ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES
UNLIMITED HORIZONS
RECRUIT ▶ RETAIN ▶ GRADUATE ▶ CAREER SUCCESS

Enroll the BEST and the BRIGHTEST

Create an INDIVIDUAL, ENGAGED EXPERIENCE for each student

Foster graduates prepared for SUCCESSFUL CAREERS

Develop students into LIFELONG LEARNERS
The students profiled in this brochure are as accomplished as they are inspiring. Our success is measured one student at a time, and their stories in the following pages are a testament to their achievements, as well as the dedication and creativity of our staff and the faculty.

Your interest and support enables so many current and future Wildcats to create their own unique, engaged experiences to expand their horizons, prepares them for career success and helps them become lifelong learners.

Thanks for being part of the Wildcat family, and Bear Down!

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As a recognized leader and innovator, our division impacts the success of every one of our students through ENROLLMENT, RETENTION, GRADUATION and CAREER SUCCESS.

We engage our students from the time they first consider college until they graduate and move on to a successful start on their careers. Our innovative programs:

- Broaden access to a UA education
- Engage students in and out of the classroom
- Support our faculty and the community

Our vision is to lead the way, supporting our university by creating access and engagement opportunities for every student to fulfill their limitless potential.
We find new ways to recruit the best and most deserving of students.

- Reaching out to future Wildcats when they are first considering college with academic outreach programs in middle and high schools.
- Guiding first-generation students through the application process and creating opportunities to connect with the University of Arizona community before they arrive on campus.
- Paving the way for transfers with the support they need.
- Creating opportunities for more students to earn a world-class University of Arizona degree regardless of where they live or their schedules.

SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

- College Academy for Parents
- Early Academic Outreach
- New Start
- Campus Health
- Arizona Assurance
- Parents and Family Association
- Adaptive Athletics
- UA Online

UA Adaptive Athletics has sent 27 athletes to the Paralympics.
Lex Orozco arrived on campus feeling confident. As an honors high school student she balanced multiple activities with success, but during her participation in the New Start Summer Bridge program she admitted she “fell flat on my face” in one of her summer courses. Fortunately, her peer mentor Michelle helped her regroup and she launched into her freshman year ready to succeed.

The New Start program creates a student community, Lex learned she had a great support network, and “many of my friends came from our cohort group.” New Start didn’t just launch Lex – it also inspired her to participate in other student success programs. Lex has been a Student Coordinator and Residence Hall advisor for New Start and is now a Student Success Peer Advisor for students on academic probation. A perfect role for someone who uses this quote from Thomas Edison in her email signature: “Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”

“Priceless” is how Nate Miller describes the importance of the University of Arizona’s Adaptive Athletics program. Introduced to the sport of quad rugby while he was still rehabilitating from a diving accident, the sport took Nate to a tournament where he was recruited to play for UA. Nate has thrived on the team, even connecting a fellow teammate to the Adaptive Athletics program.

Nate’s dedication to his sport can also be seen in his dedication to his studies. Currently entering his 4th year in the highly demanding School of Architecture, Nate has excelled. His commitment to team training and his sport brings him camaraderie and both mental and physical benefits. Both the team and his studies are competitive and demanding. Both are familiar roles to Nate.

As a recipient of an Arizona Assurance grant, Emma has made the most of her opportunity to attend the UA. A model of fully engaged student, Emma served as the Marketing Chair of the Student Engagement Homecoming committee, is an officer of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. and member of Rho Lambda Panhellenic honorary. Her work in the Tucson community includes projects with Tucson Young Professionals and LeadLocal. If that is not enough to fill the days of this campus dynamo, Emma is also the editorial/communications intern for the SAEM/AISS division, giving her an engaged experience in her area of career interest.

Emma based her choice of attending UA on its ability to provide her with the economic support she needed to obtain her degree. As she said, “Arizona Assurance gave me the opportunity to chase my dreams as a first generation student and open doors for me I never imagined possible. I am forever grateful for this program!”
Creating new opportunities for each student to have an engaged, individualized experience

- Connecting beyond the classroom to enrich and enhance learning for both students and faculty
- Mentoring and coaching, using advanced assessment strategies to engage all students who need assistance
- Providing a diverse menu of activities and work opportunities that bond students to their studies, their peers and their community
- Encouraging leadership opportunities to stretch each student’s horizons

SUPPORTED PROGRAMS
- VETS Center
- Blue Chip
- Think Tank
- SALT Center
- Fraternity & Sorority Programs
- Cultural Centers and LGBTQ
- Campus Recreation
- Club Sports

Think Tank - 43% of first time freshmen visit the Think Tank for a total of more than 24,000 hours logged
The fedora makes JJ Lagasca easy to spot on campus and reflects his infectious enthusiasm for inspiring others. JJ is a risk taker. For example, he decided to attend the UA without visiting campus, and his route to Blue Chip was just as nontraditional. “I was a group of students on the UA Mall and walked up to them to find out what kind of group it was.”

In Blue Chip, JJ has focused on Social Entrepreneurship, and his local non-profit internships have mirrored that path. Blue Chip has been many things to JJ – a “network of friends,” an opportunity to work on his public speaking, and a place just to “lounge out.” JJ’s long-term goal is to be a motivational speaker taking him from student leadership to the stage.

A real plus for Tina are the Think Tank student tutors. “They have successfully mastered the coursework and they push you a little bit more to dig a little deeper to find the answers. At the Think Tank, students help each other with the areas they have mastered, so it is easy to collaborate with other students learning the same material.”

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Student veterans are set apart from their campus peers – by age, life experience, entrenchment in military culture and in many cases from war inflicted injuries and post-traumatic stress. Fellow veterans like Jeremy provide the unique connection that helps them to successfully transition to the university student and also to ease their return to civilian life in the community.

In the Army, Jeremy was a Human Intelligence Collector. Here on campus he uses his skill “brokering networks” – connecting student veterans through an outreach program he launched. With such connections, Jeremy makes sure student veterans have someone looking out for them and a place where they belong.
We prepare students for the world beyond the campus

- Enhancing learning with internships, leadership and advising to help students determine their path to success
- Providing career path employment opportunities within the division
- Supporting those students who need unique help to succeed and create a career path
- Preparing students to launch into their first career or on to graduate school
- Creating opportunities for an Engaged Learning Experience notation on their academic transcripts

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The UA BookStores employs over 340 students each year.
A goal of law school has helped shape many of Martha’s decisions in her academic career and her involvement with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has helped fine tune her focus. After meeting one of the graduate women in her chapter she decided to veer away from corporate law which led her to an upcoming internship with the Pima County Division of Victim Services. Martha has also been able to step into multiple leadership roles including President of her chapter. Martha shares that “Greek life gives you connections that you would not have had otherwise.”

You have to be a committed Wildcat to give a persuasive speech, while connecting with parents and prospective students in 100 degree heat as a student volunteer. That is what Eric did for the last three years as an Arizona Ambassador along with 80 other students. Eric moved from a volunteer post to a paid position in the Visitors Support Team this year and credits his time in both roles as helping him polish his public speaking and customer service skills. “Both opportunities taught me how to be comfortable in uncomfortable situations,” Eric chose UA partly due to his own experience on a campus tour – what a great way to give back to hundreds of future Wildcats. Bear Down!

Arizona Student Media engages more than 300 paid and volunteer students in real-world experiences in journalism, media, design and business; complementing their coursework and providing intensive leadership roles.
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With your support we can continue to be limitless in our goals, committed to success and, most of all,
HELP OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVE AN EXCEPTIONAL FUTURE.

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