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## APRIL 2015

- 8 Pre-Conference: The Equity Event, Phoenix – [Info/Register](#)
- 8 HNAIC Golf Tournament, Phoenix
- 9-10 ASBA's The Equity Event, Phoenix – [Info/Register](#)

## MAY 2015

- 25 Memorial Day – ASBA Office Closed

## JUNE 2015

- 11-13 Summer Leadership Institute, Flagstaff – Registration opens April 13

### Mark your calendar – ASBA Summer Leadership Institute registration and hotel open Monday, April 13

This popular conference sold out last year so be sure to sign up as soon as registration opens. In addition to featured keynote, Dr. Cile Chavez, president of Cile Chavez Consulting, Inc., author of "Spirit Movers: Attributes for Transforming Leadership" and named one of the top 100 educators in the U.S., here are a few of the features that have already been scheduled:

- General session - *Emerging Leadership Issues in Bullying and School Climate*
- Early Bird Session - *Top 10 Issues Faced by Boards*
- Special Saturday Session - *Focus on Teacher Retention Crisis in Arizona*
- Board Secretary Track - *Just for School Board Secretaries*
- Meet Your County Director - *A special event to meet your ASBA County Director*

Registration opens Monday, April 13. District member registration is \$230, non-member is \$460, and includes all online materials for each session, complimentary wi-fi in all meeting rooms and meals (additional meals for guests will also be available for purchase). Printed conference materials will be an additional \$15 charge and must be requested at time of registration. Again this year, a block of rooms has been secured at Little America at a conference rate of \$119 single/double. More information to come in future Report Cards.

### ASBA presented with visionary award by Peoria Education Foundation

ASBA was honored as the Education Visionary Award recipient at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Visionary Awards Ceremony hosted by the Peoria Education Foundation on Monday, March 30. ASBA was presented with this prestigious award for its leadership and advocacy efforts and overall support for public education throughout the entire state.

### AZEdNews: Top stories from last week

- Communication, collaboration are key to success in school, workplace, life

<http://azednews.com/2015/03/26/communication-collaboration-are-key-to-success-in-school-workplace-life/>

A recent national survey ranked communication top on the list of skills needed for students to succeed in today's world, followed by reading, math and then teamwork, and Arizona education leaders aren't surprised. In fact, they have been developing and enhancing classroom strategies for building these skills in students over the past five years, and say the state math and language arts standards that have been in place since 2010 reinforce the need to do so.

- **Thriving Together launched to prepare youth for success in school, workforce**  
<http://azednews.com/2015/03/27/thriving-together-launched-to-prepare-youth-for-success-in-school-workforce/>

More than 200 leaders from 60 local organizations – including higher education, social services, community groups, business and industry, government leaders, and parents – are coming together to help children succeed from birth to career through an initiative called Thriving Together.

- **Osborn master teacher receives Milken Educator Award**

<http://azednews.com/2015/03/26/osborn-master-teacher-receives-milken-educator-award/>

It was the surprise of a lifetime for Ana Gutierrez when she was presented with the prestigious Milken Educator Award—and its accompanying \$25,000 cash prize—before a schoolwide assembly at Osborn School District's Longview Elementary School in Phoenix, Arizona.

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### **Great ideas for board retreats, study sessions and continuing education: Open Meeting Law, Board Legal Roles and Responsibilities and Board Operations Policies Reviews -- on-site training available!**

As we head into the late-Spring and early-Summer “quiet period,” now is the time to schedule that Board Retreat or Study Session to help your board function well and for individual board members to understand their legal responsibilities/limitations. On-site training is available on Arizona's Open Meeting Law and Board Legal Roles and Responsibilities. We can also do an overview/review of your board's “section B” policies that outline board operations, authority and individual board member service expectations. This customized training will refer to YOUR board policies and allow board members and administrators alike to have all of their questions answered. Contact Chris Thomas, ASBA's General Counsel/Director of Legal and Policy Services ([cthomas@azsba.org](mailto:cthomas@azsba.org)), to schedule your training today – availability is closing fast!

### **Today is deadline to sign up for ASBA's The Equity Event without a late fee**

If you have not yet had a chance to check out The Equity Event on ASBA's website, here's a quick recap of what you'll be missing if you don't register

#### **FOUR outstanding keynotes:**

- **Making Equity a Priority** by Alberto Carvalho, superintendent, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, nationally recognized expert on education transformation, and 2014 AASA National Superintendent of the Year.
- **What Happens to a Dream Deferred?** by Dr. Neal Lester, foundation professor of English at ASU and founding director of the award-winning university initiative Project Humanities
- **Making the Connection: Cultural Competency and Student Success** by Shaun Martin, coach, ultra-runner, member of the Navajo Nation, and former National Rural School Teacher of the Year

- **The Future Begins Today: Striving for Equity and Opportunity** by Dr. Robert G. Smith, lead author of “Gaining on the Gap: Changing Hearts, Minds and Practice”

#### **FOUR amazing general sessions**

- **Student Voices Panel.** Moderated by Kim Covington, former NBC 12News anchor/ “School Solutions” reporter, Black Philanthropy Initiative project manager at Arizona Community Foundation, and principal partner at The Covington Company
- **Thriving Together: Collaborating to Create Pre-School to Post-Secondary Opportunities for Student Success** by Dr. Kent Paredes Scribner, superintendent of the Phoenix UHSD, Dr. Jeffrey Smith, superintendent of the Balsz ESD; and Anel Mercado, director of Thriving Together, Valley of the Sun United Way
- **Equity Inquiry: Why All Districts Should Examine Data through an Equity Lens** by Dr. Lenay Dunn, WestEd Region IX Equity Assistance Center, and Dr. David Schauer, superintendent, Kyrene ESD
- **A Shared Discussion on Leadership for Equity.** Moderated by Dr. Robert G. Smith, lead author of “Gaining on the Gap: Changing Hearts, Minds and Practice” with panelists Arturo Vargas, executive director of NALEO Education Fund; Dr. Madeline Hafner, executive director of the Minority Student Achievement Network; Deborah Keys, director of the National School Boards Association Council of Urban Boards of Education

#### **TWELVE informative Breakout Sessions**

1. Response to Intervention: Improving Student Achievement While Addressing Disproportionality
2. Courageous Decisions: A Board’s Decision to Believe in EVERY Student
3. Systems = Equity: Aligning and Coordinating Early Childhood Programs and Services to Achieve Third-Grade Literacy
4. Using Your Policy-Making Authority to Eliminate Barriers for Under-Represented and Students of Color
5. Changing District-Wide School Culture through Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports: A Model for District Implementation and Sustainability
6. Scaling Up: How a School System Is Partnering with Parent and Community Leaders to Strengthen Family and Community Engagement
7. More Alike than You Might Think: The Similarities and Challenges of Urban and Rural Schools
8. A Snapshot of Equity in Arizona: New Findings from the 2011-12 Civil Rights Data Collection
9. ACT District Choice Testing: Using Data to Examine Trends in College Readiness, to Raise Student Achievement and Understand What Happens to Students after Graduation
10. Leadership to Create a Culture of Equity
11. Disproportionate Discipline and Student Success: Are Discipline Disparities Impacting Your Students?
12. Let’s Talk about Equity and Engagement: California’s New Local Control Funding Formula

The \$285/person main conference registration fee for both ASBA members and non-members includes all online materials (a link to which will be emailed to all registrants later this week), continental breakfast and lunch on both days. Also included is a hosted reception on Thursday, April 9.

[Conference registration.](#)

**Don’t forget The Equity Event Pre-Conference focusing on Native American Indian students**

Today is also the last date to register for the April 8 pre-conference focusing on the role of leadership in improving outcomes for Native American Indian students. You will not want to miss these thought-provoking presentations:

- Where We Stand by Jacob Moore, assistant vice-president of tribal relations and member of the Arizona State Board of Education
- The Board's Role in Turnaround and Equity by Dr. Lauren Morando Rhim, strategic partner for the Center for School Turnaround and author of "Moving Beyond the Killer B's: the Role of School Boards in School Accountability and Transformation"
- Thinking Differently about Student Success by Jeff Fuller, Superintendent of Whiteriver USD
- The Family and Cultural Connection by Theresa Price, director of Native American Education program for Mesa Public Schools and the Phoenix Indian Center's 2014 Woman of the Year

The \$80/person pre-conference registration fee for both ASBA members and non-members includes all online materials and lunch.

[Pre-Conference registration](#)

Watch the [Equity Video](#).

[View the conference agendas](#).

[View the conference breakout session details](#).

Both the main conference and the preconference will be held at the Hyatt Regency, 122 North Second St., Phoenix.

### **AZ Diamondbacks presents April 6 Education Appreciation Night**

In their way of saying "thank you," the Arizona Diamondbacks have an exclusive offer of \$8 upper level infield tickets for teachers, educators, administrators, friends and family. Come enjoy the beautiful weather and cheer on your favorites as the D-backs take the field against the Giants for their opening night game on April 6. To take advantage of this offer, click on: [AZ Diamondbacks](#), and enter the promo code TEACH

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### **ASBA Executive Searches**

- [General information and upcoming searches](#)
- [Contact the executive search team](#)

### **ASBA Executive Searches now open for online application:**

**SUPERINTENDENT – WAVE JTED. Closes April 6 at 12 noon**

**To apply:** [Superintendent, WAVE JTED](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – Superior USD. Closes April 8 at 9 a.m.**

**To apply:** [Superintendent, Superior USD](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – Willcox USD. Closes April 10 at 5 p.m.**

**To apply:** [Superintendent, Willcox USD](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – Douglas USD. Closes April 17 at 5 p.m.**

**To apply:** [Superintendent, Douglas USD](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma (STEDY) - Closes April 20 at 12 noon.**

To apply: [Superintendent, STEDY](#)

**OPENING SOON (to apply, check [ASBA website](#) on opening date listed):**

**SUPERINTENDENT – Camp Verde USD. Opens April 17, closes May 18.**

**UPCOMING SEARCHES:**

**SUPERINTENDENT – Alhambra ESD**

**SUPERINTENDENT – Window Rock USD**

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