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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22: Meeting of the Governor's P-20 Pathways Committee

Dr. Sybil Francis will make a presentation regarding the Center for the Future of Arizona's Pathway to Post-Secondary initiative.

October 27: Arizona School Administrators Association Superintendents' Higher Ed Conference

Dr. Lattie Coor will make a presentation on the topic of leadership. Dr. Marjorie Kaplan, director of the Center for the Future of Arizona's Beat the Odds Institute, will lead a break-out group.

October 29: Beat the Odds School Partners Meeting

Celebration of schools achieving bronze-level status.

■ **The Center for the Future of Arizona has announced a major new initiative focused on increasing student success through system-wide changes in public education.** The initiative will emphasize the creation of seamless pathways between high school and post-secondary education for all students based on their interests and skills. Dr. Sybil Francis, center executive director, will lead the center's Pathways to Post-secondary Project.

Helios Education Foundation has committed to partner with the center in the endeavor and is providing a \$250,000 startup grant. The center's pathways initiative was featured in the September 14 Arizona Republic Viewpoints section.

More information is available at www.arizonafuture.org.



■ **Helios Education Foundation has granted \$79,500 to the center's "Parents as Partners" Latino parent initiative, which increases parental involvement in schools with low-income, predominantly minority student populations.** The funds will support a series of training seminars for school personnel who will serve as parent liaisons at schools participating in the center's Beat the Odds School Partners Program.

■ **The Gallup Organization will begin polling Arizona residents in mid-November as a first step in building a citizens' agenda with clear, measurable goals that describe "the Arizona we want" in authentic language that is meaningful to citizens.** The poll will determine at a grassroots level what Arizonans think of elected leaders' agendas, clarify citizens' priorities and indicate whether citizens are willing to invest in these priorities. Dr. Lattie Coor, center chairman and CEO, is leading "The Arizona We Want" initiative, which breaks new ground nationally.

■ **A clear bottom line is not only vital in business, but in the field of education.**

George Smith Junior High School in Mesa is a leader in establishing a clear bottom line for student academic achievement. Read more at www.beattheoddsinstitute.org.