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## Special Report from College Success Arizona

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A new report highlighting the information and opportunity gaps that affect students in rural Arizona communities when trying to obtain a college degree

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Hello!

As President and CEO of College Success Arizona, I'm pleased to announce the release of our latest publication in an ongoing series of briefs and reports on key issues that impact college access and attainment in Arizona. This special report, titled [\*How Information and Opportunity Gaps Limit College-Going in Rural Arizona\*](#), highlights barriers that students and families in rural communities face when it comes to learning about their college options and what it takes to get into, pay for, and succeed in

college.

This report is intended to start a statewide conversation in Arizona about how we can address specific challenges that limit college-going for students in rural communities. Ensuring that the students and families who live in these communities have a voice in this conversation is a priority for us. To this end, this year we've conducted interviews and focus groups in rural communities across the state. We've spoken to students, parents, and school personnel to better understand the factors that contribute to information and opportunity gaps. What we learned has a prominent place in this report and, in combination with our other research, informs the policy recommendations we make.

If we hope to increase attainment statewide, and reach the goal set by Achieve60AZ, then we must find effective, sustainable ways to help more students from groups that are underrepresented in higher education in Arizona—such as rural students, low-income students, first generation students, and Latino students—access the information they need to understand their options and make informed decisions about college.

Now is the time for action. We cannot wait any longer to ensure that Arizonans, regardless of where they live, have the opportunity to earn the credentials that serve as a platform for increased economic mobility and prosperity.

Let us know what you think. As always, we welcome your comments and ideas. I can be reached at (602) 636-1850 or [via email](#). We've also included a link to our [Research Digest](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich".

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## About College Success Arizona

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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](http://www.collegesuccessarizona.org).

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