

Newsletter



Executive Director's Note:

The January edition of the AZALAS newsletter is dedicated to showcasing our valued sponsors. These partners share and support our vision of “Ensuring excellence and equity in education.” AZALAS is deeply grateful for their ongoing partnership. Their financial and in-kind contributions enable us to collaborate with educators, enhancing the quality of education for students across Arizona. Together, we tackle equity challenges faced by Latino students and school district staff. With sincere appreciation, we extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to our sponsors and encourage you to take a moment to learn more about each of them.

Dr. Marvene Lobato

“Gratitude
makes sense of our past,
brings peace for today,
and creates a vision
for tomorrow.”

-Melody Beattie



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Valley Schools was created in 1986 by school districts through an intergovernmental agreement as a non-profit organization to allow school districts to jointly purchase insurance and pool insurance risks. The Valley Schools Management Group (VSMG) is a non-profit entity which provides professional management of insurance pools and trusts.



Encore Sponsor

McGraw Hill partners with educators and learners to provide high-quality, trusted content developed with world-class authors. We increase student success through equity and inclusion and deliver innovative technology with flexible tools and adaptive platforms for all educators and learners.



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Our commitment is to focus on the food we serve your students each and every day. Our student-based programs are designed to create a fresh, new buzz, which will boost participation through enhanced menu diversity, the implementation of quality, great-tasting foods, a customized marketing scheme, promoting health and nutrition and improving community involvement.



Emerald Sponsor

IAG began in 1999 as a modest, one-district operation in Arizona. Since then, we've grown to become a trusted employee staffing solution for school districts, cities and colleges, while remaining a privately owned company. Employers turn to us to retain the right talent for any given position, while saving them time and minimizing their HR costs.



1GPA is a non-profit national governmental purchasing cooperative which allows public agencies to take advantage of existing contracts to purchase the goods and services they need from local and national vendors. 1GPA's pooled purchasing power means public and private schools, cities, counties and state agencies, as well as colleges, universities and Native American communities can save actual budget dollars on our contracts utilizing best business practices.



American InterContinental University (AIU) provides students with the opportunity to pursue an education from an accredited university with the flexibility of attending online or on-campus. Our degree programs are designed so students can learn in ways that fit a busy lifestyle, with 24/7 access to classes online or through our mobile app. AIU offers 45 online undergraduate and graduate degree programs and specializations in areas such as business, information technology (IT), healthcare management, criminal justice and education.



A pioneer in K-12 education since 2000, Amplify is leading the way in next-generation curriculum and assessment. Our captivating core and supplemental programs in ELA, math, and science engage all students in rigorous learning and inspire them to think deeply, creatively, and for themselves. Our formative assessment products turn data into practical instructional support to help students at every skill level build a strong foundation in early reading and math.



The Arizona School Boards Association Insurance Trust or ASBAIT was established in 1981 by the Arizona School Board Association. Its formation was in response to Arizona school administrators desire to obtain comprehensive health benefits at reasonable costs. Meeting the needs of employees and their dependents is at the core of ASBAIT's philosophy.



Diamond Sponsor

BlueCross BlueShield of Arizona is committed to creating meaningful partnerships with the Arizona K-12 community to enhance community engagement, broaden career opportunities for educators, and foster wellness and academic success. Working with BlueCross BlueShield may help your district, lower health care costs, safeguard public resources, educate teachers and staff to make informed health care decisions and lead healthier lives.



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Chasse Building Team was formed to provide extraordinary construction experiences for our Clients. It is our clear intention to form intimate relationships with our Clients, Designers, Subcontractors and fellow teammates. Our secret is to make the building process fun for you so we can enjoy the building journey too!



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Established in 1937, CORE is a national construction firm built on a foundation of trust. Our team is united under the desire to serve our communities through the construction of great schools, universities, and public safety facilities.



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Founded in 1969, Curriculum Associates, LLC designs research-based, teacher-acclaimed products, including i-Ready, Ready, and Ready Classroom Mathematics that provide teachers and administrators with flexible resources that deliver meaningful assessments and data-driven, differentiated instruction for children.



Whether your objective is to boost test scores, raise graduation rates, implement personalized learning, or improve college and career readiness, a partnership with Edmentum means access to a team of education technology professionals committed to making sure your investment enhances student achievement.



Gaggle is a recognized leader in helping K-12 districts manage student safety on school-provided platforms. Through Gaggle Safety Management, we proactively alert school officials when students show signs of self-harm, thoughts of suicide, substance abuse, threats of violence, and other harmful situations. Our Gaggle Therapy service offers direct mental health support, connecting students with licensed counselors for teletherapy sessions at no out-of-pocket cost, helping enhancing students\' mental wellness and academic performance.



Grad Solutions empowers students that are 16-21 years of age and reside in Arizona, to customize an educational program, create their own schedule, and work anytime from anywhere, to achieve a goal of earning a high school diploma. We provide a personalized learning plan and a Mentor to guide students down the path to graduation.



Founded in 1949, GCU is Arizona's private university. This prestigious Christian university is regionally accredited and offers online and campus-based BA's, MA's and doctoral programs.



H&B is a General Contractor in the greater Phoenix area primarily serving K-12, Higher Education, Municipalities, LIHTC, Senior Housing and Market Rate Multi-Family. While we provide new construction services, we also provide on-call/job order contracting to maintain your properties. We do not have service limitations anywhere in Arizona for our 24 hour site walk guarantee.



Hellas Construction is the largest vertically-integrated sports construction contractor in the United States, specializing in the general construction of sports facilities and sports surfaces. Hellas champions innovative synthetic turf manufacturing, base construction, field, track and tennis planning, along with installation and maintenance.



Aligning our products under one brand, united by our shared mission to ignite learning breakthroughs, is an important step that will allow us to continue our work with educators and families to build new products and features that will propel each student's growth.



Just Right Reader's Science of Reading decodables engage students in authentic phonics practice in the classroom and at home with Classroom Libraries and Take-Home Decodable Packs in English and Spanish. Over 700+ titles align to all phonics curriculums. They are filled with colorful illustrations and diverse characters in relatable stories. Each decodable comes with tools to support classroom implementation and small group instruction. This includes fun video lessons to extend phonics instruction into the home.



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When the issues are complex, the schedule tight and the risk substantial, you need to know only one thing – how to get it right. For nearly 150 years, McCarthy has been America’s choice for succeeding with the toughest construction challenges. And building certainty, above all else.



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Orcutt | Winslow began more than four decades ago with two Arizona State University graduates eager to take on the architectural field with new and innovative design solutions. Along with the philosophies that “a project can only be as good as the information gathered,” and “behind every well-designed building is an architect who took the time to thoroughly understand the client’s needs,” Herman Orcutt and Paul Winslow began building client-focused design teams that could offer personal service during each stage of the architectural process.



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Progressive Roofing is a family owned roofing contractor that has been offering high quality services since 1978. Our headquarters are located in Phoenix, AZ and we have 12 regional offices throughout the United States. Whether it is maintenance or replacement of your existing roof, waterproofing weather barriers, or the design and installation of new applications, Progressive Roofing is prepared to meet and exceed your expectations.



Pueblo Mechanical & Controls is Arizona's largest full-spectrum HVAC, Plumbing, Mechanical and Controls contractor performing work since 2001. Pueblo specializes in providing quality service and installation for school districts, higher education, cities, towns, municipalities, and private entities.



Sibme's Learning Engagement Platform powers professional development through virtual- and hybrid-coaching, peer-to-peer collaboration, cohort-based professional learning communities, and micro-credentials. Educators trust us to encourage critical conversations about real teaching and learning, using real tools, with real people -- from anywhere at any time.



SSC Services for Education and Chartwells K12 provide the highest quality services for school communities across the country. Backed by our parent company, Compass Group, SSC and Chartwells have a wealth of experience and resources to ensure your district's facilities and foodservice operations are innovative and designed to meet your exact goals.



Stifel's Public Finance professionals specialize in helping state and local government agencies raise capital to build and maintain essential infrastructure in the communities they serve. From some of the nation's largest public states, cities, and counties to rural school districts and small towns and nearly everything in between, our municipal banking and underwriting groups work with public agencies to develop and implement financing strategies that allow them to operate and optimize the important work they do.



As a leader in the commercial mechanical industry and construction community, Veregy devotes its management resources to insure the safest, highest quality, on-time construction services possible. Through determination of management and teamwork with all concerned parties, we will strive to achieve the highest level of perfection, exceeding all expectations.



FEV Tutor is a vision-driven education technology organization working to effect change in K-12 education. Our research & evidence-based programs are designed and developed by leveraging technology to accelerate learning outcomes and create equitable learning pathways for students.



IXL provides a standards-aligned immersive learning experience for all subjects, K-12. Come learn how IXL's carefully crafted content and direct instruction supports students as they build the foundational skills needed for success. With IXL Analytics, teachers have insights to help them drive gains in student performance and on high-stakes assessments.



ParentSquare is the leading provider of modern family and community engagement solutions for K-12 schools. The multipurpose unified platform includes mass notifications, classroom communications, school websites, and other communication-based services, all supported by visual dashboards. ParentSquare's technology platform features comprehensive integrations with school administrative systems, translation to more than 100 languages, and app, email, text, voice, and web portal access for equitable communication.



School districts around the country are using simulations to enhance and change professional development. Learn more about simulations and how your district can use them to change the conversation and PD delivery.



The Family Learning Company has been creating learning software and apps for educational publishers for the past forty years. Our clients have included Frog Street Press, Scholastic, Discovery Education, and Houghton-Mifflin. Now you can provide your students with the same quality learning experience for use at home. Our solutions include everything you need to help your students become enthusiastic readers and writers, even built-in eBooks in English and Spanish!



Abre is a K-12 modern data solution, developed by two educators tired of not providing their stakeholders with an optimal technology experience. With Abre, schools improve their operational efficiency, increase all stakeholder engagement, empower school leaders to make confident decisions, and help schools reinvest in what matters most, their students.



Age of Learning is the leading education technology innovator, creating engaging and effective learning resources to help children build a strong foundation for academic success and a lifelong love of learning. Programs include My Math Academy, an adaptive, personalized program proven to significantly accelerate math learning outcomes, and My Reading Academy, an adaptive program designed to help young learners build a foundation for reading comprehension and literacy and become fluent readers.



Benson Systems has become a trusted name in the Arizona business community and across the Southwest. We have been successful in helping many local School Districts, Hospitals, Hotels, Universities, Commercial Property Management Companies, and all types of businesses with their Security & Low Voltage, Life Safety & Fire Suppression, and MEP offering a complete suite of services including Design, Installation, Support and Maintenance. We are proud partners of 1GPA and Mohave.



Women-owned, Elontec has over 25 years of experience as a three-tiered office solution, bringing you commercial furniture, relocation and technology services. Partnered with many of Arizona's state contracts to serve our schools and the proud home of the Arizona Diaper Bank of Central Arizona.



EPS Learning partners with educators to advance literacy as the springboard for lifelong learning and opportunity, with science of reading-based solutions supporting grades PreK-12 and every tier of instruction.



FranklinCovey Education is one of the world's most prominent and trusted providers of educational leadership development, school culture, and change management. Our comprehensive solutions help schools address common challenges such as academic achievement, educator wellness and efficacy, family engagement, leadership development, and college, career and life readiness.



Graduation Alliance develops highly effective solutions in order to help students who can't or won't attend school get back on track to graduation. Partnering with school districts, Graduation Alliance provides a technology-enabled dropout recovery program with robust human support to high school-aged youth who left school without a diploma. Students engage online at the time and place that works best for them while remaining enrolled in the school district.



Proximity Learning Proximity Learning partners with districts to solve teacher vacancies by livestreaming certified teachers, from all over the country, into classrooms for most subjects. We enable young learners to receive a more equitable education by connecting them with the expert teachers they deserve.



As a global leader in assessment, reading, and math solutions for pre-K–12 schools and districts, Renaissance is committed to providing educators with insights and resources to accelerate growth and help all students build a strong foundation for success. Our portfolio includes solutions for assessment (Star Assessments, Star Phonics, myIGDIs for Preschool, FastBridge, DnA, and SchoolCity); practice (Accelerated Reader, myON, Freckle, and Lalilo); data-driven insights (eduCLIMBER and Schoolzilla); and teacher-facilitated instructional delivery (Nearpod).



Currently serving 65,000 students in over 1,000 schools across the country, Right At School brings exceptional and affordable out of school time enrichment programs to students, parents, and our district partners. We'll help you save time and reduce stress by letting us fully manage your program, reinforce positive values among students, help them feel empowered, improve their social skills, increase their commitment to learning, help them understand boundaries and expectations, and have a positive impact on their identities.



At Skyline Builders and Restoration Inc., we thrive on challenging projects. No matter how specific or unique our clients' needs are, SBR's dedicated team of professionals meet and surpass expectations time after time. And as members of the U.S. Green Building Council we employ techniques and services that support sustainability as required by our valued customers.



For 50-years Sodexo has been the most trusted partner for school districts in providing food service and facilities management services. As a strategic partner, Sodexo puts students first in ensuring their school lunch experience and school environment is top notch, allowing your District to focus on its top priority: education.



SPS+ Architects has provided innovative educational design for Arizona schools since 1960. While our innovative design solutions have extended nationally and beyond, our primary focus as a firm has always been on our work here in Arizona. In particular, we have made a point to reach out to Arizona's underserved, minority, and rural populations. In many cases, we have developed long-term relationships with these clients spanning decades and multiple projects. This longevity is a direct result of our focus on customer service and delivering a quality product that meets and exceeds client expectations.



thinkLaw exists to create a world where critical thinking is no longer a luxury good. We help educators teach critical thinking to all students, not just the highest achieving ones at the most exclusive schools. Rote memorization and spoon-fed learning will not prepare young people for the rapidly changing workforce that awaits them. This is why thinkLaw increases educational equity by giving all students access to critical thinking.



Benchmark Education Company provides students and teachers with the resources they need to become problem-solvers, decision-makers, and joyful learners. Our mission is for every student to find lifelong inspiration, growth, and success through literacy, language, and knowledge development.



DLR Group believes integrated design is the practice of early collaboration in order to produce sustainable design excellence.



Generation Schools Network co-creates healthy school ecosystems by partnering with educators, students, families and communities to elevate the education experience.



Based in Phoenix, Arizona since 1989, RYTAN Construction has provided high quality construction contracting to Arizona's public and private sector, including commercial, multi-family, education, transportation, recreation, and infrastructure projects. RYTAN Construction truly serves the public with a culture of community engagement and fiscal responsibility with over \$300 million in education projects alone.



As an early pioneer in the shade industry, Shade 'N Net has raised the standards of excellence and paved the way for innovative design and technology. Keeping safety, quality, and reliability at the forefront of our company mission has earned Shade 'N Net the trust and loyalty of its growing customer base.



At Sunland Asphalt, each of our projects represents our leading technology, superior products and exceptional employees.

Thirty percent (30%) of Sunland Asphalt is owned by our employees via an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). This provides employees with a vested interest in Sunland's success. An employee ownership culture, such as ours, means employees are accountable, responsible and take pride in their work. Sunland employees enjoy what they do and who they work with.



Wholesale Floors, LLC (WF) delivers full-service flooring solutions for institutional and corporate clients. We design and install carpet, resilient, wood, and ceramic flooring for hospitals, schools, office buildings, resorts, stadiums and airports and have extensive experience working with city, state, and federal government agencies. We are a preferred distributor for leading flooring brands with 31 years of solid customer and contractor relationships to ensure the most cost-effective and appropriate solutions for your needs.

“Our *vision* remained a mere dream until sponsors like you breathed *life* into it with your support. We cannot *Thank you* enough for playing this significant role.”

- Anonymous

Make it a great day!

Tracy Harris