



## HIGHER ED NEWS

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Monthly newsletter to Salt River Higher Education students and our Community.

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### IN THE WORKS: EXCITING EARLY OUTREACH PROJECTS!

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Eagles' Club group that Higher Education staff oversee to promote Early College Career Readiness have teamed up with the SRPMIC Cultural Resources Department for traditional gardening projects this spring.

Community Garden managers Ansom Collins and Jonathan Curry visited SRES on March 3 to introduce students to the many plants, flowers, foods, and traditional gardening methods of the O'odham and Piipaash peoples.

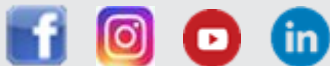


On March 7, we took a field trip to the Community Garden so students could see it first-hand. Approximately 18 students and four chaperones participated, including Erica Outcalt and Denelle Prieto (Higher Education program advisors and Eagles' Club volunteers); Taté Walker (Salt River Schools Communications & PR Director and Eagles' Club volunteer); and Joweitta Cannon (Salt River Schools Transportation & Facilities Manager). The students had fun exploring, taking photos, and picking/tasting lemons and "limequats" (a tiny fruit fusion of limes and kumquats). The Community Garden staff (Ansom Collins and Stetson Mendoza) had fun showing students around, posing with all the growing plants, and teaching students to make "natural" plant darts to toss at each other.

Eagles' Club students had so much fun that we returned to the Community Garden on March 28 and were treated to a fresh lettuce salad (straight from Stetson's own garden) and a special soup that students had to guess what meat they were eating (it was rabbit and they LOVED IT!). Watch a video of that outing here:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xGYWF6bTs0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xGYWF6bTs0).

The goal for Eagles' Club students is to plant a raised bed garden on school grounds so it can be tended to when students are on summer break. While our partnership with the Community Garden is our focus, Eagles' Club students have also learned about careers in the fields of medicine, business, hospitality, poetry, sports, and more!



#AimHigher

**Next deadline is  
April 30  
Apply today!**

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## WHAT ARE SCHOLARSHIPS?

A scholarship is **FREE** money given to you to help pay for your school expenses (tuition, dorm room, books, etc.). Scholarships do not need to be paid back, but they sometimes have requirements, such as a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) that students must maintain in order to continue receiving the funding.

They can be awarded for many things, such as being the first in your family to go to college, being left-handed, having a pet dog, etc. Scholarships can help you cover the things that Higher Ed does not cover, such as paying for your dorm or meal plan. When applying for a scholarship, sometimes you will be asked to write a personal statement or submit a letter of recommendation.

It is important to give yourself plenty of time to work on the application before the deadline. You can find a list of scholarships and search engines on our website. As always, if you need help finding and applying for scholarships, feel free to reach out to Higher Ed. We are here to help!

## ACADEMIC vs. VOCATIONAL

Students often ask, "What is the difference between an academic and vocational school?"

Academic schools are comprised of community colleges and universities. Within these institutions students may obtain associate degrees, bachelor degrees, master degrees, and doctoral degrees. These institutions usually have a regional accreditation. Accrediting agencies oversee institutions and how they administer their programs and ensure a quality education.

Examples of academic institutions: Scottsdale Community College, Mesa Community College, Phoenix College, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, and Northern Arizona University, among others. Some of the pathways or degrees that you can get include accounting, business, computer science, education, history, law, psychology, and sociology — just to name a few!

Vocational schools have a different educational focus to provide students with job skills for a specific trade. Within these institutions students may obtain certificates, diplomas, and sometimes associate and bachelor degrees. Vocational schools usually have national accreditation.

Examples of vocational institutions: Arizona College, Avalon Institute, Empire Beauty School, The Refrigeration School, Inc., East Valley Institute of Technology, and Universal Technical Institute, among others. Some of the pathways, including certificates and degrees, are in allied health fields (such as medical billing and coding), certified nursing assistant, and other skilled trades, such as cosmetology, esthetics, electrician, plumber, automotive technician, welding, etc.

If you still have questions, call 480-362-2547 or visit [HE.saltiverschools.org](http://HE.saltiverschools.org).





# HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINES



*the journey begins here.*

Higher Education is there to uplift you every step of the way.

## VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

- APR 30: School start date in May, June & July
- JUL 30: School start date in Aug., Sept. & Oct.
- OCT 30: School start date in Nov., Dec. & Jan.
- JAN 30: School start date in Feb., March & April

## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

- Fall Semester: JUN 30
- Spring Semester: NOV 30
- Summer Semester: APR 30

If deadlines fall on a weekend, applications will be accepted on the following business day.

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# MOCK INTERVIEW MONDAYS

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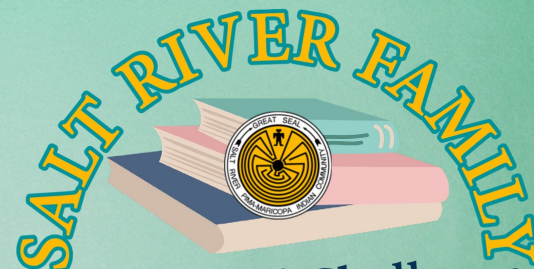
- Test your answers to tough questions
- Enhance your communication skills and delivery of responses

APPOINTMENTS  
AVAILABLE

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS  
9 AM - 4 PM

CONTACT JOYLA GATES TO REGISTER

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## Read-Aloud Challenge

The Salt River Family Read-Aloud Challenge encourages families to read 25 books together February 1 through May 3. Sign up today and we'll give you a FREE read-aloud family journal to record the books and stories your family shares.



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Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts & feel confident about your higher education goals.

Friday, April 14  
from 10-11:30AM  
via Microsoft Teams.  
Email: HigherEd@saltriverschools.org to register!

## ENG101 First-Year Composition

On Your Own Time Canvas 05/30/2023 - 07/20/2023

Emphasis on rhetoric, composition, and the writing process. Establish college-level writing strategies. **Class activities focus on Native American History as well as issues and concerns for Native peoples today.** For more information, contact the American Indian Program at [aip@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:aip@scottsdalecc.edu) or [erica.litz@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:erica.litz@scottsdalecc.edu). Prerequisites: Appropriate writing placement test score, or a grade of C or better in ENG091 or ESL097 or WAC101, or a grade of B or better in ALT100, or (a grade of C in ALT100 AND Co-requisites: ENG101LL or ENG107LL OR WAC101 OR ENG100A+).

(Sec. # 15857) 3 credits

## CRW180 Intro to Writing Non-Fiction

On Your Own Time Canvas 05/30/2023 - 07/20/2023

Practice in writing creative nonfiction, including autobiography and biography, the essay, reviews, and humor using a process of invention and discovery, writing, analysis, evaluation, and revision. Combines lecture, discussion, and workshop, leading to the production of marketable quality creative nonfiction. Prerequisites: None. CRW150 recommended but not required.

(Sec. # 14243) 3 credits

## ENG217 Personal & Exploratory Writing

On Your Own Time Canvas 05/30/2023 - 07/20/2023

Using writing to explore one's self and the world one lives in; emphasis on journal writing as a source and inspiration for public writing. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENG101, or ENG107, or equivalent.

(Sec. # 14244) 3 credits

## INTERESTED?

### WRITING PLACEMENT

Contact Professor Erica Maria Litz for guidance and preparation at 480-907-9440 or [Erica.Litz@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:Erica.Litz@scottsdalecc.edu).

### ENROLLMENT BENEFITS

- Earn credit from Scottsdale Community College. All credit is transferable to any Maricopa Community College. WAC101, ENG & CRW Courses also transfer to ASU, U of A, & NAU. Enrollment assistance provided by instructor.
- Each class earns 3 SCC college credit hours upon successful completion.
- Classes will be On Your Own Time asynchronous courses in the Canvas learning management system.
- All courses will have additional instructor support for students unfamiliar with Canvas.
- Great opportunity to become acclimated to college coursework and earn college credit!



EARN ENGLISH

COLLEGE CREDIT

ONLINE, SUMMER 2023

Do you want to pursue college or university and need English or composition credits?

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# 2022-2023 GRADUATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

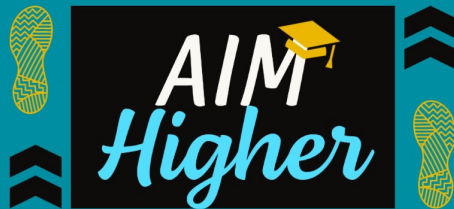
## HONORING THE CLASS OF 2023

This includes any graduation from high school, GED, trade school, or college/university occurring from July 2022 through June 2023.

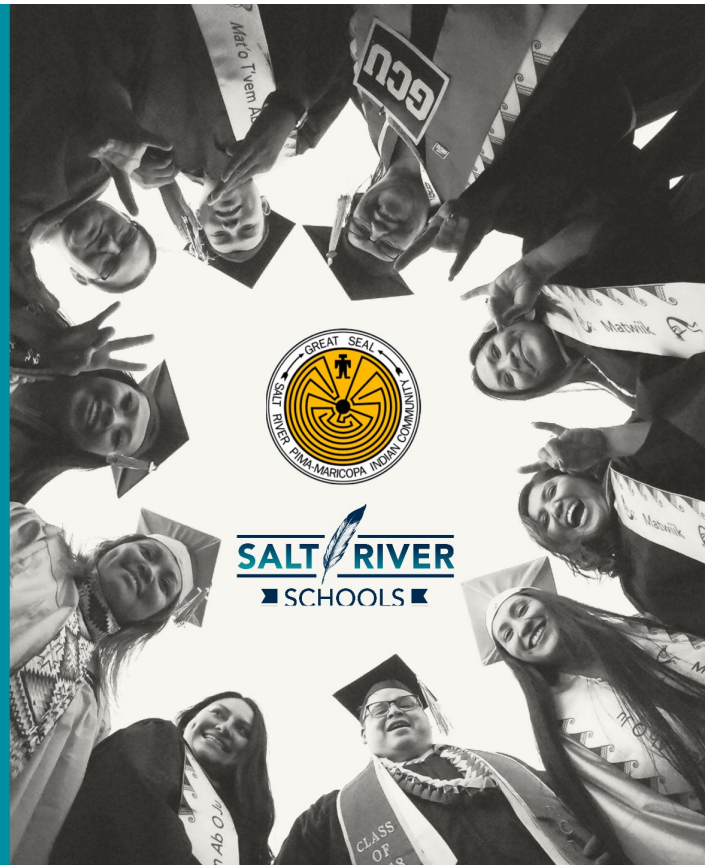
THURSDAY  
JUNE  
22  
TALKING  
STICK  
RESORT

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Salt River Schools offices of School and Community Relations and Higher Education would like to recognize all SRPMIC high school and postsecondary graduates from the class of 2023. This is a free event for students and two guests - **but you MUST register and fill out the application by Friday, June 9.**

Visit the Higher Education office to fill out a paper copy (located in the Salt River Schools Administration building, at 4836 N. Center St.). Or, visit our website to fill out and submit your form digitally.



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# 2023 EDUCATION FOR

★ Thursday, April 6 ★  
4-7PM | ALA Gymnasium

## Exercising Minds, Bodies & Spirits

*Our biggest event of the year features more than 60 of our education, Community, and business partners for a night of fun activities for all ages, amazing raffle prizes, and BBQ dinner for the first 500 people! This event is FREE and open to the public.*

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