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Chairman and CEO



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26: National Charter Schools Conference (Albuquerque)

“Beat the Odds” report co-author Rebecca Gau and two Beat the Odds principals will share the research findings and in-the-field strategies that have been found effective in closing the achievement gap at predominantly Latino schools.

May 1: National Migrant Education Conference (Phoenix)

Dr. Lattie Coor will present the findings and implications of the “Beat the Odds” research study to nearly 600 members of the National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education.

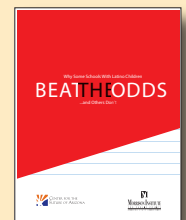
■ Dr. Lattie Coor recently presented the “Beat the Odds” report findings and their implications at an Arizona K-12 Center leadership workshop. The **Arizona K-12 Center** improves teaching and learning in Arizona schools by bringing innovative ideas and professional development support to Arizona educators.

■ Executive Director Dr. Sybil Francis provided testimony in support of the **Early Graduation Scholarship Program** (H.B. 2238) to the Arizona House Committee on Education (K-12). The program would provide a post-secondary educational scholarship to Arizona students who graduate at least one semester prior to the standard four years of high school.

■ **Rusty and Rosie Lyon** generously donated \$100,000 to the Center for the Future of Arizona to advance the Beat the Odds initiative.

■ Executives from **Arizona education associations** met recently to discuss how to implement the Beat the Odds principles at the school board, district and school/classroom level.

■ With support from the Stardust Foundation, the center’s research study “**Why Some Schools with Latino Children Beat the Odds ... and Others Don’t**” is in its third printing. For a copy, call 480-727-5005 or download the report at www.arizonafuture.org.



■ Approximately 110 members of the **Gilbert School District** met on February 28 for a presentation about the “Beat the Odds” research and its implications for Arizona educators.

■ A total of 450 people representing 150 nonprofits recently learned how **Jim Collins’ “Good to Great” business principles can be successfully applied to the social sector**. Dr. Lattie Coor provided the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Foundation Roundtable of Santa Barbara.