



# AUGUST

newsletter



## ABOUT YOUR COUNSELOR

### Mrs. Vito

Aloha! I am entering my 16th year of counseling and have been at Cactus for 6 years. I am a mom of 3 wonderful boys. I am originally from Hawaii and enjoy reading books, spending time with my family, and being my kiddo's number 1 fan at all their sporting events. I love working at Cactus in the Guidance department. I love seeing our students grow throughout their years as a Cobra and enter the world with a vision and plan.

### Ms. Negrete

Greetings! I am entering my 9th year in education; I taught English for 7 years and this is my 2nd year at Cactus as a school counselor. I am a mother of 3; 1 at NAU and 2 high school students. In my spare time I like reading, cooking, spending time with family, and simply taking time to relax. I absolutely love the Guidance Team here! The best part of being a Cactus Counselor is helping students gain confidence and watching them achieve their goals.

### Mrs. Weaver

Hiiiiiiiiii! I am entering my 5th year of counseling and have been at Cactus for 3 years. Working at Cactus has been incredible; I love watching my students grow and discover their full potential. I'm a mom of 2 (3 year old and 6 year old) and have been happily married for almost 13 years. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, playing video games, or spending time with my family. I am so excited for what this school year has to offer. It's a great year to be a Cobra!

## NEED AN APPOINTMENT?

If you need to meet with your counselor about academics, career, and personal/social development, scan your counselor's QR code and schedule an appointment.



QR codes are located outside

- Guidance
- Library
- In the Cafeteria
- 200 bldg hallway
- 500 bldg hallway

## CAREER CENTER

Hi! My name is Nicole Gonzalez and I am the CHS Career Specialist! If you know me, you know that I am not new to Cactus (Cobras for life!!). I graduated from Cactus a couple of years ago. After that I went to college and got married. I have two spectacular kids - one is at NAU and the other one is probably in the 800 building somewhere. I love whatever my kids are doing, hanging out with my husband, cooking, crocheting, and our two cats - Sheba and Lucy.

### WHAT IS THE CAREER CENTER?

The Career Center is located in the library. I can help you with:

- College
- Career
- Military
- Scholarships
- Internships

Come visit or email any time! [NicGonzalez@pusd11.net](mailto:NicGonzalez@pusd11.net)



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## SENIORS

College applications are open! Remember to actively communicate with your counselor about where you apply, if you need help with applications, scholarships, and more!

Niche: <https://www.niche.com>

CommonBlackApp: <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com>

CommonApp: <https://www.commonapp.org>

Click on the link to start your application.

# ECAP SCHEDULE

## SENIORS

### Presentation

Monday, 8/19  
1st - 3rd period  
Room 225

Makeup day:  
Tuesday, 8/20  
2nd period  
Room 225

### Rotation

Monday - Friday  
8/26 - 8/30  
1st - 5th period  
ECAP Meeting

SENIORS - LOOK OUT FOR THE SENIOR FOLDER GOING OUT DURING ECAP ROTATIONS!

## JUNIORS

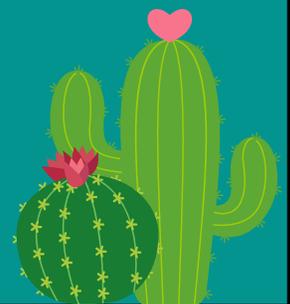
### Presentation

Monday, 9/9  
1st - 5th period  
Room 225

Makeup day:  
Tuesday, 9/10  
2nd period  
Room 225

### Rotation

Monday - Friday  
9/16 - 9/20  
1st - 5th period  
ECAP Meeting





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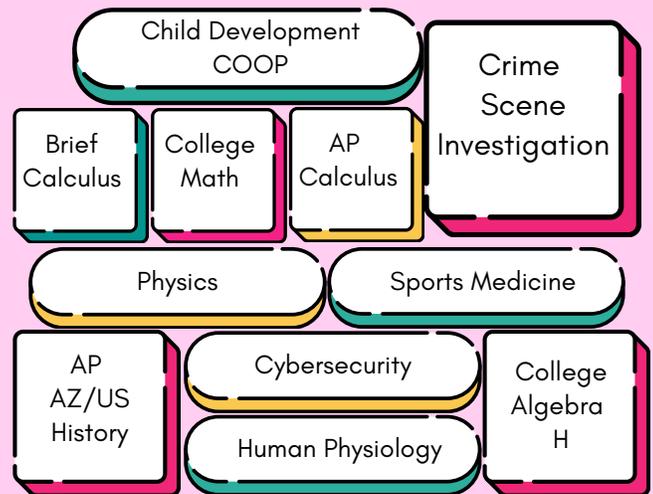
## DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment is an excellent opportunity to earn college credit while taking high school courses. If you have a dual enrollment class in your schedule, you will also need to enroll in the Community College. In most cases, you need to get a "C" or better in the class and if you do - you will earn college credit for that class. If you take advantage of these opportunities you will graduate high school with enough college credits to be well on your way to your degree. This is an awesome opportunity to get ahead!

### Important Dates:

- August 14-15: Classroom Presentations
- August 20-21: Registration in the Library
- August 27-28: EdReady testing in the Library
- August 30: Priority deadline
- September 6 - Final deadline for grant

### CLASSES OFFERED AT CHS



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **8/16** Last day to withdraw from a term course without it showing on the transcript (8 days)
- **8/14-9/4** Dates to drop an honors course and move to a lower level course (after 5th day, before 20th day)
- **8/20** Last day to drop a class and switch to full credit class or make a placement change (higher course)
- **9/5** College workshop Consortium in practice gym 2nd period for 11th and 12th graders. Seniors ONLY  
Lunchtime workshops
- **9/5** UNLV registration workshop- Seniors only (More to come from Career center)
- **9/12** GCU registration workshop
- **9/18** PUSD College Fair/Symposium @ ASU WEST!
- **9/23** NAU registration workshop
- **9/24** Huntington University Registration workshop
- **9/26** University of Arizona Registration workshop

## IMPORTANT LINKS



[myworld](#) [myfuture](#) [myplan](#)

**New Student Resource site:**  
[MyLife Student Resources](#) - find student checklists by grade level, academic, college and career planning resources and much more!



**SchoolLinks:** Using your school laptop, open Educational Resources, click on SchoolLinks, and sign in through Microsoft.



## **ASU's application is now open!**

We're here to announce that the Arizona State University application for fall 2025 admission is now open. ASU has launched a new application experience, and for a short time, we're limiting the number of applicants who will go through the new experience while we verify that everything is working as expected. Whether a student is routed to the new experience or the existing one, all students will be able to access the application. The Common Application opens Aug. 1.

**ASU's priority admission deadline is Nov. 1, but the earlier students apply, the sooner they'll receive their admission decision. We begin notifying students in August. Applying early also ensures that students are on track to be reviewed for merit-based scholarships when we begin awarding them later in the fall. Make sure your students fill out the FAFSA when it opens in the fall.**

Click on the link to start [ASU's application for admission](#).

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## Other helpful information

### Save the date! Tri-U counselor updates

#### Updated — ASU's Tempe campus

Tempe, Arizona

Thursday, Aug. 29

#### ASU's West Valley campus

Phoenix, Arizona

Thursday, Sept. 5

#### University of Arizona

Tucson, Arizona

Monday, Sept. 9

#### Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, Arizona

Tuesday, Sept. 10

#### ASU at Lake Havasu

Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Tuesday, Sept. 17

#### Arizona Western College

Yuma, Arizona

Friday, Sept. 20

Please help us spread the word about these upcoming **Tri-U student events**.

#### ASU's Tempe campus

Tempe, Arizona

Sunday, Aug. 25

#### ASU's West Valley campus

Phoenix, Arizona

Sunday, Sept. 8

#### Arizona Western College

Yuma, Arizona

Thursday, Sept. 19

#### Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, Arizona

Sunday, Sept. 22

#### University of Arizona

Tucson, Arizona

Thursday, Sept. 26

# COBRA COMMUNITY COLLEGE INFO



## QUESTIONS? NEED EXTRA HELP?

We are so fortunate to have our very own rep who will be on campus at CHS every week! If you have questions about Dual Enrollment or becoming a student at a Maricopa County Community College - you can make an appointment with MADAI GARCIA. Madai's email [\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](#)

## Hey Cobras! You can start taking college classes. Now.

### ACE

[Click here for more info on The ACE Program](#)

The ACE (Achieving a College Education) Program is nationally recognized for its success in helping underrepresented students make smooth transitions between high school, community college and universities. GCC is accepting applications now from SOPHOMORES. This is a great opportunity experience college life and see if college is right for you. Applications include 2 letters of recommendation, a short personal essay and a copy of your unofficial high school transcript. Essays challenge applicants to consider what challenges that they may have to overcome to be successful in high school or college? What accomplishments that they are proud of and what people or moments have shaped or inspired them. If accepted, students can earn up to 24 college credits by the time they graduate - taking classes over the summer and on Saturdays during the school year.

### President's Honors Scholarship

A major scholarship award, the Presidents' Honors Scholarship covers the cost of tuition (up to 15 credit hours per semester) for all incoming first-year college students with at least a 3.25 high school GPA. The Presidents' Honors Scholarship can also be applied toward any bachelor's degree program!

Maricopa Community Colleges offers over 600 scholarships—both big and small—to help make your path toward a certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree even more affordable.

### Need Help Paying for College?

[MCCCD Scholarships](#)

### See for yourself...

For so much more info on any of these programs or tons of others offered at MCCCD schools please make an appointment to visit the CHS Career Center today!

[Make appointment with Career Specialist](#)

[take a tour of GCC](#)

### Hoop of Learning

[Click here for more info on Hoop of Learning](#)

Attention Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors! Hoop of Learning is an early high school - to college bridge program. The purpose of this program is to reduce economic and cultural barriers that Native American students may face. Once accepted, Hoop of Learning students are concurrently enrolled in high school and college courses - attending college courses during the summer and on Saturdays during the school year. This program has fantastic benefits for it's students including getting a jump start on college, the opportunity to attend cultural events, field trips and

workshops and one-on-one advising. who qualifies?

- must be a registered member of a state or federally recognized tribal nation
- must have a 2.0 minimum GPA
- must be actively enrolled in high school and on track to graduate on time
- applicants can apply in the fall semester of their 9th, 10th, or 11th grade year.

# COBRA COMMUNITY COLLEGE INFO



Each of the TEN Maricopa County Community Colleges offer many of the same programs but each may also have unique opportunities that fit your individual needs! These are some of the individual programs at each site - click on the link to discover even more!.

Not sure what you want to study? [HERE](#) is list of all opportunities offered at MCCC

## GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bachelors Degree in Elementary Ed, Special Ed - programs available online and in person  
 Other Programs Include:  
 Behavioral Health Sciences  
 Chemistry  
 Ethnic Studies  
 Forensic Science  
 Law and Policy  
 Photography  
 Sociology  
 Women and Gender Studies

## GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) Bachelor's Degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology and Computed Tomography Deer Valley Campus at 2931 West Bell Road Beauty, Wellness, Aesthetics, Cosmetology Sky Harbor Campus 18th St. & Van Buren - Healthcare Central City Campus - 1245 E. Buckeye Trade and technical training programs. With quick certifications that take as little as six months to complete	Other Programs Include: Apprenticeships Bilingual Nursing Fellowship Carpentry Exercise Science Medical Assisting Nuclear Medicine Tech. Skin Care Welding
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## ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Artificial Intelligence Creative Writing Economics Interior Design Marketing	Networking and Security Religious Studies Sustainability Southwest Skill Center - Healthcare and Massage Therapy
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## SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

American Sign Language Cannabis Education Counseling Data Analytics	Digital Arts Music Early Childhood Education Forensic Science Performance and Directing
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## MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bachelors Degree in Analytics & Programming Other Programs Include: Beauty and Wellness Business Digital Arts	History Landscape Horticulture Networking and Security Photography Sustainability
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## PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bachelors degree in Elementary ED and Special Ed - programs available in person Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting	Anthropology Business English Literature Fire Science Geology Nursing Political Science Video Game Production
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## PHOENIX COLLEGE

Bachelors Degree in Information Technology & Bachelors Degree in Public Safety Administration Dental English as a Second Language Fashion Histologic Technology International Studies Medical Billing and Coding	Paralegal Studies Social Work Dental Assisting Dental Hygiene Audio Production Fashion and Interior Design American Sign Language and Interpreting
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## SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bachelors Degree in Behavioral Science Other Programs include: Astronomy Behavioral Health Sciences	Computer Info. Systems Dance Music Industry Studies Physics Social Work Storytelling
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## CHANDLER GILBERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Coming Fall 2025 - Bachelors Degree in AI Other Programs Include: Aviation Computer Information Systems Digital Imaging	Engineering Food Science Technology Mortuary Science Sustaining and Advancing Indigenous Nations Theatre
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## RIO SALADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

<b>ALL programs available online</b> Bachelors Degree in Elementary ED and Special Ed	Other Programs Include: Business Counseling Data Analytics Emergency Medical Technology Infant and Toddler Development Public Safety Administration Semiconductor Manufacturing Web Design and Development
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# BACHELORS DEGREE AT MCCCCD



WHY get a **BACHELOR'S DEGREE** from a Maricopa County Community College? A bachelor's degree is a great investment in your future. Take advantage of low tuition, easy enrollment, and small class sizes! Plus, you can take up to 90 credits at one or more of their colleges toward completion of your degree.

People with bachelor's degrees have many advantages including

- Achieve higher earnings over your lifetime. Starting salaries for those with bachelor's degrees are, on average, about \$20,000 higher than the average annual salaries for those with associate degrees.
- Advance your career and compete for leadership positions
- Enjoy greater job security, retirements savings, and employer-paid benefits such as health insurance.
- Tuition rates at one-third the cost of a traditional university, A bachelor's degree from Maricopa Community Colleges will save you \$7,000 to \$10,000 each year compared to the average cost of annual tuition at a university.



Earn Your Bachelor's Degree in **Behavioral Sciences** at South Mountain Community College With a bachelor's degree in this field, you will be prepared to:

Pursue a purpose-driven career in mental health, psychology, counseling, substance abuse, research, psychiatric tech, advocacy, rehabilitation, behavior analysis, education, and social and human services

Enroll in a graduate degree program to become licensed as a psychologist, behavior analyst, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, social worker, school psychologist, and neuropsychologist

Click [HERE](#) for more info on this program!

Take Your Nursing Career to the Next Level The **Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)** program at Maricopa Community Colleges can prepare you for a stable, high-performing career in nursing that comes with a bigger salary and competitive benefits in addition to more growth opportunities like management positions and educator roles.

With demand for nurses nationwide, our RN to BSN program is an excellent investment in your future. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, RN jobs are expected to grow 6 percent over this decade with the top 10 percent of nurses earning annual salaries of over \$120,000. RNs with a bachelor's degree command annual wages that are nearly twice as high as the annual wages of their RN peers without one.

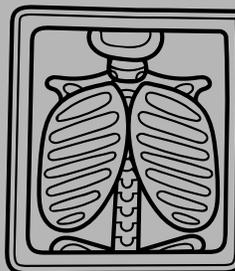
This new, exciting program will be offered at GateWay Community College. Click [HERE](#) for more info on this program!



Earn Your Bachelor's Degree at Gateway Community College in **Nuclear Medicine Technology and Computed Tomography**. With a bachelor's degree in this field, you will be equipped to: Pursue high-wage, high-demand jobs as a nuclear medicine technologist or radiologic technologist, carrying out fast-paced, specialized work in hospitals, clinics, imaging centers, physician offices, and medical sales companies. You will get the opportunity to analyze nuclear medicine and computed tomography images and processes to help diagnose and treat diseases.

If you want a challenging, high-wage, high-tech career in healthcare, where you can combine imaging, diagnostics, patient care, chemistry, physics, and math, then consider a degree in nuclear medicine technology and computed tomography! Currently, no other college or university in Arizona offers this unique program that combines academic, clinical, and laboratory training and experiences to prepare students for the complexities of medical imaging, diagnostics, and patient care.

Click [HERE](#) for more info on this program!



## Coming Fall 2025!

Bachelor of **Business Administration** at Paradise Valley Community College. This program can prepare you for a rewarding, well-paying career in finance, accounting, or business.

Click [HERE](#) for more info on this program!

Bachelor's Degree in **Data Analytics and Programming** at Mesa Community College

With a bachelor's degree in this field, you will be prepared to Learn How to Work with Data—Become a Data Scientist!

Pursue a variety of occupations within the information technology industry, such as data analysis, data science, computer programming, computer systems analysis, software development, and quality assurance

Invest in your future with a bachelor's degree in the broad field of data analytics and programming, among the fastest-growing, highest-paying careers in the United States.

Learn how to use and visualize data to solve problems, make predictions, formulate questions, and identify opportunities.

With growing demand for data-driven knowledge in all industries, including healthcare, education, commerce, communications, and technology, this bachelor's degree program will empower you with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter this diverse, high-growth field.

Click [HERE](#) for more info on this program!

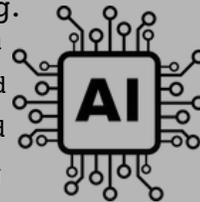
## Coming Fall 2025 Bachelor's Degree in AI !!

The Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning at Maricopa Community Colleges can prepare you for a career in the booming industry of AI.

Learn emerging principles and methodologies for building machine learning models that can be used for predicting, decision-making, and optimizing. This program will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to enter a variety of industries that rely on AI, including information technology, healthcare, aerospace, and manufacturing.

With a bachelor's degree in this field, you will be able to launch a high-tech career while saving money on your education and getting personalized support.

This new, exciting program will be offered at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. Click [HERE](#) for more info on this amazing opportunity!



Bachelor's Degree in **Early Childhood Education—Dual Language**

With a bachelor's degree in this field, you will be qualified for an Arizona Early Childhood Education teaching certification for birth to age 8 (or grade 3) and prepared to pursue a Bilingual Education, PreK-12 Endorsement or an English as a Second Language (ESL), PreK-12 Endorsement

Give Children a Solid Start in Life. Help Set Them Up for a Lifetime of Success. Click [HERE](#) for more info on this program!

**READY. SET. GO!!**

THE ASVAB IS AN OPPORTUNITY! THE INFORMATION GATHERED IN TAKING THIS TEST MAY HELP YOU MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE OR CAREER PATH BECAUSE IT SHOWS YOU WHERE YOUR STRENGTHS ARE. THE RESULTS CAN BE USED TO TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT TYPE OF CAREER WOULD BE BEST FOR YOU. SIGN UP TODAY!

# ASVAB

**WHO?**

**ALL SOPHOMORES,  
JUNIORS AND SENIORS!!**

**WHAT?**

The ASVAB measures a student's ability in a really wide variety of areas. High scores in various sections of the ASVAB might suggest potential career paths that would be a good fit for you.

**WHERE?**

CHS - ROOM 225

**WHEN?**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2024  
7:30 AM**

**WHY?**

The ASVAB is a tool for all students to see where their strengths are. A comprehensive evaluation of your score and potential career paths is provided on another day after the test.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
NICOLE GONZALEZ IN THE  
CAREER CENTER.  
NICGONZALEZ@PUSD11.NET

Use this QR code to sign up for the test TODAY! Once you have signed up, we will contact you with more details.

ASVAB Test sign up [here](#).



# READY. SET. GO!!

THE PSAT IS AN OPPORTUNITY! IT MAY HELP YOU MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE AND CAREER PATH BECAUSE IT CAN SHOW YOU WHERE YOUR STRENGTHS ARE. THE RESULTS CAN BE USED TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OR COLLEGE. DOWNLOAD THE BLUEBOOK APP IN THE SOFTWARE CENTER ON YOUR STUDENT LAPTOP TO TAKE PRACTICE TESTS!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
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CAREER CENTER.  
NICGONZALEZ@PUSD11.NET

Use this QR code to sign up for the test **TODAY!** Once you have signed up, we will contact you with more details about how to pay for the test, how to prepare and where to go on the day of testing.



**PSAT Test sign up [here](#)**

# PSAT

**ALL SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS!!**

WHO?

The PSAT tests your skills in reading, writing, and math. It is a practice test for the SAT. **The test costs \$18.**

WHAT?

**Room 225**

WHERE?

**Sign up deadline: SEPT. 12**  
**Money due to bookstore: OCT. 7**  
**Test Date: OCT 15, 2024**

WHEN?

If you earn a high score on the PSAT you could be eligible to receive merit scholarships for college. This test is an awesome opportunity to prepare for college applications and the SAT test.

WHY?