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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **June 18-19: Beat the Odds Leadership Seminar**

Orientation and training seminar for principals of schools joining the Beat the Odds School Partners Program.

■ **The Beat the Odds School Partners Program will expand to Tucson-area schools during the 2009-2010 academic year.** The program provides training, assistance and support to K-12 principals in applying research-based principles that have been shown to lead to better than expected individual student achievement. Fifty-nine metro Phoenix-area schools participated in the program in the most recent academic year.

■ **Amanda Burke has joined the Center for the Future of Arizona as Director of Education Innovation and Director of the Arizona “Tough Choices or Tough Times” Initiative.**

She will work with Center Executive Director Sybil Francis, who is leading Arizona’s “Tough Choices” private-sector education stakeholder group. Previously, Burke was Director of Education Innovation and Policy with the Arizona State University Office of University Initiatives in the Office of the President. She began her career in education as a high school teacher. She was a Teach For America corps member and currently serves on the Teach For America Phoenix Regional Advisory Board. Since 2004, Burke has been involved in a number of education innovation initiatives including the ASU pathways projects and the University Public Schools Initiative.



■ **Work is underway to summarize research findings from the Gallup Arizona poll, which explores citizen priorities related to education, health care, job creation, infrastructure and energy independence.** The research will be used to create a nonpartisan citizens’ agenda with clear, measurable goals. The information will be released in the fall according to CFA Chairman and CEO Lattie Coor, who is leading the center’s “The Arizona We Want” Initiative.

■ **Forty representatives from 15 metro Phoenix-area schools recently completed the Beat the Odds Institute’s “Parents as Partners” training program.**

Participants learned how to effectively engage parents in their children’s academic achievement. The program will be offered during the upcoming school year to members of the Beat the Odds School Partners Program. For more information, visit [www.beattheoddsinstitute.org](http://www.beattheoddsinstitute.org).