

# Arizona Assurance Scholars Program

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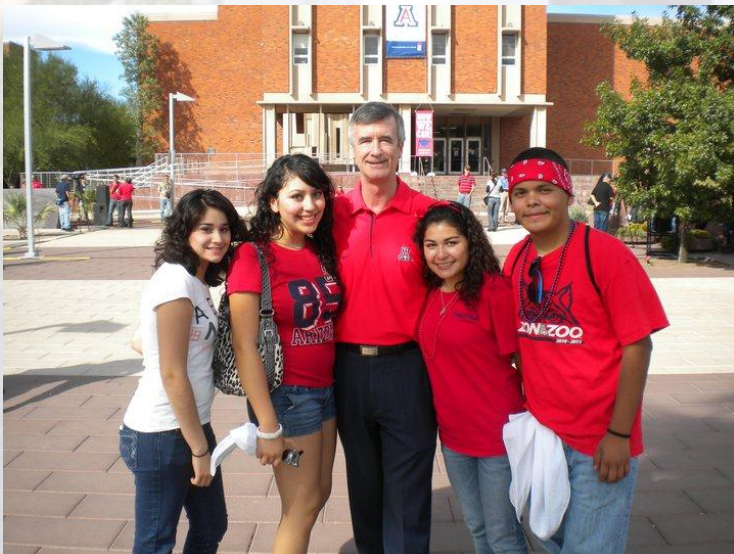
# Arizona Assurance Scholars



Homecoming Flash Mob Participants 2011



Recognition Luncheon



Homecoming Flash Mob Participants 2010



Cubs to Wildcats Volunteers

# Mission and Vision

- Mission: The Arizona Assurance Scholars Program provides academic, financial and social support for low-income Arizona residents as a way to ensure success, retention and graduation from the University of Arizona.
- Vision: We seek to empower low-income students to become independent scholars and contributing members of society therefore improving the educational demographics in the State of Arizona.

# Arizona Assurance Scholars

- Eligibility for consideration
  - Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1
  - Submit a complete admissions application by March 1
  - Be an Arizona resident
  - Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) or combined parental income of \$42,400 or below
  - High School cumulative GPA of 3.0
  - Pell grant eligible according to the FAFSA
  - Dependent
  - Enroll full-time the year immediately following high school
- Students who meet eligibility criteria are
  - Invited to complete College Board PROFILE by March 31

# Financial Support

Arizona Assurance enables students to complete a Bachelor's degree in four years with little or no debt.

The essential costs covered by the program include:

- Tuition and fees
- Books
- Room and board

Financial Aid Package includes:

- Pell Grant
- Other grants and scholarship
- Work Study
- Loans are offered to cover expenses beyond tuition, books, room and board

# Continued Eligibility and Benefits

To qualify for continued eligibility after the freshmen year

## Financial Aid Requirements

- Arizona resident
- Pell grant eligible
- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (2.0 GPA, and 24 units completed)
- Complete the FAFSA by March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate program

# Freshmen Programming

- Attend Focus on Success in August
- Participate in a recommended transition program or course
- Meet with Arizona Assurance Mentor twice a semester
- Meet with major Academic Advisor at least once a semester
- Submit mid-term progress report

# Sophomore – Senior Programming

- Complete Online Modules
  - Sophomore – Exploring majors and careers, internet resources for engagement
  - Junior - Applying for graduate school, interviewing
  - Senior – Applying for jobs, life after college
- Meet with Advisor each semester
- Attend one workshop
- Engage in opportunities outside of class

- Arizona Assurance Scholars Club
  - Give back to the community
    - Present to K-8 students about going to college
    - Raise money for Adopt-a-Family
    - Volunteer with community organizations for low-income families
    - Meet other Arizona Assurance Scholars
    - Helping to build community within Arizona Assurance

# Demographics

- Average of four cohorts
  - 60% first-generation
  - 61% minority
  - 60% female students

# Progress

- 2300 scholars are currently enrolled at the UA
- On average about 40% achieved a 3.0 or higher after their first year
- 68% of the first cohort of 2008-2009 are currently enrolled
- 23% of the comparison cohort graduated in 4 years
- 2008-2009 cohort 4-year graduation predicted to be much higher than comparison group

# First Graduate

- Jeremiah Walpert, graduated in 3 years
  - From Wilcox, Arizona, currently enrolled in a Master's program in Texas and studying to be a Pastor



# Any Questions?

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