



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

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**STEM Mini-Grant  
Deadline is  
Approaching!**

It's not too late to submit a  
2014 STEM mini-grant  
application for your program.

AzCASE and Cox  
Communications have  
partnered up to award mini-  
grants, ranging from \$500 to  
\$1,500, to Arizona out-of-  
school time programs that use  
creative and innovative  
methods to incorporate or  
expand the use of STEM-based  
learning.

The deadline to submit is  
Friday, September 12.

**Apply Today!**

**The @fterschool advisor**

September 3, 2014

Dear Melanie,

AzCASE is proud to announce that **Jaime Casap**, will be the keynote speaker for 2014 Arizona Out-of-School Time Conference "Engaging Youth in Life and Learning."

Jaime's message is moving and powerful. His personal story of growing up poor in Hell's Kitchen, New York as a first-generation American is living proof of the power and potential of education and out-of-school time programs in changing a child's destiny.



Jaime believes wholeheartedly that education disrupts poverty. He works with organizations around the world, helping them find ways to continuously improve the quality of their educational and youth development programs. .

Jaime was the keynote speaker at the 2014 National After School Association Convention this past May. His keynote address at the **Arizona Out-of-School Time Conference** will focus on the role of out-of-school time programs in fostering creativity in youth and utilizing collaboration to provide life-changing learning opportunities for Arizona youth.

In addition to his role as **Global Education Evangelist** at Google, Jaime serves on the



## Register Today!

Registration is now open for the **2014 Arizona Statewide Out-of-School Time Conference and Awards of Excellence Luncheon**.

*"School's Out, Make It Count - Engaging Youth in Life and Learning"*

will take place on Saturday, November 15th, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visit our website at [www.azafterschool.org](http://www.azafterschool.org) or [click here](#) to register your program.

You can also "reserve" your spots today and submit attendee information in the fall!

What are you waiting for? [Register today!](#)

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Board of Directors for the Arizona Science Foundation, New Global Citizens, Arizona Chamber of Commerce, and the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. Jaime also teaches classes and guest lectures at Arizona State University.

Visit [icasap.com](http://icasap.com) to read Jaime's blog or [click here to register](#) and hear him speak at the 2014 Arizona Out-of-School Time Conference.

## Complete a Quick Survey & You Could Win a Free Gift!

AzCASE needs your input to help us better understand the professional development offerings currently available to Arizona OST programs. Please take the 5 minutes required to respond to our **Professional Development Survey**.

At the end of the survey, we ask for your recommendations for **quality trainers** to be listed in a new, soon to be released Arizona OST Trainer Registry.

If you provide your name and contact details at the end of the survey, you will be entered to **win one of three raffle items!**

### Enter to win:

- 1) A \$100 Amazon Gift Card
- 2) 4-H Rockets to the Rescue, 4 STEM Activity Kits (\$100 Value)
- 3) 1 Free AzCASE Annual Conference Registration (\$90 Value)

**Thank you for helping us develop a quality professional development system that meets your needs!**

### Take the Survey Now

## Calling All Youth Programs To Participate in Pilot Program

AzCASE invites out-of-school time programs statewide to sign up one or multiple sites to "pilot" of the new **Arizona Out-of-School Time Quality Assessment Tool** when it is rolled out later this fall.

The **Assessment Tool** is designed and intended to allow OST programs to voluntarily and confidentially measure their quality against the Arizona Quality

Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs.

**150 program sites are needed to test the reliability of this new tool.**

To be eligible to be a test site, programs must:

- be an AZ based out-of-school time program, serving youth afterschool, during the summer, and/or on school breaks
- serve youth between the ages of 8-15
- be able to assign a different staff member at each site to serve as an "evaluator" for the pilot

Sites volunteering will be given free copies of the Arizona OST Quality Assessment Tool and instructions on how to use the tool. Then, they will turn in test results to AzCASE for scoring by the tool designer. Scores will be confidential and only shared with the designated contact person at each program. Scores of the individual pilot test sites will **NOT** be publicly posted.

Interested in being part of the pilot?

Contact **Melanie**

**McClintock** at [mmcclintock@azafterschool.org](mailto:mmcclintock@azafterschool.org) or 480.730.7126 for more information.

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## **Welcome Our New STEM Program Assistant!**

Please join us in welcoming Tyandrah Ashley to the AzCASE team. **Tyandrah Ashley** is our new full-time STEM Program Assistant. Ty is currently an undergrad at Arizona State University in the Public Ally program, through Americorps. At AzCASE, she will focus on the full implementation of our STEM Initiative designed to increase both the quality and number of quality, informal STEM learning opportunities in out-of-school time settings. She is here to be a resource to all of you so don't hesitate to let her know your needs and wants.

If you'd like to reach out to Ty, e-mail her at [tashley@azafterschool.org](mailto:tashley@azafterschool.org) or [register here](#) to meet her at our 2014 Out-of-School Time Conference.

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

Sincerely,

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

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