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Progress Report

Arizona Schools: 2008 - 09

At ASU, **dreams
become reality** for high
school graduates.

excellence, access and impact

As the New American University, ASU is defined by three principles: excellence in scholarship, access to education and impact on our community. As a public university, ASU has a responsibility to serve the people of Arizona now and in the future. This year's entering class reflects our commitment to provide access to excellence for all Arizonans. Creating opportunities for qualified high school students to pursue their academic dreams is our highest priority.

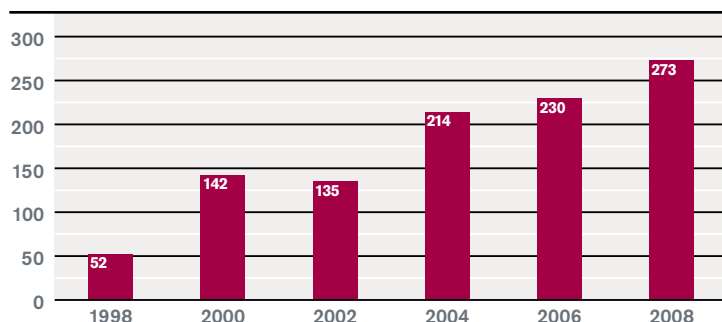
Fall 2008 Freshman Profile

The quality of ASU's freshman class continues to rank among the nation's best.

- Largest class in ASU's history – 9,707; a 5% increase from the fall 2007 class, a 42% increase since 2002 and a 94% increase since 1998
- 31% of all freshmen ranked within the top 10% of their high school class
- 64% of all Arizona freshmen ranked within the top 25% of their high school class
- 2,069 of Arizona freshmen are President and Provost Scholars, reflecting a 124% increase since 2002
- 34.8% of the freshman class from Arizona are minority students (46% increase since 1998)
- 273 National Scholars (an increase of 28% since 2003): 166 National Merit Scholars, 103 National Hispanic Scholars and 11 Arizona Flinn Scholars

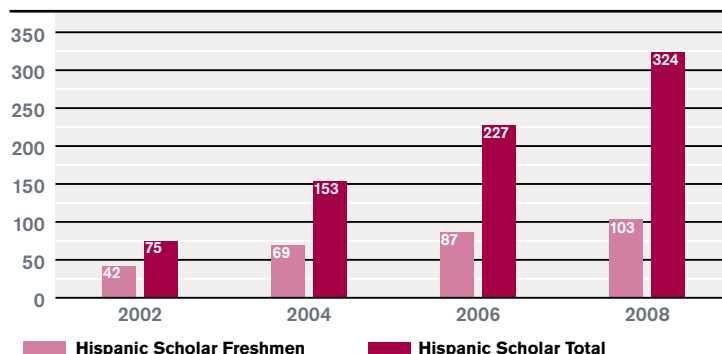
National Scholar Growth Among Freshmen

425 percent increase since 1998



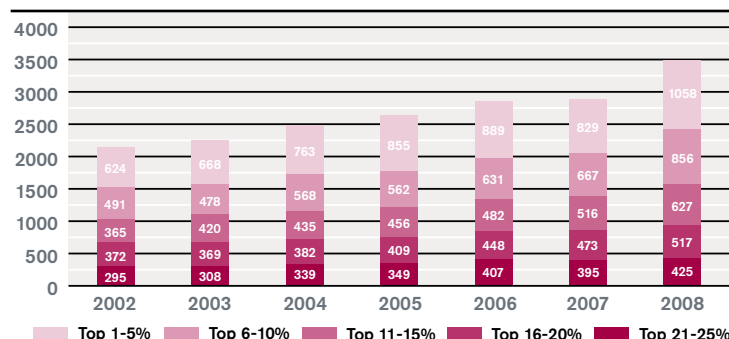
National Hispanic Scholar Trends, Fall 2002-2008

332 percent average increase since 2002



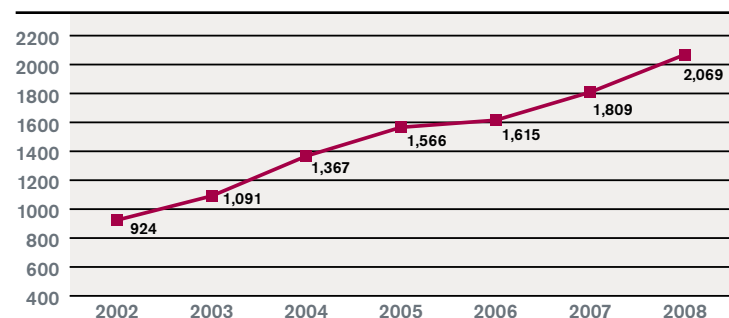
The Best of Arizona at ASU

Fall 2002 - Fall 2008



President's/Provost's Scholars (Top 5% of HS Class)

124 percent increase since 2002



The Collegiate Scholars program, which began in 2006, prepares high school seniors for the university by offering them ASU coursework while they are concurrently enrolled in high school. Students have had the opportunity to take classes like Engineering 101 and 102, Criminal Justice, Economics, and other university level courses. The Collegiate Scholars Program is an important part of the ASU Pathways to Postsecondary Education. The average GPA for students in these classes has been 3.5 and above. More than 100 high school seniors have taken ASU credit-bearing courses over the past three years.

This year the Collegiate Scholars program is expanding across the Valley to high schools near all four ASU campuses. An extensive list of classes will be offered for the fall 2009 session. Classes include, but are not limited to: Advanced Math, Advanced Sciences, Introduction to Engineering courses, Aeronautics, and Advanced Languages. For more information, please visit: promise.asu.edu/csp



What's New

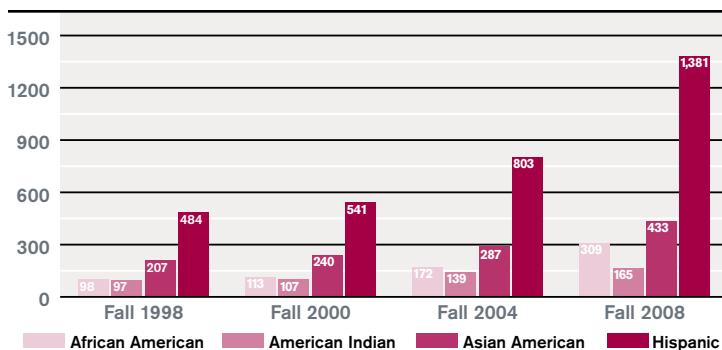
Barrett Summer Scholars

After three successful years of providing access to excellence to more than 300 Arizona gifted middle school students, Barrett Summer Scholars (BSS) continues to impact Arizona scholars. Students participating in the three week summer program can take courses ranging from engineering to law, along with The Human Event, the hallmark experience of Barrett, the Honors College. Past participants stay connected with ASU and with Barrett, the Honors College, through ongoing lectures and on-campus activities.

Barrett Summer Scholar students who enroll at ASU in fall 2009 will have the opportunity to reside in the new Barrett honors residential community. The new complex built on 8.25 acres will feature its own dining center, classrooms, faculty and Barrett administrative offices and activity space. It is believed to be the largest residential honors college at a public university in the country and is modeled after residential colleges at Oxford, Harvard and Yale.

Arizona Minority Freshman Enrollment, Fall 1998-2008

246 percent total minority enrollment increase since 1998



Arizona is one of two states that will lead the nation in growth of high school graduates during the next several years. That number translates into more than 104,000 potential new students within the next decade who will be seeking higher education.

ASU's access and outreach efforts are focused on making attending the university a reality for first generation college students. Under Access ASU, the university developed solid partnerships with targeted elementary and high school districts in Maricopa County, including Phoenix Elementary and Phoenix Union High School Districts.

This year, ASU is expanding its partnerships with all school districts throughout the state of Arizona. These continued collaborations advance the mission of the institution to be a university of the highest quality that is also accessible to qualified students. Teams of ASU's Undergraduate Admissions, Financial Aid and Outreach departments work together with school administrators, counselors, teachers and families to increase college eligibility and connect students to ASU.

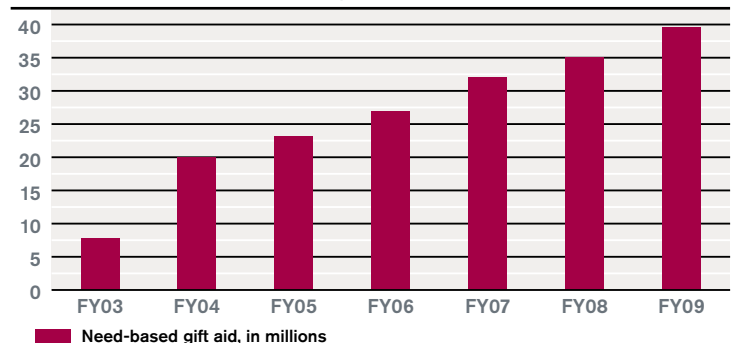
This highly cultivated and highly valued partnership between the high schools and the university increases exposure and eligibility to ASU for thousands of qualified students. The partnership provides students the opportunity to become familiar with and leverage university resources to increase eligibility for college.

The Sun Devil Promise is our commitment to the children of Arizona and their parents. ASU promises to recruit, enroll, educate and advance Arizonans from every economic, social, and cultural background. ASU keeps this promise by providing Arizona's youth the financial and educational resources to succeed, regardless of their ability to pay.

Through ASU Advantage, students whose family income is below \$25,000 are able to attend ASU with their direct costs covered by scholarships, grants and work-study. In its first three years nearly 1,000 students entered ASU under the Advantage program. ASU remains committed to serving students through various financial aid programs. This year, ASU will award more than \$100 million in scholarships and grants, a substantial commitment to helping students succeed.

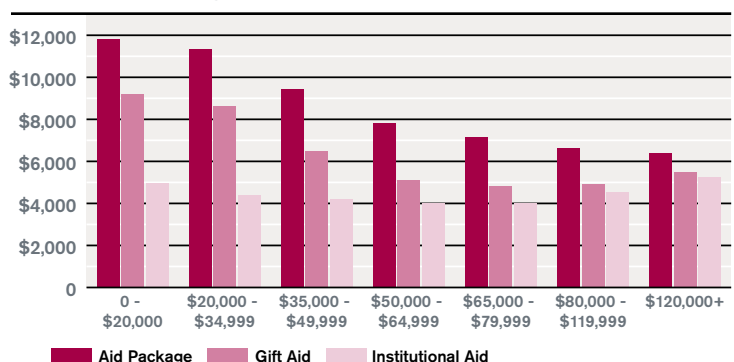
Financial Resources to Influence the Pipeline

\$39.5 million dedicated to need-based gift aid



Financial Aid Awarded by Income

Arizona Full-Time Undergraduate Students, 2007-2008



Why ASU?

- ASU enrolls more than **900** National Merit, National Hispanic and National Achievement Scholars.
- ASU students come from **all 50 states** and more than **150 nations**.
- More than **25 percent** of ASU undergraduates are students of color.
- ASU ranks fourth best in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2009 list of “**Up and Coming Schools**.”
- Since its inception, only Duke and Yale had more students selected by *USA Today* for its ranking of the **nation's top 20 undergraduates**.

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