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AZ Committed to Summer Learning

The **National Summer Learning Association** shared a [new infographic](#) in reflection of this year's summer learning season.

The NSLA named Arizona one of the **Top Ten states committed to summer learning, reaching 86,875 youth** in summer learning programs and events.

The @afterschool advisor

August 18, 2015

School's Out, Make it Count Conference Keynote Speaker Announced

AzCASE is excited to announce the School's Out, Make It Count: 2015 Arizona Out-of-School Time Conference Keynote Address!

**"Youth on the Rise:
Inspiring the Next Wave of
Youth Leaders"**

Presented by
Fausto A. López



López is the Afterschool & Expanded Learning Specialist at American Institutes for Research. He has lead and organized youth programs for 15 years, engaging youth in art based service projects, community organizing, and civic leadership.

Most recently, he lead the development of an expanded learning guide and training model for afterschool programs in Mexico and Argentina and contributed to the 4th edition of the **Beyond the Bell Toolkit**.

López works with new and emerging afterschool and education systems to design resources and tools that support programs in the development, implementation, and evaluation of quality youth programs. He is a **nationally recognized presenter on education and afterschool topics** and **facilitates national, regional, and statewide educational workshops** that connect research and practice.

[Join us for this enlightening presentation!](#)

TOP 10 IN YOUTH REACHED



We're sure that Arizona reached even more youth than were reported to the NSLA for their Summer Learning map!

Thank you all for your great summer work to [#keepkidslearning](#) and fight the [#achievementgap](#) and [#summerlearningloss](#)!

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2015 Candidate Survey Results Are In!



Last month, AzCASE sent the **2015 Arizona Out-of-School Time Survey** to every candidate running to serve as Mayor or on the City Council in Phoenix and Tucson asking about **candidate support for their city's OST program**, as well as **how they plan on supporting and promoting youth programs in their city**.

The **City of Phoenix's PAC program** and the **City of Tucson's KIDCO program** are both large, city-run and city-wide OST programs that primarily serve thousands of low-income youth and families. They are instrumental in ensuring that afterschool opportunities are available to all.

As early voting kicked off, we published the results of the survey. **Head over to our [2015 Election Page](#)** to learn where the candidates stand on supporting these important programs!

The **[2015 Election Page](#)** is also a hub of information for Arizona voters. **Learn how to register to vote, request an early ballot, and vote in upcoming elections!**

Citizens of Phoenix and Tucson have until **Tuesday, August 25th** to cast their ballots in the first round of voting.

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

Sincerely,

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