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College Success Arizona Team Welcomes New Success Adviser

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Phoenix, Arizona – College Success Arizona, an organization leading the way in increasing college graduation rates among Arizona students, welcomes their newest team member. Robert Davis joined the team in mid- February as a Success Adviser.

“I’m excited about this great opportunity to be working as a member of the College Success Arizona adviser team,” Davis stated. “I love working with college students and look forward to working with our scholars at Northern Arizona University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, helping them in their college careers. By improving our state’s graduation rate, we believe that we will improve the quality of life not just for our students and their families but also for the state of Arizona as a whole. It’s been stated that by the year 2020, nearly 70% of Arizona’s jobs will require an advanced certificate or college degree. At College Success Arizona, we’ve been able to assist thousands of students so far with college access information, mentoring services and nearly \$13 Million in scholarships. 70% of our students are first generation college students and I want to do my part to help the future leaders of Arizona obtain their degrees.”

Davis, who is a first generation college graduate, was a student at Barrett, the Honors College, at Arizona State University, where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree. He attributes much of his success to the mentorship and support that he received while he was in school. He looks forward to paying it forward by helping new scholars navigate the college experience and affording them the resources and opportunities that are available.

Davis was the recipient of the first-generation Dorrance Scholarship, and was awarded the Gilman Scholarship, a U. S. State Department study abroad award. These scholarship programs allowed him to take full advantage of his educational opportunities, shaping his global awareness and excitement for making an impact in his community.

While attending ASU, Davis had the opportunity to teach English in China and intern for the International Refugee Committee (IRC) in Phoenix. He holds a degree in Global Studies with a minor in Business from Arizona State University. In addition to his role as mentor with College Success Arizona, Robert also volunteers with the Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations.

About College Success Arizona: College Success Arizona is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization working to significantly increase the post-secondary attainment rate of students in Arizona, particularly for those who otherwise would not be able to attend or graduate. The organization was started as the Arizona College Scholarship Foundation in 2005. For more information about College Success Arizona and its partners, visit www.collegesuccessarizona.org.

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