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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Beat the Odds School Partners

Initial meetings of the 2010-2011 school year.

August 25:	Metro Phoenix
September 15:	Metro Tucson
September 21:	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

#### September 23: It's Up to Me AZ: A Day of Civic Action (Phoenix)

Public release of the Arizona Civic Health Index study by the Center for the Future of Arizona.

■ **"Citizen Questions for Candidates,"** a compilation of questions collected online and at a series of five *The Arizona We Want* town meetings, have been distributed to candidates for public office, the media and interested organizations and individuals statewide. Candidates have been invited to respond to the questions on their campaign Websites, on CFA's Website [www.TheArizonaWeWant.org](http://www.TheArizonaWeWant.org), and in speeches, interviews and other campaign activities. The questions are organized around seven issues: job creation, education, natural resources and the environment, healthcare, immigration, leadership and state government, and state finances. The complete report is available online at [www.TheArizonaWeWant.org](http://www.TheArizonaWeWant.org).



■ ***The Arizona We Want* town meetings will be broadcast prior to the August 24 primary election on Cox Cable Channel 115. All programs air at 8:00 p.m.**

Monday, Aug. 16	Peoria Town Meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 18	Flagstaff Town Meeting
Thursday, Aug. 19	Mesa Town Meeting
Friday, Aug. 20	Tucson Town Meeting
Monday, Aug. 23	Sierra Vista Town Meeting

■ **CFA, under the leadership of Executive Director Sybil Francis, is continuing to explore collaborative opportunities to develop pathways to postsecondary success for Arizona high school students.** The goal of the initiative is to ensure that every student is in an academically rigorous pathway that leads to postsecondary participation and success, defined as earning a technical certificate, completing community college and/or earning a bachelor's degree. Center representatives recently met in Show Low with the leadership of Northland Pioneer Community College, Arizona State University, and local school districts to discuss needs in that region.

■ **Arizona K-12 schools interested in participating in the Beat the Odds program during the 2010-2011 academic year are encouraged to register no later than September.** The program, now entering its fourth year, is continuing to expand statewide, offering opportunities to additional schools and districts with low-income, high minority student populations. A recent evaluation by WestEd, a national research agency, found that scores in reading and math on state tests were higher in BTO schools compared to similar schools not in the program. Interested principals and superintendents should contact Beat the Odds Institute Director Marjorie Kaplan at (602) 496-1360 for more information or to register.