

## ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College

2015 - 2016

Tempe, Arizona

Federal Legislative District: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

### PROGRAM FAST FACTS

**Congressional District(s): 1-9**

**State Legislative District(s):**

**Service Area by County: Maricopa**

**Project Federal Share: \$48,000**

**Community Volunteers Recruited: 230**

**Volunteer Hours Served: 105,900**

**Value of Volunteer Hours: \$2,384,868**

\*2013 Independent Sector Rate for the Value of a Volunteer Hour in Arizona is \$22.52

### **Community Need**

Maricopa County has multiple factors that contribute to low academic engagement. In Maricopa County, 53% of all schools are classified as Title I, with a high ratio of children from low-income families. According to the Arizona Minority Student Progress Report, minority students make up a disproportionately high number of Title I and special education students in Maricopa County and are only 50% as likely as non-minority students to be college ready (2013). In addition, the student/teacher ratio in Maricopa County is higher than the state and national average. All of these factors contribute to a large gap in academic achievement and engagement for these students. The goal of ASU AmeriCorps members is to increase academic engagement for at-risk students in Maricopa County by placing members in underserved academic programs and engaging them in service-learning projects.

**National Priority Area:** Education

### **Performance Goals:**

- Increase academic engagement for students enrolled in grades K-12.

### **Program Activities**

ASU AmeriCorps members serve by co-teaching in Title I schools or in Special Education in Maricopa County. Members utilize skills and knowledge obtained in AmeriCorps training and teacher preparation classes to provide evidence-based interventions including service-learning teaching methodologies and employing Arizona-specific cultural competencies to improve academic engagement for disadvantaged and underserved students.

### **Program Impact**

Members serve to improve academic engagement for students in Maricopa County through co-teaching in the classroom thereby lowering student/teacher ratios, while utilizing effective teaching styles and cultural competencies and implementing service-learning teaching methodologies to increase academic engagement and student engagement in the community. While in service, members gain knowledge, skills, and tools to help them best teach underserved students. Members also gain experience that will significantly increase their confidence for their second year of teaching. ASU AmeriCorps members are highly effective as they are able to utilize their training to be effective educators. Many ASU AmeriCorps members choose to commit to full-time positions at Title I schools after completing their AmeriCorps term.



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## Mission

As part of the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Community Engagement Programs, our mission is to:

- Immerse ASU students in the community and provide them with real-world experiences that build professional skills and cultivate social responsible citizens
- Serve as a resource for community agencies, faculty, K-12 teachers and families
- Partner local organizations and schools with ASU students and staff to serve the community.

## Vision

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Community Engagement Programs are committed to creating a culture of civic engagement, generating positive social change, and building a bridge between ASU and the community.

## History

The Service-Learning program at ASU was founded in 1993. Over the past twenty years, it has evolved to encompass University Service Learning, America Reads, and AmeriCorps. These programs collectively comprise what is now called the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Community Engagement Programs. ASU students that participate in these programs learn valuable skills while making a difference in the community.

## Partnerships

The ASU AmeriCorps program partners closely with the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Office of Clinical Experiences and has service sites in over 20 districts throughout Maricopa County, including:

- Avondale Elementary District
- Balsz Elementary District
- Cave Creek Unified District
- Chandler Unified District
- Deer Valley Unified District
- Dysart Unified District
- Glendale Elementary District
- Isaac Elementary District
- Littleton Elementary District
- Madison Elementary District
- Mesa Unified District
- Paradise Valley Unified District
- Pendergast Elementary District
- Phoenix Union High School District
- Roosevelt Elementary District
- Scottsdale Unified School District
- Tempe School District No 3
- Union High School District
- Washington Elementary District

## OTHER

In 2014-2015, ASU AmeriCorps Members earned 219 Education Awards, representing 88,042 hours of service, and totaling \$256,734.17 earned in scholarship dollars.

