2015 – 2016
ASU Preparatory Academy
Annual Report
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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to present you with highlights of ASU Preparatory Academy’s activity and growth for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Arizona State University is committed to access and excellence and to taking fundamental responsibility for the communities it serves. ASU Preparatory Academy shares this commitment by demonstrating all students can achieve at the highest levels, regardless of socioeconomic status. As proud stewards of student achievement, ASU Preparatory Academy aims to guide and coach each student toward being college eligible and successful.

Everything we do at ASU Preparatory Academy is focused on the learner and provides a customized educational program that meets their needs and builds on student desires and interests. Student passions include but are not limited to sustainability, community service, STEM and achieving academic success. ASU Preparatory Academy supports student passions by providing a university-embedded academic program with personalized attention and the flexibility to explore many degree and career interests and pathways.

We continuously seek to improve the continuum of student learning and welcome your feedback, interest and support. If you have something to share or want to get more involved with our community of scholars as a mentor, resource or financial donor, please reach out to us at 480-727-5811 or by visiting our website at asuprep.asu.edu.

On behalf of our students, faculty and staff we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Beatriz Rendón
Chief Executive Officer
ASU Preparatory Academy
Welcome to the ASU Preparatory Academy family. ASU Preparatory Academy is an innovative and thriving PreK through 12 public charter school. Chartered by Arizona State University, we have grown to serve more than 2,200 students at our Phoenix, Mesa and now our Casa Grande locations.

We strive to equip each of our students with the knowledge and training to graduate high school and be successful in college. We believe that a strong college-going community is imperative for the success of our students, our community and our state.

According to a 2014 report by Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce, an estimated 68% of all jobs in Arizona will require a post-secondary education by the year 2020. ASU Preparatory Academy believes that every student can achieve a post-secondary education, and has designed its coursework and mentorship programs to make sure that belief becomes a reality.

**ASU Prep’s Mission**

Our mission is to provide optimum environments for learning, helping all students become innovative leaders and problem solvers who are prepared for success in college and their preferred careers.

“ASU Prep has a model that can potentially have an impact beyond the borders of Arizona.”

– George Harris, CEO of the Pike & Susan Sullivan Foundation

“I love my job here! I wish every educator was able to experience a school like this; an organization that cares so much about every individual.”

– ASU Preparatory Academy Teacher, Casa Grande
History

Founded in 2008, ASU Preparatory Academy originally operated as University Public Schools, Inc. (UPSI). We opened our first campus in Mesa, on the ASU Polytechnic campus and our Phoenix location just one year later, in partnership with the Phoenix Elementary School District. Now, a third location has opened in Casa Grande for the 2016–2017 school year.

The ASU Prep Way

Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Smart.

At ASU Prep

- We are a Cambridge Curriculum school aligned with the AZ College and Career Ready standards.
- Family involvement is the key to our success.
- Our high school graduation requirements are aligned with ASU's admission requirements.
- We have a comprehensive program that includes sports and extra-curricular activities to support students beyond the school day.

Leadership

- George Dean, Chairperson
- Jose Cardenas, Vice Chairperson
- Beatriz Rendón, President and CEO, Ex-officio Officer
- Deborah Gonzalez, Vice President and CAO, Ex-officio Officer
- Chevy Humphrey, Treasurer
- Josephine Marsh, Member
- Carole Greenes, Member
- Alice (Dinky) Snell, Member

“Love the school and the staff. They are very committed to the students’ improvement. My kids are very happy to be part of ASU Preparatory Academy!”

– ASU Preparatory Academy Parent, Facebook Review
ASU Preparatory Academy is a Cambridge Curriculum school aligned with the AZ College and Career Ready standards focused on critical thinking skills and deep learning experiences.

The Cambridge Curriculum helps students develop critical thinking and learning skills that prepare them for success in college. Programs are designed to be challenging. Students learn the key concepts of each subject by examining them in depth, and at their own pace. Each area is flexible, so that teachers can use relevant examples like local context and culture.

Students have to demonstrate core understanding of a subject, and be able to think critically. Exams are used to recognize, reward and encourage this learning. The Cambridge curriculum has different levels meant for different ages of learning:

- Cambridge Primary – for ages 5-11
- Cambridge Secondary 1 – for ages 11-14
- Cambridge IGCSE – for ages 14-16
- Cambridge International AS & A Level – for ages 16+

### Results

**71%**

of our students admitted to four-year degree granting universities

(70% admitted to ASU)

**100%**

Four-year graduation rate for the 2015–2016 school year
Classroom Experience

- An Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) is developed for each student in consultation with parents/guardians and families and is conducted quarterly. This plan includes a list of learning outcomes the student is expected to achieve and a visual indicator of progress and an agenda for personal conferences with the student’s teachers and parents/guardians. The final level of achievement on each learning outcome will be a part of the student’s 10-week report card.

- Class sizes do not exceed a 30:1 student-to-teacher ratio.

- At the STEM Academy, students engage in content and engineering challenges offered by leading STEM and partnering organizations.

- Students can explore college majors and career disciplines through personalized academic apprenticeships with ASU faculty and community organizations.

- Students develop leadership skills, public speaking skills and civic responsibility through Capstone project ventures and university experiences.

- After demonstrating readiness, juniors and seniors have the opportunity to take ASU Online courses while supported by ASU Prep faculty.

- Students use technology for completing coursework.

- Each quarter, students work together to create a project/product which showcases the learning achieved during the quarter. At the end of the quarter, students and families gather together in the evening for a display of the work accomplished. These events, called Summatives, are times for celebration of work completed and goals mastered.

Family Involvement

- Family involvement is key to our success. Our families contribute a minimum of 30 hours per year to help students succeed.

15% of last year’s graduating class earned at least 3 college credits and a GPA of 3.3

72% of our ASU bound students earned Merit based scholarships
Student Activities
As part of the ASU Prep experience, we encourage all of our students to explore future majors and career paths through internships in areas of interest to them, capstone projects, community service or clubs and organizations.

Community Collaborations and Support
- ASU Prep student-led NewTrition program partnered with the Mollen Foundation to start a farm-to-table program.
- Cox Charities supported ASU Prep STEM projects through the Summer Bridge Programs.
- Freeport McMoRan donated $3,500 for student backpacks and uniforms.

Cultural Experiences
- The Phoenix Symphony offered music education classes to ASU Prep Phoenix families.
- Phoenix Art Museum provided space for a gallery show of student artwork.
- The Arizona Science Center hosted ASU Prep Family Science Night – a special free evening for ASU Prep families featuring ASU Prep students’ science projects on display.
- The Musical Instrument Museum hosted an ASU Prep Performance Night and class field trip experiences.

Student Awards and Recognition
- ASU Prep Phoenix Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) students were awarded a community service award from ASU’s Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering.
- The ASU Prep Phoenix Varsity Spirit Line competed in the Starz Universal cheer and dance competition and walked away with first place for the second consecutive year.
- ASU Prep freshman Bruno Rergis received first place in Chinese languages fair competition at ASU.

Our Students
“The teachers at my school are very engaging and ultimately want the best for their students. Many find time to help whenever it is needed even if that means staying after school or later than they are required. Many have fun and engaging lessons that really teach us.”
– ASU Preparatory Academy Student, High School Senior
Review posted on education search website
Teacher Stats

Jack Vermeer selected as Arizona Cardinal’s Football Club Teacher of the year

ASU Prep football coach and physical education teacher, Byron Evans selected to be a coach at the All-American Bowl in Dallas, Texas

Christina Flack’s students earned among the highest scores in the U.S. for Cambridge IGCSE Literature and made 29% growth in AZ merit scores from 2015-2016

73 percent of ASU Prep teachers hold or are pursuing a graduate degree

Physics and math teacher Javier Melendez selected as teacher of the year by Chicanos por la Causa

State and Federal Acknowledgements

• ASU Prep students were selected to serve as student volunteer interns for an Arizona U.S. Senator.

• The U.S. Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture visited the ASU Prep Phoenix campus to observe the food services program and recognized it as a national highlight for the quality of the program, the number of students and families it serves, as well as for the program’s business efficiency and innovative practices. “ASU Prep is our poster child.”

• ASU Prep passed its compliance review administered by the Arizona Department of Education with a score of 100 percent during the Exceptional Student Services Division’s annual site visit.

“The teachers here challenge you, and I consider this a very good thing. They’re always informed on what they’re teaching, rather than just reading out of a book. They care about what they’re doing, and it shows.”

– ASU Preparatory Academy Student, High School Senior Review posted on education search website
## Phoenix

### School Demographics

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## Polytechnic

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## 2015 – 2016 Student Demographics

### Phoenix campus

1,127 Students

- Asian/Pacific Islander (3%)
- Black/African American (not-Hispanic) (10%)
- Hispanic/Latino (64%)
- American Indian/Alaskan Native (3%)
- White (non-Hispanic) (20%)

### Polytechnic campus

840 students

- Asian/Pacific Islander (8%)
- Black/African American (not-Hispanic) (5%)
- Hispanic/Latino (19%)
- American Indian/Alaskan Native (1%)
- White (non-Hispanic) (67%)
Test Results Highlights

ASU Preparatory Academy Polytechnic
ASU Preparatory Academy Polytechnic opened in Fall 2008 and served 840 students during the 2015–16 school year. Highlights of our students’ 2016 test results include:

- **81%** of third grade students achieved passing standards for math – compared to the state average of 46%
- **41%** growth in 10th grade ELA scores over last year
- **17%** growth in ELA passing standards across all grades from 2015 to 2016

ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix
ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix opened in Fall 2009 and served 1,127 students during the 2015–16 school year. Highlights of our students’ 2016 test results include:

- **92%** of seventh grade students achieved passing standards for math – compared to the state average of 46%
- **40%** growth in math passing standards across all grades from 2015 to 2016
- **8%** growth in ELA passing standards across all grades from 2015 to 2016

### Percent passing standards for Math and English Language Arts (ELA)

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### 2015 – 2016 Graduating Class

- **100%** admitted to post-secondary
- **70%** admitted to Arizona State University
- **$4.6 Million** in scholarships acquired by the Class of 2016
Financials

Expenditure Summary

- Instruction (55%)
- Non Instructional Operations (6%)
- Maintenance and Operations (15%)
- Administration (14%)
- Instructional Support Services (9%)
- Transportation (1%)

Revenue Summary

- State Funding (51%)
- Federal & State Grants (8%)
- Program Fees & Other (3%)
- In-Kind Contributions (3%)
- Contributions & Fundraising (35%)

Expenditure Summary

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Wait List Averages

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On Aug. 1, 2016, ASU Preparatory Academy opened a public charter high school (grades 9–12) in Casa Grande, in partnership with Grande Sports Academy. The high school, located on site at the Francisco Grande Resort, is free and open to the public. The Casa Grande location is ASU Prep's third high school. Students are able to learn and partner with their peers at the other two campuses, as well as with professors from ASU.

Like our other campuses, students learn using the challenging, internationally acclaimed Cambridge Curriculum. As juniors and seniors, they have the opportunity to take ASU Online courses with support from their teachers, so they can get a head start on taking courses in their desired majors. Additionally, every student is guided to explore college majors through apprenticeships with ASU faculty and community organizations. Students also have ASU Prep Capstone classes, designed to help them develop leadership skills, community service projects and explore possible future careers.

At ASU Prep, Casa Grande, students receive a mix of in-person and digital learning, so that they can pursue their college prep training at their own pace. Students also meet regularly with a learning success coach who guides their pathway through high school graduation to the university and beyond.

In the fall of 2017, ASU Preparatory Digital Academy will launch for high school students. Similar to its on-campus technologically enhanced locations, our digital school will follow the Cambridge Curriculum and help students prepare for college with project-based curriculum. Coursework will be 100% online, and will provide full-time or part-time class options, depending on student needs.

An Educational Concierge will help students find a cohort of peers with similar interests who can collaborate together online. Each student will be assigned a Learning Success Coach to ensure they are successfully navigating the curriculum. Students also will have the opportunity to take college courses of interest to them, and in their future desired major, truly manifesting a course taking sequence that advances them as they are ready.

“ASU Prep has amazing teachers who really care and make a difference with every student!”

–ASU Preparatory Academy Parent, Facebook Review
ASU Student Partnerships

- University Service Learning Interns served in different roles on campus.
- SPARKS students provided mentorship to students in the after-school homework club.
- ASU college students and ASU Prep hosted P.O.W.W.O.W. (Produce on Wheels Without Waste) for the community.
- Prep-to-College Mentoring Program, a service project by Alpha Upsilon Alpha, ASU's Chapter of the International Literacy Association's Honor Society, provided mentoring to ASU Prep graduates and presented college transition workshops to all ASU Prep Phoenix senior Capstone students.
- iTeach students from Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College embedded in various ASU Prep classrooms.

ASU Outreach Partnerships

- ASU Gardening partnered with fifth- and sixth-grade students in Science courses.
- In collaboration with Educational Outreach and Student Services, ASU Prep hosted a college information evening with an Arizona Congressman.
- ASU Prep was selected by Spirit of Service scholars to participate in a year-long project, and week-long summer summit on leadership.
- ASU Career Services added Academic Apprenticeship placements within Career Services and other departments for ASU Prep juniors and seniors.
- ASU Prep students participated in academic apprenticeships with more than 2 dozen ASU partners.
- Students participated in ASU Project Humanities' Hack-a-thon for Social Justice.

ASU Faculty Partnerships

- ASU Prep Talks featured ASU faculty/researchers presenting to students from the following departments:
  - Fulton School of Engineering
  - Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
  - Physics Department
  - Chemistry Department
  - Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
  - School of Social Work
  - KAET Public Television
  - ASU Poly Career Services
  - ASU Robotics Team
  - Educational Outreach and Student Services
- Multiple ASU Professors hosted ASU Prep Poly seniors in their lecture classes as part of our college transition/preparation activities.

“\textbf{I love that ASU Prep customizes my daughter’s education based on her needs. She loves a challenge and she gets it!”} \\
\textit{– ASU Preparatory Academy Parent, Facebook Review}
Newsworthy

U.S. News & World Report

Asu Preparatory Academy- Phoenix High School

Overview
Asu Preparatory Academy-Phoenix High School: The school's athletic teams are comprised of 92 percent and the student body is comprised of 98 percent. Asu Preparatory Academy-Phoenix High School is the only high school in the University Public Schools.

Quick Stats
- 98% of students participate in at least one extracurricular activity.
- 92% of students are enrolled in AP courses.

2016 Rankings
Asu Preparatory Academy-Phoenix High School is recognized as the number one high school. The school has an impressively high test score average of 2016.

AZ ED News

Online game from ASU pairs high schoolers with majors

Top story: Students who log on to a computer game developed by ASU will have an opportunity to pair up with a school major.

Downtown Devil

ASU Prep Academy set to graduate 100 percent of its senior class

Phoenix-area Latino teachers recognized for inspiring students

Four Phoenix-area Latino teachers will be honored at a Thursday banquet for inspiring and motivating their students.

AZ Central

Governor Doug Ducey's Twitter

Phoenix Business Journal

Phoenix area top schools

Highest scoring schools in Phoenix

ASU Preparatory Academy Polytechnic High School
“This school is amazing. My son attended all four years of high school. It was hard work but the reward was awesome. He will be attending ASU with full tuition, room and board, and books covered.”

– ASU Preparatory Academy Parent, Facebook Review
Volunteers Welcome
We welcome volunteers who are able to generously donate their time either in person or via in-kind services to ASU Prep. Please call 480-727-5811 or visit our website asuprep.asu.edu for more information.

Support our Sun Devils!
Your tax credit donations will help us provide enhanced instruction and enriching experiences for our students. Every dollar goes a mile with ASU Prep and we are dedicated to spending your contributions responsibly. If you would like to make a financial contribution to ASU Prep, please visit our website at asuprep.asu.edu/donate.

We also happily accept in-kind services – please visit our website asuprep.asu.edu to share your ideas.

Grants and Philanthropy
With gratitude, ASU Preparatory Academy received the following financial contributions.

**Over $1 Million**
- i-3 Grant (3rd year of 5-year grant)
- Sullivan Foundation

**$100,000 – $999,999**
- Charter School Expansion Grant (1st year of 3-year grant)

**$20,000 – $99,000**
- Arizona Tax Credit Donations

**$15,000 – $19,999**
- ASU Prep PTSO

**$10,000 – $14,999**
- National Center for Education and the Economy – 4 Year (3rd year)

**$5,000 – $9,999**
- Chicanos Por La Causa
- Cox Charities
- Freeport McMoRan: Summer Bridges STEM
- Golf Tournament Fundraiser – Phoenix
- Helios Foundation
- Maricopa Health and Wellness
- SRP Learning Grant
- Valley of the Sun United Way

**$1,000 – $4,999**
- Helios Foundation
- Virginia G Piper Charitable Trust
Opening in Fall 2017:
ASU Preparatory Academy Digital,
a 100% online high school

Academics | Partnership | Leadership | Innovation

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