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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 8: Greater Phoenix Education Management Council Meeting**

Beat the Odds program presentation.

**January 14: Flagstaff Forty Meeting**

*The Arizona We Want* presentation to business, elected and community leaders.

**January 20: The Citizen Voice and Community Attachment (Washington, D.C.)**

Special event to discuss the implications of *The Arizona We Want* with select leaders from national foundations, NGOs and agencies concerned with the role of citizens in public policy and community building. Co-hosted by the Knight Foundation, Gallup and the Center for the Future of Arizona.

**January 29: Parents as Partners Meeting (Phoenix)**

Beat the Odds training for parent liaisons regarding how to reach parent involvement goals related to student academic success.

■ **The Center for the Future of Arizona is pleased to announce José Cárdenas, Ruth McGregor and Bill Post have joined its board of directors.** Cárdenas is senior vice president and general counsel of Arizona State University. McGregor is a former Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice. Post is the former chairman and chief executive officer of Pinnacle West Capital Corporation.

■ ***The Arizona We Want* report provides a new opportunity for civic and business organizations to align their goals with the goals of Arizona citizens.**

Commented Greater Phoenix Leadership President/CEO Tom Franz, "Gallup and the center have done a masterful job of capturing not only how Arizonans see life in their communities and their state, but what they want for the future. We take this seriously and have incorporated citizen goals into our own goals for how we should be working to move Arizona forward in 2010. We all want the same thing—for Arizona to be a great place to live and prosper."



■ **The Center for the Future of Arizona recently hosted a three-part symposium series to explore how board examination systems can help students reach higher levels of academic performance and "move on when ready" to postsecondary study.** The featured board examination providers included ACT QualityCore, Cambridge International Examinations and Pearson/Edexcel. Education stakeholders from across the state participated in the meetings to learn more about these complete instructional systems that provide support to students and teachers for improved student success. The center is actively identifying schools interested in piloting these systems. Individuals interested in learning more can contact Center Executive Director Sybil Francis via e-mail at [Sybil.Francis@asu.edu](mailto:Sybil.Francis@asu.edu).

■ **Tucson's Billy Lane Lauffer Middle School (Sunnyside Unified School District) is using project based learning and collaboration to set the academic bar higher while increasing the relevance of what students are taught.** It is one of 84 Arizona schools participating in the Beat the Odds School Partners Program during the current academic year. To learn more about Lauffer Middle School's success, visit [www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org](http://www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org).