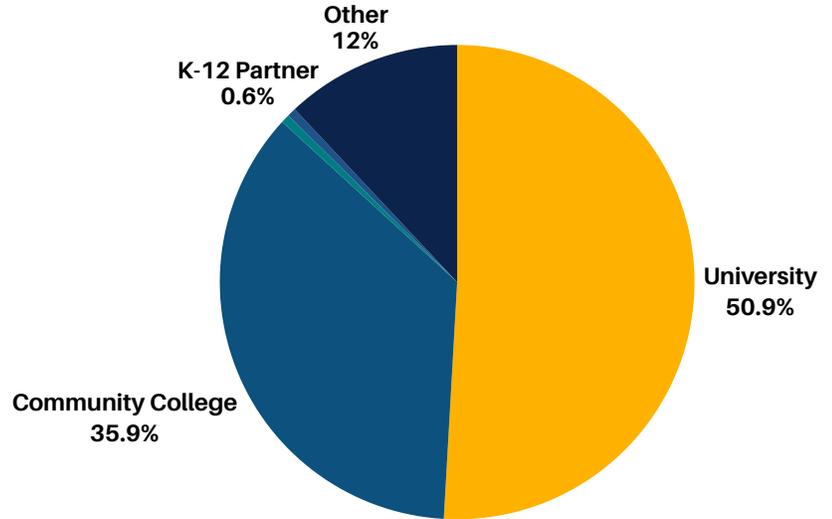
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ATTENDEES

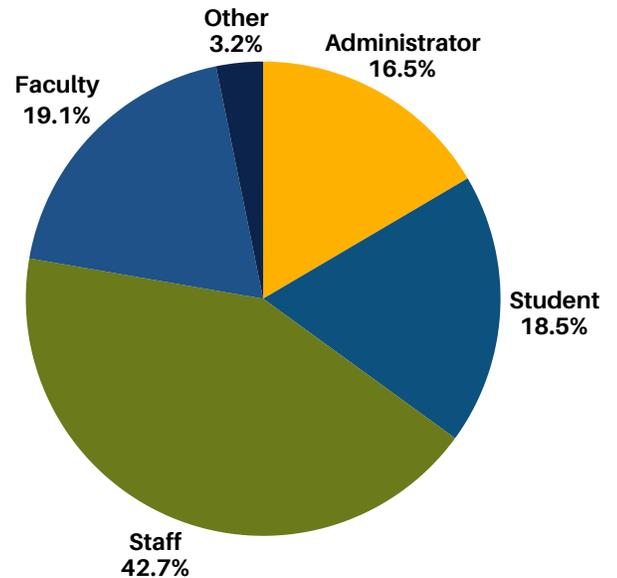


The 2025 AZ HSI Summit welcomed 167 attendees from across the state and country. Participants included staff, students, faculty, and administrators, with universities (50.9%) making up the largest portion of attendees, followed by community colleges (35.9%). The event also included community, K-12, and federal partners, along with organizations such as ALL In Education, Complete College America, InsideTrack, Metropolitan State University, Salt Lake Community College, Scholarships A-Z, UC Berkeley, Yuma County Cooperative Extension, Yuma School District One, and USDA-OPPE.

ORGANIZATION



INSTITUTIONAL ROLE



ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTNERS

- o ALL In Education
- o Complete College America
- o InsideTrack
- o Metropolitan State University
- o Salt Lake Community College
- o Scholarships A-Z
- o University of California, Berkeley
- o Yuma County Cooperative Extension
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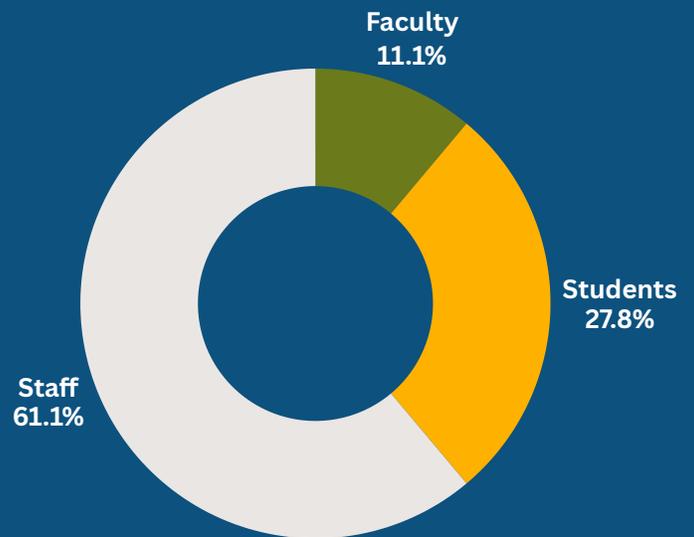
TRAVEL STIPENDS

To support accessibility and alleviate financial barriers, the AZ HSI Consortium provided travel stipends to cover essential expenses like lodging, transportation, and meals for attendees.

17 Travel Stipends Awarded

\$5k+ Total Amount Awarded

6 AZ HSIs Awarded



TRAVEL STIPENDS AWARDED

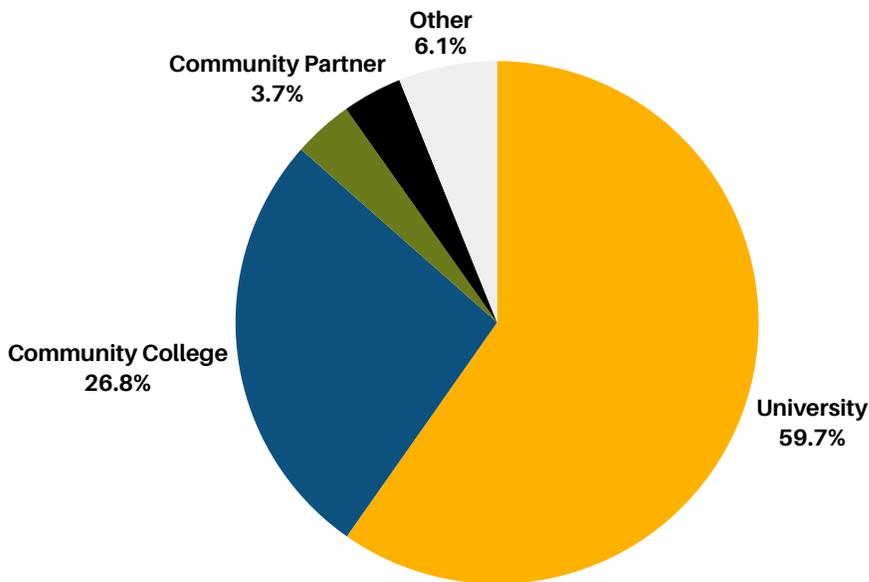


Pre-Summit Networking Reception

To honor attendee feedback from prior AZ HSI Summits, a pre-summit networking reception was added to create opportunities for informal connection and cross-institutional relationship-building. The reception welcomed **81** participants from **9** of Arizona's 21 HSIs and featured refreshments, cultural dance performances, and student-led campus tours hosted by Arizona Western College ambassadors.



ATTENDEES



PRESENTATIONS

The summit included sessions from Arizona HSIs and partners, showcasing scalable, research-informed practices that promote student success and servingness within the Arizona higher education landscape. This year's summit welcomed the highest number of sessions and submissions received.

26

Sessions

42

Submissions Received

40+

Presenters across
AZ HSIs & Partners

9

STEM Sessions



STUDENT PANEL

Student voices sit at the heart of our work across Arizona's HSIs. The summit's student panel is a signature experience offering faculty, staff, and administrators an intentional space to hear firsthand stories, ask critical questions, and reflect on how their roles can better support student persistence and achievement.

5 student panelists from 3 AZ HSIs



POST SUMMIT SURVEY

A survey was distributed to summit attendees to better understand their satisfaction with the summit, gather input to improve future summits, and inform the development of priorities for the consortium. The survey had a **32%** response rate and key insights include:



Would recommend the AZ HSI Summit to colleagues

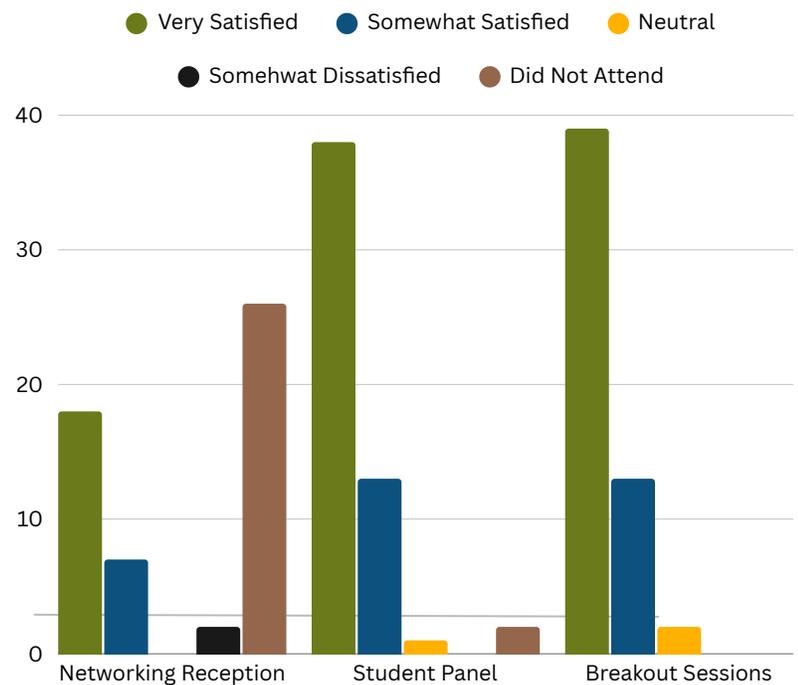


Indicated they are interested in attending future AZ HSI Summits



Agree or strongly agree that their understanding of HSIs was strengthened as a result of the summit

RESPONDENT SATISFACTION



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The power of community and growing engagement
- Interest in applying for AZ HSI Consortium initiatives
- Desire to collaborate and share resources
- Reflection on student needs
- Recognition of the role that faculty have in mentoring and supporting institutional diversity

“The work within Arizona's HSIs is happening at a greater scale than it might feel like on our local campuses. The impact of seeing all the practitioners, projects, and progression allowed inspiration to be a key takeaway.”

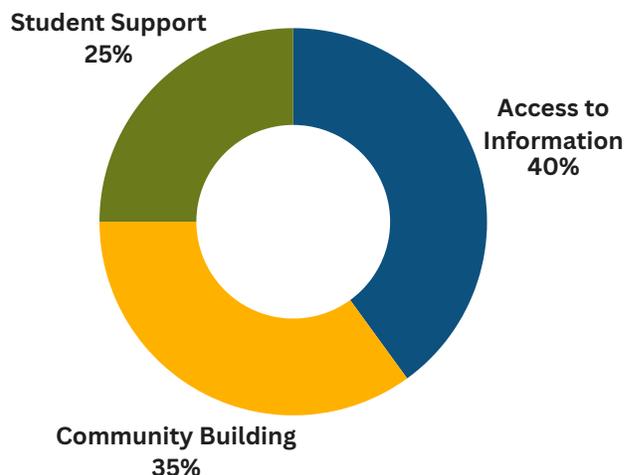
CLOSING ACTIVITY



During the Summit's closing activity, participants used PollEverywhere to respond to one question:

"In thinking about the year ahead, what support will you need most from the consortium?"

Responses were analyzed and grouped into key themes.



NEEDS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

01 Access to Information & Resources

Participants requested presentation slides, contact lists, grant insights, funding updates, and clearer guidance on student resources

02 Community Building & Collaboration

Many emphasized the need for ongoing communities of practice, networking databases, statewide partnerships, and spaces for shared problem-solving

03 Student-Centered Support & Belonging

Needs included improving support for undocumented students, building belonging, involving students directly, and maintaining advocacy during challenging political climates



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