



Winter 2022 Convening

February 24, 25 & 28 — Arizona Regional Talent Networks



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In 2021 Dr. Eric Ban shared the Dallas County Promise story with the Arizona Mayors Education Roundtable. Due to mayoral interest in College Promise Programs, WestEd contracted with Dr. Ban to develop recommendations on how Arizona might implement a postsecondary attainment strategy similar to those operating in Tennessee and Texas. Last fall, Dr. Ban and other state and national experts met with an Arizona design team to develop the *Arizona Regional Talent (ART) Networks* concept paper.

The Roundtable acknowledges and thanks the design team that worked with Dr. Ban and his colleagues, Krissy De Alejandro and Rosye Cloud:

- Arizona FAFSA Challenge – Julie Sainz, Project Director
- ASU Helios Decision Center for Educational Excellence – Joe O'Reilly, Executive Director
- City of Mesa – Amy Trethaway
- Education Forward Arizona – Rich Nickel, Richard Daniel, and Erin Hart

Outlined in this proposal is a coordinated response to help regions execute a plan that brings together K-12, postsecondary, workforce, and community partners to develop the opportunities Arizona residents need to gain the credentials, skills, and competencies required for good jobs that provide a living wage.