



Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence
"School's Out, Make it Count!"

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**Congratulations,
2014 Conference
iPad Winner**

AzCASE congratulates
City of Buckeye Kids
B.A.S.E. staff member
Shanora Diaz for
winning the iPad Air for
completing the **2014**
School's Out, Make it
Count! Conference
Survey.

The @fterschool advisor

January 15, 2015

**AzCASE Has More in Our Professional
Development Training Series**

We promised you more opportunities and here they are! Get more time with highly-rated professionals that reached so many of you at our Conference!

Manny Padia of Produce Positivity and Sean Cronin of Stories that Soar will be with AzCASE for six more development opportunities, offering hours of entertaining and elevating professional development for your and your peers.

Register now for an opportunity near you, including:

- **Manny Padia's Intentionally Fun!** on April 1st, 9th, & 11th
- **Sean Cronin's Literacy Enrichment through Drama** on April 28th, 29 and 30th
- **Or one of our earlier sessions with Diana Brown, Larry Kerby, and Kami Kerby!**

Register today, seating is limited!

[Check out our site for registration, seminar descriptions, and more information.](#)



The 2015 Conference is already in the works and will be even better than thanks to everyone's feedback!

Support or Create Your School Garden with This Grant Opportunity!

The **Western Growers Foundation**, partnered with the **Arizona Department of Agriculture**, is offering a competitive grant to K-12 Arizona schools. **Fifty schools will receive \$1,000 each, plus seeds and materials** to grow and sustain their edible gardens.

This grant is available to schools with or without an existing school garden and also to school who have previously applied or received grants from WGF.

The **deadline to apply** is **January 31st** and grants will be awarded

Even More Prizes in the Directory Raffle!

The number is slowly growing--join your 1,400+ peers of high-quality programs that are listed in the AZ Afterschool Directory! Reach parents and families who are searching for summer programming and next year's offerings!



Current programs: review and update your listings!

New programs: add your program to the Directory!

Fill out our **confirmation form** that you checked in to the Directory to be entered to win:

- three **Rockets to the Rescue!** kits
- one free **Registration to the 2015 School's Out, Make it Count! Conference**
- three free **Registrations to any one 2015 Winter/Spring Professional Development Session**

Deadline: Friday, February 13, 2015.

Strengthen Your OST Program with ASPIRE Coaching

ASPIRE offers out-of-school time programs professional development and coaching aimed at supporting staff skill development and program quality. ASPIRE is a U of A program funded by a Piper Foundation grant. Only Maricopa County programs are eligible to participate under the grant.

on February 28th.

Contact Sabrina Blair (949.885.4789) for more information and [apply on their site now!](#)

Science Foundation Arizona Recruitment

SFAz is recruiting for a **part-time Field Service Representative(s)** to provide Hispanic-serving community colleges with technical assistance toward developing their STEM Pathways strategies and student recruitment/retention objectives.

Consult and share the [Job Announcement](#) for more information.

The application submission deadline is February 9, 2015.


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Over 30 after school and youth programs are currently a part of the ASPIRE experience and they are currently recruiting both programs and coaches to participate in the next phase of the grant.



Free Tools, Resources & Support

Customized Professional Coaching

Free Online Program Assessment

Program Incentives

To learn more, [attend one of their information sessions for programs or interested coaches](#) from 9:00-10:30 on **January 22nd**, **February 12th**, or **March 3rd**.

Check out their [on-line flyer](#) or [site](#) for more information, or contact Sandra Fletcher at 520.621.0744 or sduque@email.arizona.edu.

Thank you for your support of AzCASE happenings and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

Melanie, Franny, Genevieve & Caitlin
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