



**College Bound AZ
Force for Change 2024**

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Mission

College Bound AZ, a nonprofit community resource, shares the journey to college with aspiring under-represented students through guidance, mentoring and scholarships for their advancement to a better future through education.

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College Bound AZ

Finis Origine Pendet—“The end depends on the beginning”

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History

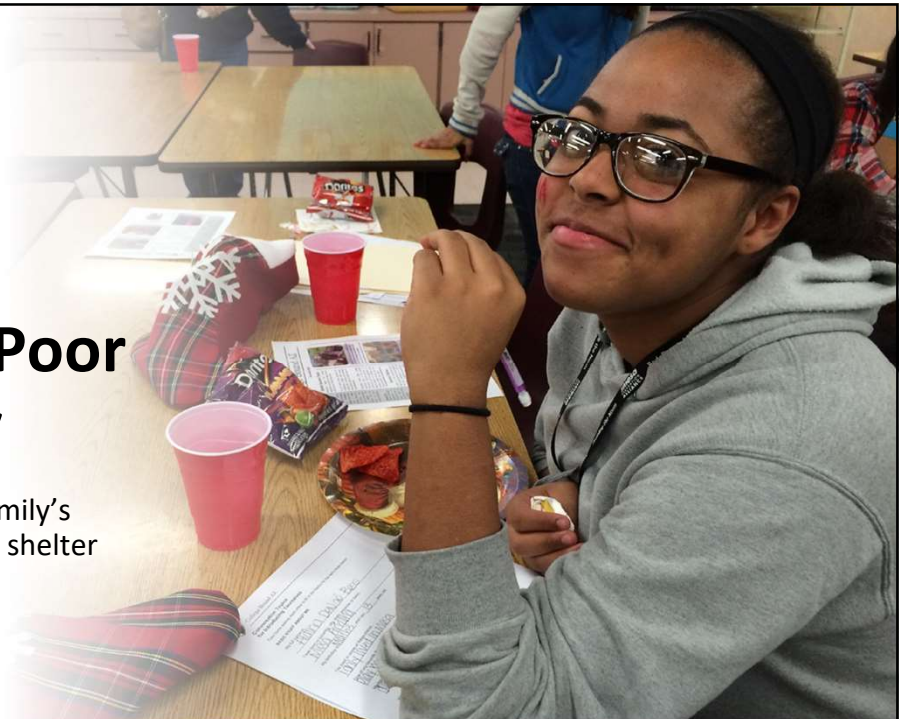
- Founded in 2010
- Initially started in 7/8th grade
- One-on-one support for 400 underrepresented 12th graders annually
- Over 2,000 students served by College Bound AZ have entered college



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Working Poor = Poverty


cannot meet their family's basic needs for food, shelter and clothing



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Force for Change:

65 Youth
each year are among our neediest



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Carlos Rios: Mesa youth at ASU with College Bound AZ laptop



Our Programs

- RISE Scholars
 - 12th Grade College Support
- Fueling Minds with Heart
 - Food Pantry Program

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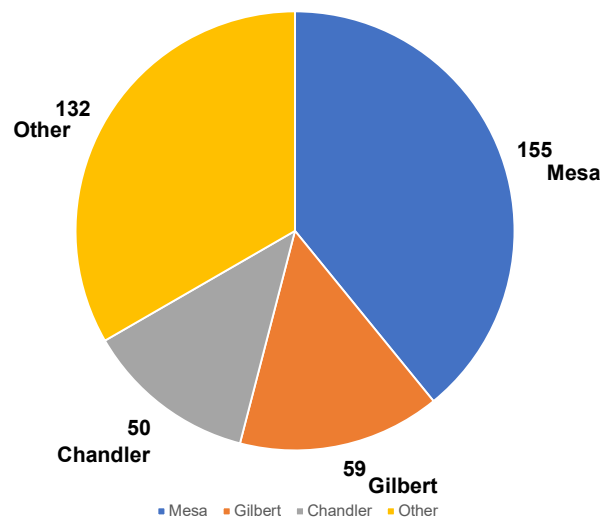
Collaborators with College Bound AZ

- East Valley Institute of Technology
- Mesa Community College
- Midwest Food Bank
- Education Forward Arizona

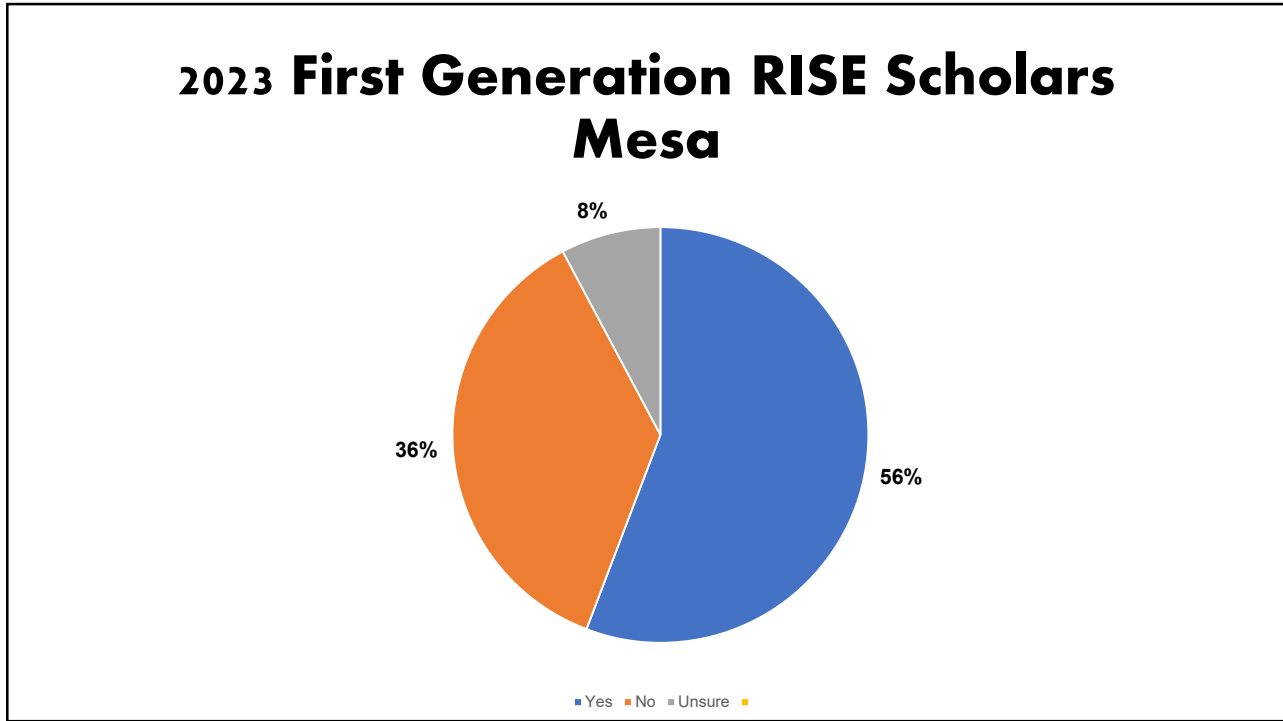


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2023 RISE Scholars by City



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Meet Cynthia

Formerly Westwood High School



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Cynthia Marrujo
RISE Scholars, 2009



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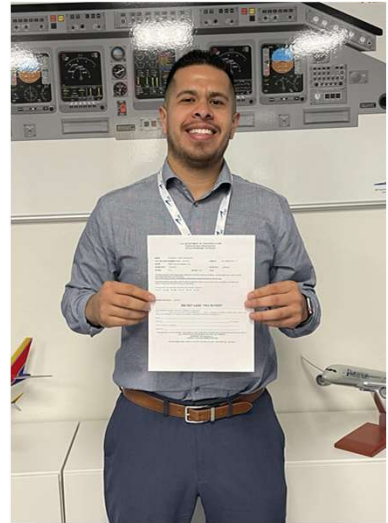
Meet Eduardo

Formerly Dobson High School

BS, Aeronautics
Commercial Pilot
American Patrols



Eduardo Vidal Rodriguez
RISE Scholars 2012



“College Bound AZ helped me get the funding I needed for college. I graduated as a first-generation student and I’m a first-generation commercial pilot!”

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Meet Dalia

Formerly Westwood High School

 Benedictine University* AT MESA BS, Psychology



2023

Dalia Angel Avila
RISE Scholars 2012



“Thanks to College Bound AZ, I graduated college as a first-generation student and it has been a dream come true!”

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IMPACT: College Bound AZ		
Mentoring Hours	31,600	Myself or volunteers
Meals Provided	10,667	Harvest Baskets and food boxes
Financial Awards	\$44 million	Scholarships & grants (FAFSA)
Seniors Completed	2,202	

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Qualified Charitable Organization

Charity #22096

- AZ Tax credit of \$421/person or \$841/couple
- Reduces family's AZ tax bill dollar-for-dollar
- Must donate to a qualified charitable organization and receive a receipt to participate.
- <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits>



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Meet Celeste

Formerly East Valley Academy,
Mesa



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<https://youtu.be/Hzvbiph0274>

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TOGETHER,

with your support, we will...

- **Keep vulnerable students from drifting too far** away from achievement.
- **Increase access** to socio-emotional support services for teens
- **Increase resources** that assist individuals to access better job opportunities.
- **Partner with businesses and education** to increase opportunities for students.
- **Collaborate** with universities, technical schools, employers, business associations, and non-profits to strengthen the workforce.

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Thank You!
Together we are
Turning Dreams into Degrees

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