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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 14: Maricopa County Executive Development Leadership Training

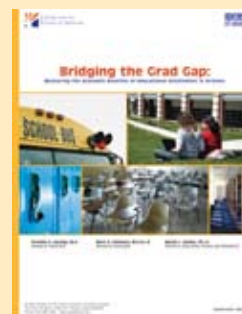
Dr. Lattie Coor will speak to county government managers about trends and forecasts for Arizona's future, and The Vision for the Future of Arizona. The vision is a dynamic, nonpartisan statewide agenda developed with the leadership of the center and endorsed by more than 70 Arizona public and private organizations.

November 28: Beat the Odds School Partners Meeting

Work session for BTO School Partner principals including professional development training focusing on collaboration.

■ **The center's new Beat the Odds website is now online** at www.beattheoddsinstitute.org. It provides cutting-edge information, updates and resources to educators and others interested in increasing student achievement among Arizona's K-12 students through school-wide implementation of the Beat the Odds framework. The website is funded through a grant from the Arizona Board of Regents.

■ Recently released 2006 U.S. Census data for Arizona suggests that **the earning potential of Arizona high school graduates who do not pursue post-secondary educational opportunities continues to erode relative to that of high school dropouts**. This reaffirms the findings of the center's recent "Grad Gap" report. The study found that a high school diploma's real significance is not in the degree itself but in the access it provides to improved financial outcomes and quality of life through post-secondary education.



■ **Approximately 1,200 Cartwright School District teachers learned about Beat the Odds during a late October professional development day**. Cartwright is one of 12 metro Phoenix-area school districts that recently partnered with the Beat the Odds Institute of the Center for the Future of Arizona in an effort to increase student achievement at twenty-seven K-12 schools.

■ **A proposal to raise high-school math and science graduation requirements gained support** at an October 10 study session attended by Arizona educators and business leaders. Center Executive Director Dr. Sybil Francis participated, providing supportive testimony for the Arizona State Board of Education proposal.

■ **A new study finds that only 47.9% of 2006 Arizona high school graduates were eligible for direct admission to the state's universities**. The Arizona Board of Regents report notes that statewide and across all ethnic groups, math was the area where students were most likely to fall short of even the minimal requirement for university admission. The "2006 Arizona High School Eligibility Study" executive summary is available online at <http://www.azregents.edu>.