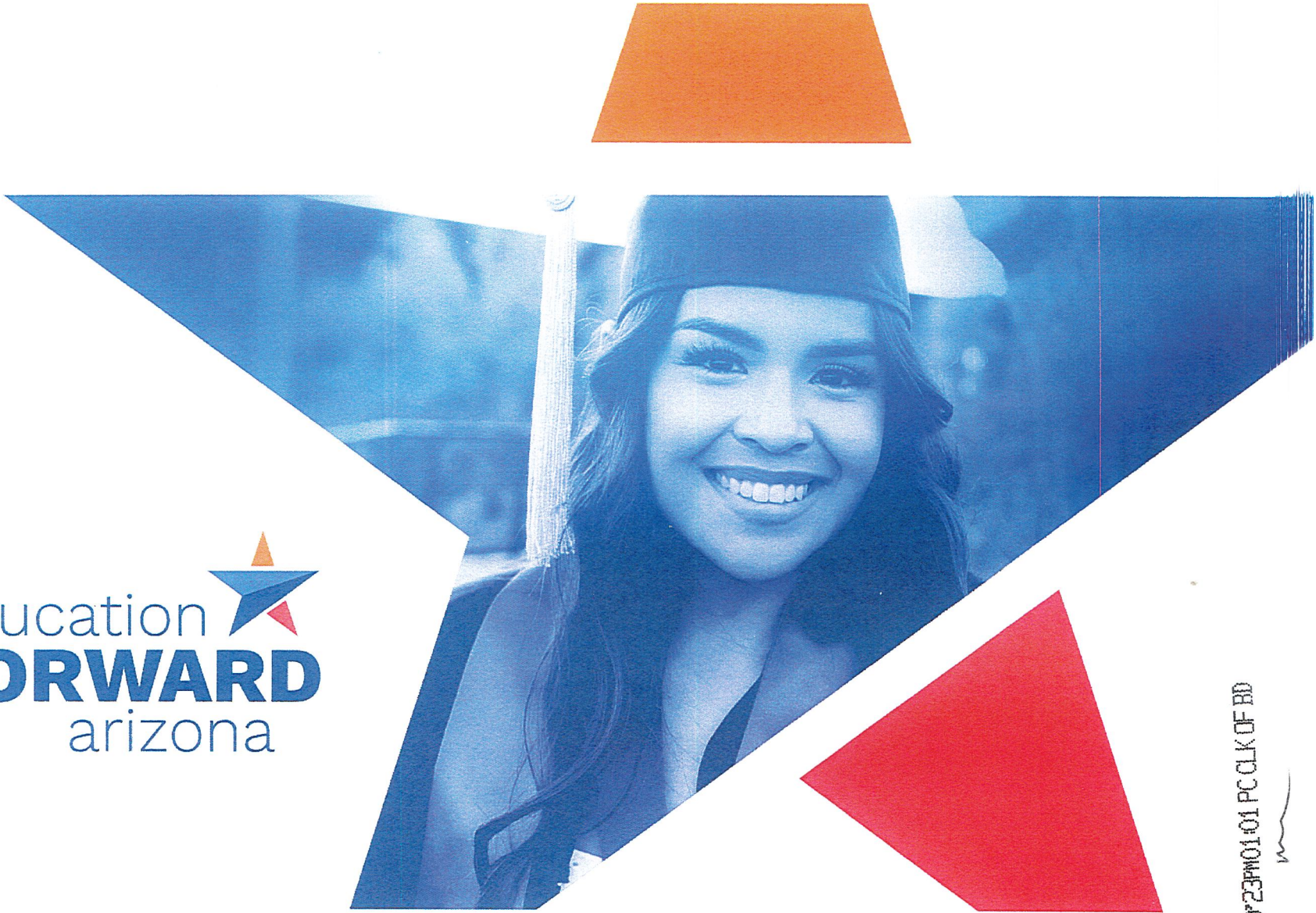


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In Arizona.....

**We Have Everything to Gain
Shared Action Plan
Economic Growth Plan**

November 1, 2023

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Mission

To advocate for and act on education improvements that advance the quality of life for all Arizonans





Achieve60AZ

- 48% attainment today → 60% by 2030
- Arizona's attainment goal
- 500,000 more credentials or degrees needed





How do we make gains across Arizona?

Early Childhood

- Offer state-supported full-day Kindergarten and inclusive pre-K
- Recruit and retain a highly-qualified early childhood workforce
- Expand resources and supports for family childcare
- Increase educator pay and retain great teachers

High School

- Increase and sustain professional development and coaching for educators
- Create a math equivalent to Read On Arizona
- Start the Education Career Action Plan (ECAP) in 8th grade
- Increase equitable access to dual and concurrent enrollment
- Expand access to school counselors

After High School

- Make college more affordable and expansion scholarship programs
- Strengthen linkages between the PK-12 and postsecondary education systems
- Implement a long-term P20 funding system



Arizona Education Progress Meter

Where We Stand Today

Quality Early Learning



Percent of 3- and 4-year-old children that are in quality early learning settings.

3rd Grade Reading



Percent of 3rd grade students who scored proficient or highly proficient on the AASA English language arts assessment.

8th Grade Math



Percent of 8th grade students who are prepared to be successful in high school math.

High School Graduation



Percent of high school students who graduate in four years.

Opportunity Youth



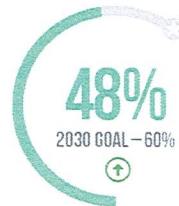
Percent of 16-24 year olds NOT going to school or working.

Post High School Enrollment



Percent of high school graduates enrolled in postsecondary education the semester after graduating high school.

Attainment



Percent of Arizona residents 25-64 years of age who have completed a 2- or 4-year degree or who have an active professional certificate or license.

- ▶ Education framework outlining how to reach Achieve60AZ goal
- ▶ Created by 200+ statewide partners partners
- ▶ Used statewide by policy makers, educators, civic leaders, and business leaders



Billions to Gain

- ▶ New 2023 report for Arizona
- ▶ Details benefits of increased enrollment and completion of education and training after high school
- ▶ Looks at the benefits from individual, social and fiscal perspectives





Benefits of Education After High School



Higher lifetime earnings, increased job opportunities and security.



Healthier communities, reduction in crime.



Higher revenues and lower public expenditures.

EVERYTHING ^{TO} **GAIN**

By raising enrollment rates by 20%, **Arizonans could gain more than \$5 billion**

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Our Programs

AdviseAZ

Increasing counseling capacity by placing near-peer college success advisors in high schools



Ask Benji

Supporting FAFSA completion across the state through 24/7 text support



College Knowing & Going

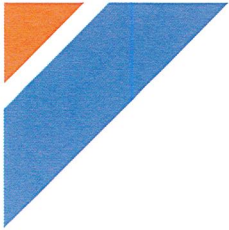
Creating school-wide college-going cultures in high schools serving underrepresented students



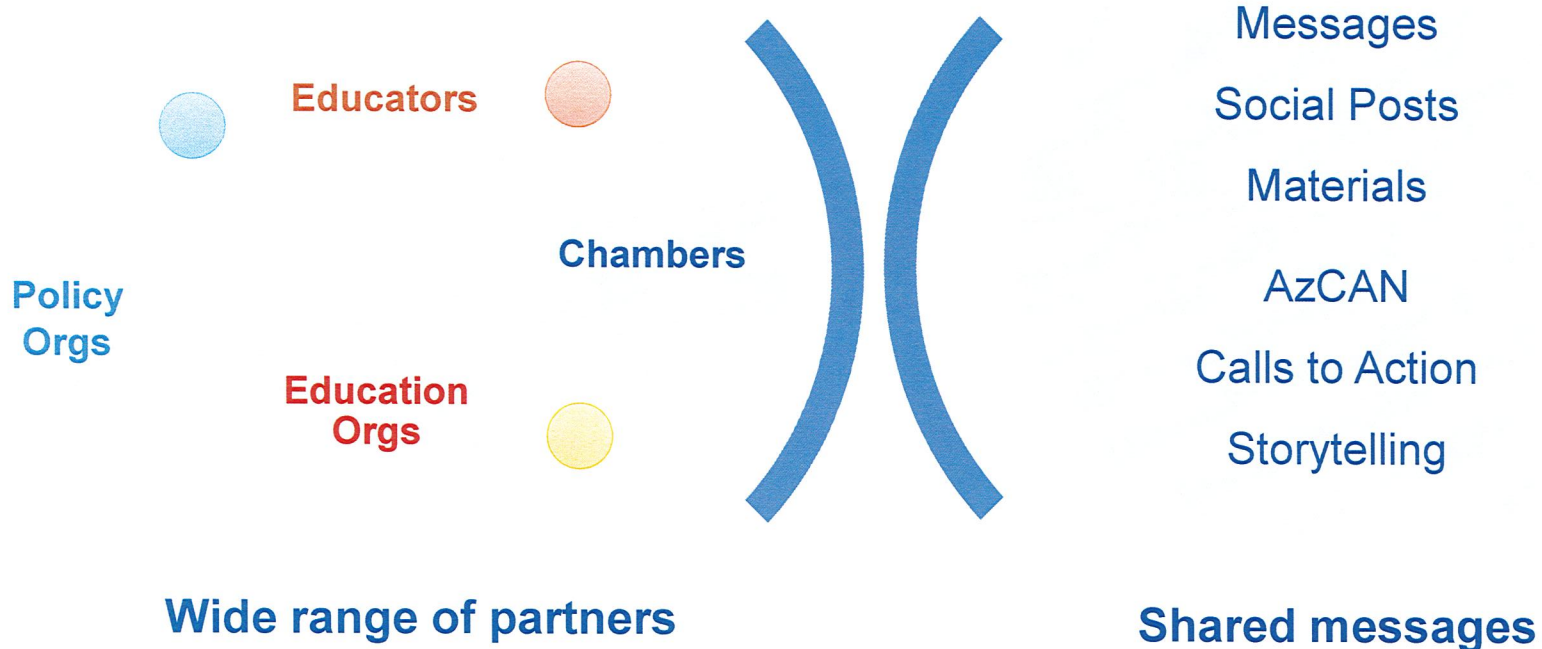
Success Services

Providing dedicated Success Advisors for select scholarship recipients and programs





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