

ARIZONA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Founded in 1983, AEF's mission is *to administer programs that develop, celebrate and advance excellence in PreK—12th grade public education in Arizona through community partnerships*. In addition to the PLAA, AEF administers: A+ Schools of Excellence and A+ Exemplary Programs; Arizona Teacher of the Year; Arizona Spelling Bee; and Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest. Through its high quality, well-known and sought-after programs, AEF fosters excellence in education in Arizona.

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Argosy University is a fully accredited private institution dedicated to providing high quality professional educational programs at the doctoral, master's bachelor's and associate's degree levels, as well as continuing education to individuals who seek to advance their professional and personal lives. Argosy University emphasizes programs in the behavioral sciences, business, education and the health care professions. The programs of Argosy University are designed to instill the knowledge, skills, and ethical values of professional practice and to foster values of social responsibility in a supportive learner-centered environment of mutual respect and professional excellence.

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Presents the



**Principals' Leadership
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PLAA: AEF PRINCIPALS' LEADERSHIP ACADEMY OF ARIZONA



MISSION of PLAA

The **PLAA** effectively supports new and aspiring principals as they enhance their ability to lead their communities to excellence and prepare their students for success in the 21st century. Upon completion of AEF's Principals' Leadership Academy, principals will have a heightened understanding of and ability to apply professional practice, concepts, and values in learning, leadership, and policy.

HISTORY & OVERVIEW

The **PLAA** was founded in response to a shared belief by the Arizona Educational Foundation/AEF, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, Argosy University and numerous public school districts in Arizona that aspiring and 1st and 2nd year principals will benefit from and become stronger leaders of 21st century schools through a leadership training program that includes 5 **Cs**: **C**ohort, **C**ollegiality, **C**ontinuity, **C**ommunity, and **C**ollaboration. Academy facilitators include but are not limited to University faculty, trustees of the AEF Board of Directors, and Principals of AEF A+ Schools of Excellence and other recognized schools. PLAA participants have direct access to award-winning principals, leaders in education and business to use as a resource during and beyond their experience in the PLAA.

TIMELINE

Classes are held monthly on Saturdays beginning in December and ending in April (no December or May classes), followed by a one-week session on a Monday through Thursday in June. Specific dates and times for the upcoming session can be found at:

<http://www.azedfoundation.org/principals-leadership.php>.

APPLICATION & SELECTION

Applications are available at:

<http://www.azedfoundation.org/pla-application.php>

Class size at the Academy is limited. Every effort is made to create a diverse cohort at the PLAA.

COST

Tuition costs of \$1,000 include all texts and materials necessary for the course. Lunch for all sessions is provided. Contact the Arizona Educational Foundation for scholarship opportunities.

CREDIT

Upon successful completion of the PLAA, participants are eligible for six graduate credit hours with concurrent enrollment at Argosy University/Phoenix. In addition, 120 recertification hours will be issued to participants upon graduation from the PLAA.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

PLAA curriculum is grounded in current research and the ISLLC (Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium) Standards for School Leaders developed by the Chief Council of State School Officers. Each participant completes an application for the A+ Schools of Excellence Award as an exercise in school improvement and needs assessment at their site. Participants are assigned mentors from A+ Award-winning schools. Classes, study sessions, and completion of the A+ Schools application will focus on strengthening participants' leadership skills and enhancing an educational leader's ability in:

- Facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community;
- Advocating, nurturing and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth;
- Ensuring management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment;
- Collaborating with families and community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources;
- Acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner;
- Understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.



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