# Office of Indian Education College Access in Arizona

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- ADE Dual Enrollment
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- Ask Benji / 1-833 Hotlines
- AdviseAZ, an AmeriCorps program
- NACRC Flagstaff

## ADE & Dual Enrollment

#### **Tribal College Dual Enrollment Program**

The Tribal College Dual Enrollment Program provides thousands of Arizona's Native American high school students the opportunity to take college courses for both high school and college credit.

#### How it works

With the help of lottery funds, tribal colleges can be reimbursed for credit hours taken by high school students.

#### Who it serves

At this time, accredited tribal colleges in Arizona eligible for dual enrollment funds include:

- Diné College, in Tsaile, AZ Navajo Technical University satellite campuses in Chinle, AZ and Teec
- Tohono O'Odham Community College, in Sells

San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation's recently established community college is currently seeking accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. It could be eligible once accreditation is received.



#### Current participating high schools are

- Baboquivari High School
- Casa Grande Union High School
- Chinle High School
- Pinon High School
- Red Mesa High School
- San Carlos High School
- Tohono O'odham High School
- Window Rock High School
- Grevhills Academy (BIE)
- Many Farms High School (BIE)

If your school is interested in becoming a participating in the Tribal College Dual Enrollment Program, please e-mail andrea.glenn@azed.gov or terri.beeler-saucedo@azed.gov.

## **Power of the FAFSA**

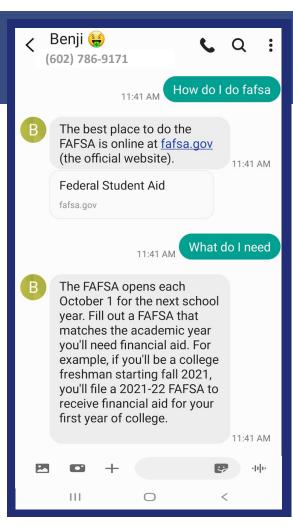




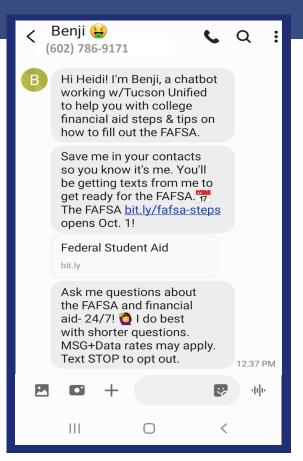


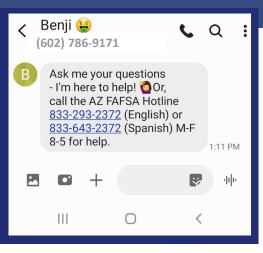
# Digital Solutions More Important Than Ever

- Completely virtual FAFSA assistance, confidential and secure
- Robust "knowledge base" of FAFSA and Financial Aid topics, Arizona-specific content, sensitive mental health responses, etc
- Team of experts managing the bot, Benji's brain is constantly updated with new understandings



## **Leveraging Nudging Technology**







# FAST FACTS



## **Chatbot Growth & Expansion**

- October 2019: Mesa Public Schools pilot
- July 2021: 35 signed agreements
  - o 127 High Schools
  - Representing half of Arizona seniors
- Ten of 15 counties in Arizona
- 36,000+ Benji users
  - Students, Parents, Educators
- 2 million+ messages sent/received
- 678 topics in Knowledge Base
- Less than 10% opt out rate
- www.AskBenji.org and @BenjiFAFSA

#### **1-833-AZ FAFSA**

## Free College and **FAFSA Advising Hotline**



We are still here for Arizona students and families. Call us Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for free support with FAFSA completion, college applications and next steps for enrollment.

English: 1-833-AZFAFSA (293-2372)

Spanish: 1-833-MIFAFSA (643-2372)

#### **1-833-Mi FAFSA**

Línea gratuita de asesoría universitaria y FAFSA



Seguimos aquí para estudiantes y familias de Arizona. Llámenos de lunes a viernes de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m. para obtener ayuda gratuita para completar FAFSA, solicitudes de ingreso a la universidad y los próximos pasos para la inscripción.

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## WHAT WE OFFER TO STUDENTS

1:1 Virtual Meetings - assist with college application processes and career exploration and provide near-peer support.

College Awareness - helpfacilitate campus visits, tours and college fairs.

FASFA Help - assist students in applying for federal aid and facilitate understanding between the different types of aid.

**College Applications** - assist students in the application process by helping them create lists for "safety, match and reach" schools.

SAT/ACT - ensure students are prepared for SAT/ACT to maximize test scores.

**Transitions** - help students transition from high school to post-secondary education.

#### **HOW TO CONTACT US**

Our Website:

http://www.adviseaz.org

Our Email:

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## Northern Arizona College Resource Center & How We Can Help You!

NACRC Megan Dales Program Manager

## Our Scope of Work

The mission of the Northern Arizona College Resource Center (NACRC) is to increase the number of students who apply, are admitted, and attend college

#### The NACRC does this by:

- Providing appropriate information
- Technical assistance
- Advice
- Referrals to students and families
- ....on topics related to college & career readiness



## Methods of Work

- Mentoring
- Presentations & Workshops
- ACT & SAT TestPreparation
- Post-secondary
   Professional Development



## How We Help Schools & Students

- Recorded YouTube presentations & workshops
- Resources, handouts, and worksheets for students and families
- Got questions? We've got answers!
- Students who need 1:1 mentoring can receive it virtually
- Upcoming events:







## In Person FAFSA Events

Register: bit.ly/NAZ-FAFSA

- Prescott Valley, July 13
- Cottonwood, July 15
- Prescott, July 20
- Flagstaff, July 24
- Show Low, August 7

## **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

Get free, 1-on-1 help completing your FAFSA!



July 13 | Prescott Valley Public Library 2nd Floor Cool Room, 7401 Skoog Blvd.

July 15 | Cottonwood Public Library 2nd Floor Teen Study Room, 100 S. 6th St. July 20 | Prescott Public Library
3rd Floor Upper Conference Room, 215 E. Goodwin St.

More dates & cities coming soon!

## YouTube Videos











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## Connect with Us!

You Tube

Facebook: Northern Arizona College Resource Center

Instagram: @nacrc.az

TikTok: @nacrc\_az

YouTube: NACRC

Website: nau.edu/nacrc







# Questions?

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