



## Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence

"School's Out, Make it Count!"

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### **13th Annual Arizona Out-of-School Time Awards of Excellence**

There are **less than 2 weeks**  
**left** to submit a nomination.  
Don't miss this opportunity to  
recognize your program, staff  
or leadership!

#### Categories:

- \* Outstanding Out-of-School  
Time **Professional**
- \* Outstanding Out-of-School  
Time **Program**
  - \* Jane  
Romatzke **Leadership** Award

#### Recipients will receive:

- \* \$1,000 cash
- \* 3 free registrations to 2015  
AzCASE PD trainings
- \* Certificate of Recognition  
from Governor Jan Brewer

## The @fterschool advisor

June 16, 2014

Dear Melanie,

Registration is NOW open for Arizona's largest  
gathering of out-of-school time programs and  
professionals!

The **2014 Arizona Statewide Out-of-School Time  
Conference and Awards of Excellence  
Luncheon** is an unparalleled experience where out-  
of-school time professionals can learn about the  
newest activities, curricula and strategies for youth  
in after school, before school and summer  
programs!

Attendees have the opportunity to **network** with  
over 600 other out-of-school time professionals,  
receive up to four hours of **professional  
development** and enjoy lunch while fellow  
programs, staff and leaders are **recognized** during  
the Awards of Excellence Luncheon.

The cost to attend is \$90 per person or \$85 per  
person when registering groups of 10 or more.  
Visit [www.azafterschool.org](http://www.azafterschool.org) for Conference updates  
including keynote speakers and workshop offerings.

What are you waiting for? **Click here to  
register** today, or visit this link to **reserve your  
spots** today, and submit attendee information in the  
fall!

Questions? Call 602.496.3308

## Arizona 4-H Wins National Science Day Experiment "Rockets



\* An engraved award,  
presented at the 2014  
Awards Luncheon

[Click here](#) for more  
information, including **Rules  
and Guidelines, Nomination  
Forms**, and **Tips for Writing  
a Successful Nomination**.

### **Funding Opportunity - Dollar General Literacy Award**

Does your afterschool  
program provide  
outstanding literacy  
support? Apply for a  
\$10,000 Dollar General  
Literacy Award!

For the first time, the  
Afterschool Alliance has  
partnered with the Dollar  
General Literacy  
Foundation to recognize  
outstanding afterschool  
programs providing  
literacy support to middle  
school students. Nominate  
a program by Aug.

15! [Click here for more  
information!](#)

### **Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Service Learning - Proposal Request**

Are you an expert in the field  
of volunteerism or service-  
learning? Are you a  
Volunteer Manager with great  
resources to share with  
others in your field?

The Arizona Summit on  
Volunteerism and Service  
Learning is **requesting  
workshop presenter  
proposals**.

Deadline for submission is  
July 15. Summit dates are  
December 5th & 6th, 2014.

For more information,  
[click here](#).

## **to the Rescue"**

AzCASE congratulates Arizona 4-H for winning a national  
competition to design a science experiment for the 4-H  
National Youth Science Day, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

This year's winning project, called "**Rockets to the  
Rescue**", was "truly a cross-campus, cross-community  
collaboration" said Kirk Astroth, director of Arizona 4-H  
Youth Development. For the Science Day experiment, 4-  
Hers across the country will be presented with a fictional  
scenario: People are starving on a remote, isolated  
Pacific atoll called Ceres (named after the Roman  
goddess of agriculture) and the kids are asked by NASA  
to build a rocket that can be launched from mainland,  
travel over the ocean and deliver high-energy food to the  
starving population.

Sound far-fetched? Not really. In November, just one  
month after Astroth and his team who contributed to the  
project submitted their proposal for the national  
competition, Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines,  
virtually isolating the islands from foreign aid. John  
Whiteside, winner of the Western region Volunteer of the  
Year Award, said, "An experiment like this can inspire  
and motivate youth in their future studies."

Congratulations Arizona 4-H! Keep up the great work!  
Along with national recognition, the Arizona 4-H team  
received a \$20,000 cash prize.

To read the original article, click [here](#).

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## **AzCASE Meetings Result in New Co-Sponsors for Afterschool for America's Children Act**

On May 22nd, Executive Director Melanie McClintock,  
Board Vice President Kirk Astroth, and Program and  
Outreach Manager Franny Sharpe met with Arizona's  
Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. to discuss  
the importance of out-of-school time programs. Their  
visits were held in conjunction with the national  
Afterschool for All Challenge.

AzCASE was thrilled to be able to share the new Arizona  
Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time programs with  
our federal representatives. We are grateful to the  
following Members and their staff for their time and  
attention:

- Senator John McCain
- Senator Jeff Flake
- Representative Ann Kirkpatrick
- Representative Ron Barber
- Representative Raul Grijalva

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- Representative David Schweikert
- Representative Ed Pastor
- Representative Kyrsten Sinema

***As a result of these meetings, both Representatives Kirkpatrick and Grijalva signed on as co-sponsors of the Afterschool for America's Children Act***, an important bill that will fund and strengthen the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers program, which currently serves over 25,000 Arizona youth in 330 communities across the state.

Learn more about the bill here: [bit.ly/1n2FSXM](http://bit.ly/1n2FSXM)

We would like to recognize and thank Representatives Kirkpatrick and Grijalva for their leadership on this important issue.

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

Sincerely,

**Melanie, Franny, & Angelica**  
The AzCASE Team

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