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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Board Assessment System Symposium Series

November 5: ACT Quality Core

November 17: Cambridge International Examinations

TBD: Edexcel

#### November 10: Beat the Odds Training (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community)

Topics include collaboration and empowering staff and students.

#### November 18: Beat the Odds School Partners Meeting (Phoenix)

Topics include quality first instruction, built to suit, differentiation and addressing targeted students.

#### November 20: Parents as Partners Program (Phoenix)

Training focusing on how parent liaisons can support, and become part of, the school's academic team.

■ **More than 200 Arizona leaders attended the center's October 2 release of the Gallup Arizona Poll results and a new citizens' agenda for the state, *The Arizona We Want*.** The Gallup research found a broad consensus regarding how Arizonans view the communities in which they live and what they want for Arizona's future. In response to the high media visibility and broad public interest surrounding the report, Center Chairman and CEO

Lattie Coor met in October with business, government and community organizations throughout the state to discuss strategic alliances to focus efforts upon achieving the eight goals set forth by the citizens' agenda. The center is encouraging all Arizonans to visit [www.TheArizonaWeWant.org](http://www.TheArizonaWeWant.org), download a copy of the research report, and take the Gallup Arizona Poll. Organizations of 25 or more employees, members or customers can receive a report that benchmarks the group's responses with statewide citizen responses. For details, contact the Center for the Future of Arizona at (602) 496-1360.



■ **Thirty-nine metro Phoenix-area schools recently received Beat the Odds Awards for school improvement.** The awards mark major milestones toward attaining the title of a "Beat the Odds School"—one in which individual student achievement is better than expected, based on demographics. The number of schools attaining a high level of success has grown from nine schools to 39 schools in just one academic year. Arizona schools participating in the BTO School Partners Program will be eligible for the gold "Beat the Odds School" designation at the end of the current academic year. For more information, visit [www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org](http://www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org).

■ **Marc Tucker, president of the National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE), was hosted by CFA in October and met with Arizona education leaders from K-12, community colleges and universities, as well as government and business representatives.** The group discussed establishing a new educational model that provides support to teachers and students in reaching higher academic standards by utilizing internationally benchmarked instructional systems and assessments such as ACT Quality Core, Cambridge International Examinations and Edexcel. In November CFA will host a series of informational sessions about each of these board assessments, which are open to all who are interested. For details, contact Amanda Burke, CFA director of education innovation, at (602) 496-2037 or [amanda.m.burke@asu.edu](mailto:amanda.m.burke@asu.edu).