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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September 10: Arizona K-12 Center Leadership Meeting (Scottsdale)

Dr. Lattie Coor will discuss Beat the Odds with administrators from Arizona Teacher Excellence Plan (AzTEP) schools and the Governor's Master Teacher Program.

AzTEP assists underserved schools in developing a corps of highly qualified teachers. The Governor's Master Teacher Program places experienced, accomplished teachers into leadership roles in schools as mentors for their peers.

■ This month the Center for the Future of Arizona is **launching the Beat the Odds Institute, a major initiative designed to advance school improvement and increase individual student achievement.** During the 2007-08 academic year, Maricopa County elementary and middle school principals will partner with the Beat the Odds Institute to learn how to apply the Beat the Odds concepts school-wide on their campuses.

The initiative is an outgrowth of the March 2006 "Beat the Odds" research report, which identified **six keys to success** that Arizona teachers and principals intuitively implemented that **resulted in exceptional achievement in reading and math** by primarily poor, Latino students. The report is available online at [www.arizonafuture.org](http://www.arizonafuture.org).

■ Eligible **high school students who graduate early will receive scholarships to qualifying colleges and universities** under Senate Bill 1069, which was recently signed into law. Executive Director Sybil Francis provided testimony in support of the bill. Students who graduate at least one year early may receive up to \$1,250 the first year and \$750 the second year of their post-secondary education. Those who graduate one semester early may receive up to \$1,000 the first year and \$500 the second year.

■ New research by the Center for the Future of Arizona finds that **Arizona high school dropouts are almost twice as likely as "high school only" graduates to be living in poverty. Further, individuals with an associate degree or occupational certification earn nearly twice the wages earned by employed dropouts**

(an additional \$16,597 annually). "Bridging the Grad Gap: Measuring the Economic Benefits of Educational Attainment in Arizona" is available online at [www.arizonafuture.org](http://www.arizonafuture.org).

