



## Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence

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### **Arizona After 3PM: Kids on the Move**



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## The @fterschool advisor

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### **Arizona 4-H Receives Connect2STEM Afterschool Excellence Award**

[Cox Communications](#) and [The University of Arizona](#), in partnership with [AZ SciTech](#) recently announced the first annual CONNECT2STEM Award winners.

The  
Afterschool Excellence  
Award was presented  
to Arizona 4-H.



University of Arizona 4-H Youth Development provides STEM education opportunities across Arizona for youth ages 5 to 19 years old. More than 9,000 youth are enrolled members of 4-H community clubs in Arizona.

The **Phoenix Public Library Mach 1** program was the other afterschool finalist. **MACH 1** offers STEM programming four days a week for all ages in the **Burton Barr Central Library**.

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence was proud to partner with Cox on the inaugural CONNECT2STEM Awards as a member of the Award Review Committee and the presenter of the Afterschool Excellence Award!

[Watch the Arizona 4-H Cox video here.](#)

Alliance's page  
for the Arizona After 3PM  
findings.

## Summer STEM Opportunities

At Grand Canyon University's STEM Summer Camps, students can experience fun, hands-on activities that explore a variety of STEM subjects and careers.

STEM Futures, STEM Experiences, and Girls in STEM camps give students the opportunity to learn how STEM integrates in our daily lives and through exciting jobs!



Find out about dates, activities, costs and discounts, and more on the [registration site!](#)

## Science Fiction to Science Fact

On May 27th, the Arizona Science Center is hosting a discussion about Isaac Asimov, settling Mars, and how pop culture and the arts can and should be used to spark learning in young students.

Author Richard Peck and former NASA Chief Technologist Mason Peck will discuss, as moderated by author and activist Brad Snyder.

## Successful Youth Leadership Day

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the Governor's Youth Commission hosted Youth Leadership Day at Grand Canyon University.

24 Arizona youth groups participated, celebrating Arizona's spot as #1 in the world for youth-led service projects on the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Youth Service Day.



244 youth from across the state participated in interactive leadership or personal development workshops, networked with their peers and celebrated their work on Global Youth Service Day at this event put on by the Governor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families.

[Read more about Global Youth Service Day and the Youth Leadership Day event here!](#)

## STEM Grant Extension Deadline



**June 1<sup>st</sup>** is the new deadline to apply for a STEM Grant of \$500-\$1,000 from AzCASE and Cox Communications!

Programs serving K-12 youth afterschool, before school, during summer and on school breaks are [eligible to apply](#) and encouraged to work with staff and youth to develop creative, new ways to incorporate STEM into OST programming.


Special send by **Phoenix  
Mayor Greg Stanton.**

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Grants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the STEM project concept
- Alignment with out-of-school time best practices
- Demographic reach of the project
- Clear budget that aligns with STEM project described

An extra point will be awarded to programs that have signed the [Make It Count Pledge](#), committing their programs to use the Arizona Quality Standards to strengthen their program quality.

**[Apply for a STEM Grant now!](#)**

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

Sincerely,

**Melanie, Franny, Genevieve & Caitlin  
The AzCASE Team**

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