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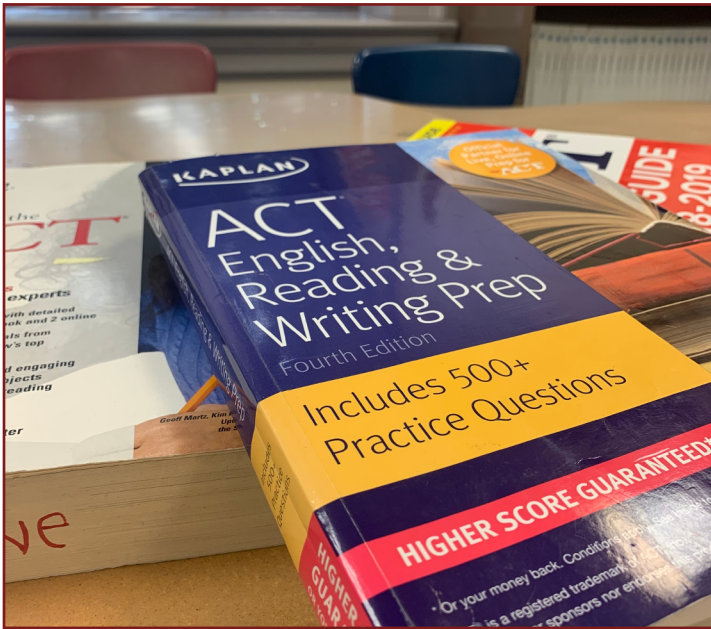


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ACT Scores Plummet Throughout the U.S.

Gabby Miller, *Reporter*

American students are currently struggling with achieving the adequate ACT score. Each year, high school students across the United States spend weeks, or even months, studying for a standardized test that could determine their academic opportunities and college admissions. There are several sections for this standardized test: English, Math, Reading, Science, and Optional Writing. Unless the written portion is included, the ACT takes up to three and a half hours for students to complete, with occasional breaks. For over six decades, the ACT has been defined as a test to measure academic strengths and weaknesses of high school students or to test all the information they learned throughout their last four years.

Although the ACT is considered highly credible for colleges and universities, hundreds of post-secondary institutions no longer require student applicants to submit their ACT scores. It may be due to the sudden decrease in ACT scores over the last few years. According to NPR, “The class of 2022’s average ACT composite score was 19.8 out of 36, marking the first time since 1991 that the average score was below 20.”

The dramatic decline in ACT scores is an event that shocked the nation. So, why is this happening now?

There are few explanations for the recent ACT score plummets, one of them being that American students

suffered the academic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many students had no choice but to switch from in-person to virtual learning. Unfortunately, this did not come in many students' favor as learning styles differ. Students across the U.S. endured a chaotic 2-year period of taking extreme caution over the coronavirus while trying to maintain school grades. Perhaps another reason is students having low confidence in their performance.

Chandler High senior Alexis De La Cruz offered her take on how she performed on her ACT, stating that although she has not checked her ACT score, Alexis explained why she thought she did not do well on this standardized test. “I had a lot of self-doubts,” Alexis disclosed, “I felt like I wasn’t prepared, even though I knew what I was doing.” Furthermore, 11th-grade student Mia Herrera affirmed whether or not she felt like her current English teacher is preparing her for this upcoming test, with a simple answer: “Yes, very much so.” She strives to achieve the national ‘average’ score on the ACT in the Spring of 2023.

Not only have ACT scores been negatively affected, but California students as young as nine years old have also experienced score drops in math and reading. Fourth-grade students were tested before the two-year pandemic and shortly this year. According to (newsnationnow.com), scores in reading declined by five points, and math scores plummeted by seven points. However, Governor Gavin Newsom mentioned that these score declines in California were not as drastic as in other states.

These recent statistics leave the nation with a bit of pondering: How will education institutions recover from this? In what ways can schools across the country help increase the national score averages? For the next few years, the American education system will be searching for a solution (or multiple) to recuperate from low ACT scores, along with test score drops among elementary students.

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- Alexis De La Cruz, *Senior at Chandler High*

Defacing Van Gogh: The Controversial Protest that Shocked the World

Kritika Mishra, *Reporter*

On October 14, 2022, in London's National Gallery, two activists with Heinz Tomato Soup cans threw their contents onto the beloved "Sunflowers" painting by Van Gogh.

The protesters, ignoring the crowd's response, began to kneel down and coat their hands with superglue before sticking them on the wall beneath the now-soiled painting. In a video posted by *The Guardian*, one of the protestors, Phoebe Plummer, can be seen projecting their voice to the shocked and startled museum room, saying, "What is worth more? Art or life? Is it worth more than food?...the cost of living crisis is part of the cost of the oil crisis. Fuel is unaffordable to millions of cold, hungry families." After their public outburst, the activists were arrested. In a statement made by the National Gallery, they confirmed that "The soup slightly damaged the frame of the artist's famous 'Sunflowers' painting... The painting itself was not affected".

This event was a part of a series of nonviolent protests, organized by the "Just Stop Oil" campaign. On their website, the UK-based organization states to be committed to "ending all new licenses and consents for the exploration, development, and production of fossil fuels in the UK." A 20-page research document on their website outlines the main changes that they would like to see their government make, including lowering the prices of energy in all of the households across the country.

According to *National Public Radio*, this year could be considered "Britain's worst cost-of-living crisis in a generation" (NPR). Millions of people (mainly lower-class individuals and families) have been greatly affected by the rising food and energy prices in the UK. The cause of this crisis can be partly attributed to the Russia-Ukraine war, which has driven up natural wholesale gas prices. This has led to an increase in consumer prices for England, a country heavily reliant on fuel. Residents of the island need to prepare for the worst as they will see "an additional 80% increase in their annual household energy bills...bringing costs for the average customer from \$2,332 to \$4,123." For the average household, this is not an affordable price. During an interview with *NPR*, John Taylor, a spokesperson at the British debt counseling charity Christians Against Poverty, said, "The pressure of not knowing how to pay the next bill or having enough food to survive just accentuates whatever they're already going through." The combination of rising pressure of unpayable bills and economic uncertainty has led many citizens to take to the streets—and even the museums of England to voice their many concerns.

The organization, despite their repeated detainment by the authorities, continues to receive funding from the Climate Emergency Fund based in Los Angeles, California. The Climate Emergency Fund is a non-profit that was created in 2019, and according to their website, seeks to "raise and strategically deploy funds to the boldest, most effective efforts" (CEF). The organization also accepts donations in the form of cryptocurrency, a practice that has been called out by many critics since the soup incident. The mining of cryptocurrency requires a large amount of energy to be able to function properly. An article by Nathan Reiff, uploaded on the website Investopedia writes that it produces around 38 kilotons of electronic waste every year.

Just Stop Oil has projects around Europe that have followed in the footsteps of their parent organization. In France, *Derniere Renovation* has demanded that their country's government commit to the "global and effective renovation of existing buildings by 2024" (*Le Monde*). On October 22, 2022, Germany's climate change organization *Lezte Generation*, threw mashed potatoes on a Monet Painting valued at over 97 million pounds (\$112,665,403). CBS News uploaded a video of the incident and captured the words of one of the protesters: "Does it take mashed potatoes on a painting to make you listen?", one of the protesters said, "This painting is not going to be worth anything if we have to fight over food... when will you finally start to listen and stop business as usual?"



Photo courtesy NPR, *Just Stop Oil* campaign

The Nature Conservancy

"TOGETHER, WE CAN FIND A WAY"

Although this organization has locations around the world, their Arizona sector is dedicated to sustaining Arizona freshwater, forests, grasslands, wildlife, and biodiversity.

Their Work on the Verde River

The Verde River is one of the most important landmarks in Arizona. The 2 million old river is a necessary flyway migratory birds, reptiles, amphibians, and species of endangered fish. In recent years, it has lost 5 miles of flowing river, and has experienced a decline in both river and groundwater. The Nature Conservancy's Arizona sector has taken it upon themselves to preserve the landmark by collaborating with local climate change activists and ecologist groups. As of 2022, the Conservancy has increased flows along 20 river miles in the Verde Valley.

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Milestones (2010 and onward)

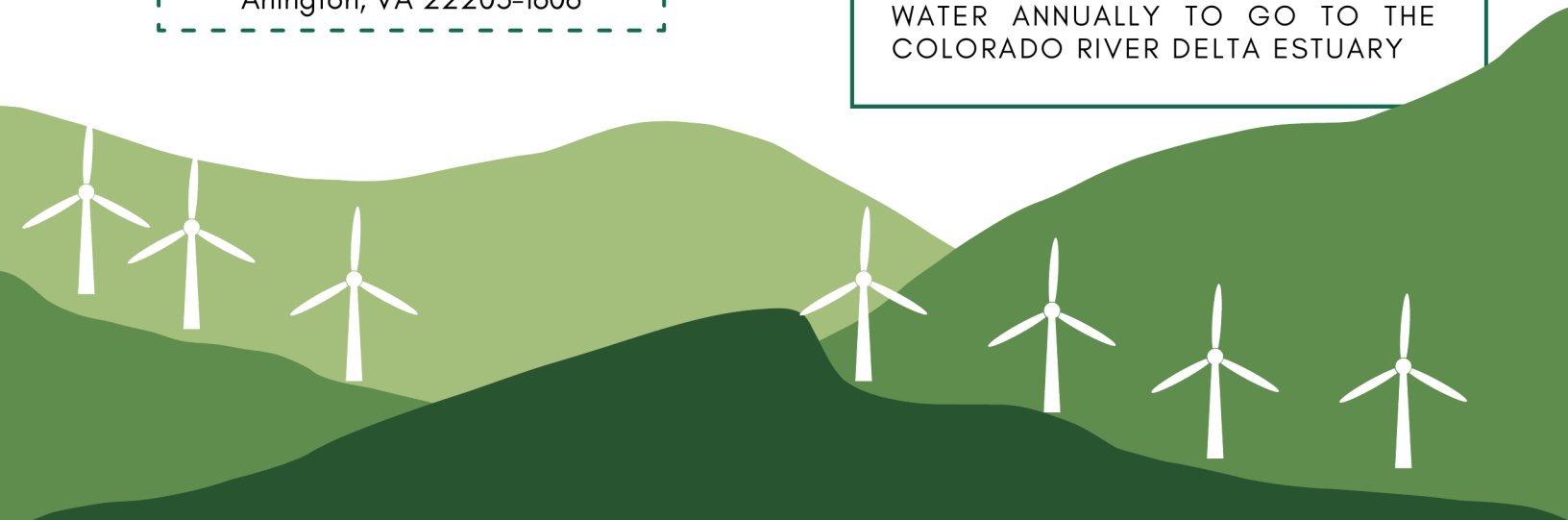
2010- PURCHASED 306 ACRES OF LAND ALONG THE VERDE RIVER, AND USES THE AREA TO TEST LOW-WATER-USE CROPS

2014 - BUILT A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND SYSTEM TO FUNNEL STORMWATER TO REPLENISH SAN PEDRO RIVER

2016- DEVELOPED A PROGRAM IN WHICH WATER USERS CAN BE COMPENSATED FOR USING LESS WATER IN A GIVEN YEAR

2017- SAVED 2 BILLION GALLONS OF WATER YEARLY TO REPLENISH SAN PEDRO RIVER

2019- WORKED WITH MEXICO TO SECURE 3.5 BILLION OF TREATED WATER ANNUALLY TO GO TO THE COLORADO RIVER DELTA ESTUARY



Teresita Basa: A Filipina immigrant, born in 1929, who lived a quiet life in Chicago Illinois. She worked at Edgewater Hospital as a respiratory therapist and taught piano lessons from her apartment. She was in school to get a doctorate in music, and all-in-all, she led a very quiet life.

On the 21st night of February 1977, Teresita's neighbors from down the hall made a call after smelling smoke. When firefighters arrived, they found that the smoke was coming from Teresita's apartment. They soon, however, found out that the fire was lit intentionally.

Teresita's body was found in her 15th-floor apartment, under a burning mattress, naked and stabbed in the chest with a butcher knife.

After interviewing those who were close to Teresita, the police were left stumped and without a single lead. According to Vernieda Vergara, a writer for The Lineup, one of the only clues that the police had was a note in Teresita's Diary stating "Get tickets for A.S." (TLU). After six months of investigation, the police still had not made many advancements...until a surgeon named Dr. Jose Chua and his wife came forward with information that shocked everyone.

Dr. Chua was married to a woman named Remy, who worked with Teresita

The Woman Who 'Solved' Her Own Murder

Madeline Moran, *Editor-In-Chief*



as a respiratory therapist at Edgewater Hospital. Remy Chua and her husband claimed that she began dreaming of Teresita. In her dreams, "...Teresita would beg her to go to the police and tell them what happened" (TLU). They believed that this was Teresita's attempt to help solve her own murder.

Remy also began speaking in her sleep to her husband who believed that Teresita was the one truly speaking. It was said that Teresita would even speak through Remy in her native language, Tagalog, which she was familiar with but did not speak often. It should be noted that Remy was also of Filipino descent.

In her sleep one night, Remy spoke that the man who killed Teresita Basa was named Allan Showery, and apparently, on the day of her death, he had come to her apartment to repair her television. Showery was a man who also worked at Edgewater Hospital with Teresita and Remy. When she awoke, Remy said that

she could not recall any of what she said in her sleep.

Dr. Chua was reluctant to bring this information to the police because there was no proof or evidence to corroborate what he had learned. According to an Australian News site, MamaM!a, Teresita again spoke to Remy's husband in her sleep saying that Showery had stolen her jewelry and given it to his girlfriend. Teresita continued to urge him to go to the police.

When Remy and her husband finally went to the police with their information, they were understandably skeptical of the situation. Although one thing seemed to strike them: the name Allan Showery. The original clue that the police were left with was Teresita's diary entry stating she had to "Get tickets for A.S.", A.S being the initials of Allan Showery. Whether or not that was a coincidence was not yet certain. Considering that this was the only potential lead the police had to go off of, they brought Showery in for questioning.

Showery admitted to going to Teresita's apartment but claimed he did not stay as he did not have the right tools to complete the television repair. The police were not convinced and proceeded to speak to his girlfriend, Yanka Kalmuk. She said she had recently received jewelry from Showery as a late Christmas present, which later

was confirmed to have belonged to Teresita.

Showery denied even being involved in Teresita's murder, but when he was brought back to the police station, he signed an official confession. He was soon charged with the murder, but at his trial, he pleaded not guilty. Showery's lawyer, William Swano, argued that Showery's arrest was built solely on the story of Remy and Dr. Jose Chua. The initial case ended in a hung jury, meaning that the jury had not come to a clear verdict, even after their long deliberation. The Judge decided that Showery would be held in prison until his new trial began.

A month after the initial trial ended, he changed his mind and pleaded guilty. Ultimately, Showery was sentenced to 14 years in prison for murder, robbery, and arson.

The story of Teresita Basa's murder spread throughout the United States, being featured on television shows and in books, including one titled *Voice From The Grave*, which was written by the Chuas.

Teresita Basa's case remains a mystery to this day. Was the supernatural involved? Did Teresita truly solve her own murder? The many unanswered questions surrounding Teresita's death will forever remain an unfortunate mystery.

CHS MARKET DAYS

November 2022

Every year Chandler High School's marketing program: DECA, holds a multi-day long event called market days where students get to put their creative and marketing skills to the test. Before this year's market days, DECA students created advertisements to promote their products around campus.



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instagram

Some products sold this year included CHS blankets, CHS tracksuits, and college hoodies. In addition to physical goods, some students also sold food such as waffles, street fruit, and coffee. In past years physical goods have outperformed the rest of the products as students have feared missing out on the unique product that might not be for sale ever again.

To give students an ample opportunity to buy the products they wanted this year, market days was held during all three lunches on November 16th, 17th and 18th . If you would like to know more about the 2022 Market Days, feel free to check out their instagram: @chandlerhighdeca.



Standardized Testing Causes Anxiety for Students

Jocelyn Branca, Reporter



Did you know that students take 112 standardized tests ranging from pre-K to twelfth grade? Standardized testing has been a known requirement in schools ever since kindergarten. This requirement is a topic that has a wide range of different opinions. Standardized testing has been said to show how well the students have learned and comprehended the material in the class, but all it causes is stress. Annual testing causes lots of anxiety in students, which is known not to help while taking tests; it increases the chances of failing. According to [Lancaster Online](#), “on average students have 15% more cortisol in their systems the homeroom period before a standardized test than on days with no high-stakes testing”. Cortisol is a hormone that gets produced in the body when under stress.

I have a learning disability, and standardized testing has always been a ball of stress, sadness, anger, and anxiety. This happens because the time we are given in school to learn the material isn't enough to keep track of everything we learned.

From my experience, whenever standardized testing came around in school, I instantly started getting anxious and forgetting what I had previously learned. It made me feel inferior compared to the people in my class who were able to get the tests done like it was nothing. But so many other students had the same problem. Students can feel as if time is against them, and that causes the anxiety of failing an important test. We become so focused on trying not to fail the test that we lose all sense of anything else. We make ourselves think we didn't do enough to pass, and we push down on ourselves so much that we reach a breaking point. Test anxiety is a type of anxiety that anybody can feel. Test anxiety causes students to have racing thoughts, headaches, nausea, the ability to concentrate, and a fast heartbeat. These symptoms can worsen a student's performance because the student then has to worry about the test and their emotions.

Standardized testing puts an unfair disadvantage on people who have learning disabilities since so many people fail to realize that there are ways we can help those with a learning disability. An alternative way to push back on standardized testing is by getting rid of them completely. I know that schools require standardized testing grades, but if we replace the testing with individual projects, info-graphics, portfolios, or even an article or essays. These alternative assignments would be way less anxious to a student, especially if given the time in class to work on

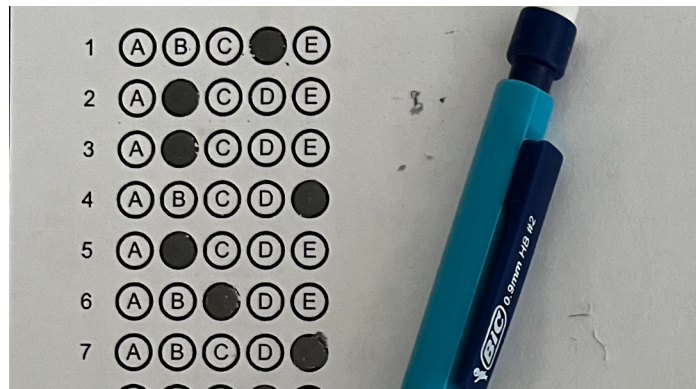


Photo by Jocelyn Branca

these assignments. These alternative assignments would lower the anxiety and stress students already have with their classes, and give them a chance to show their full potential.

On the other hand, testing can be seen as upholding an accountability system. This so-called accountability system shows that students know the material they were given throughout the year, and essentially if they pass, they know it; if students fail then they 'didn't try hard enough'. Raul Acevedo, a student at Chandler High, says that “Standardized testing is an even board [same playing field] for most people, it would take a while to implement something new. Imagine changing the testing for something new, it would take a while”. So while some students may be fine with standardized testing, after talking with Raul he understood my point of view and acknowledged my opinion which I appreciate. Communication and understanding are key factors in this whole situation.

Aaron Churchill, a writer for [Fordham Institute](#), says that “Outside of standardized test results, no objective method exists for policymakers to identify either poor-performing schools needing intervention or high-performing schools deserving rewards.”. However, do we need to prove poor-performing students? If we make those students stand out, then those students have a higher chance of self-doubt and inferior feelings. Putting students against each other in academics is the start of their anxiety and superiority. We are trying to change the way these students feel and not make them feel worse. Schools should replace this system with alternative assessments such as essays or small projects to better the anxiety. As a whole, schools need to stop doing standardized testing and replace it with a better system filled with no extra anxiety and inferiority.

Upcoming Generation Z Voters Will Transform U.S. Politics

Gabby Miller, *Reporter*



Generation Z is one of the youngest generations that exist today, an age category that I fall in. Gen. Z's age range typically spans from 1997 to 2012. Individuals like me from Gen. Z acquired easy access to all kinds of technology at a very young age; because of this, we can obtain any information with the tap of a finger. Given the age range, the oldest members of Gen. Z have recently shifted into young adulthood. This information means that these young adults possess the legal ability to vote in the United States.

Gaining the right to vote is a milestone for every U.S. citizen. However, it is no doubt that this upcoming generation of voters will significantly impact future elections as no other generation has. Throughout the pandemic, many individuals from Gen. Z were limited to the use of technology, going nearly two years with minimal social interaction. For instance, many students had no choice but to convert to virtual learning for up to a year, perhaps even two. In my sophomore year, my family deemed it best for me to earn my high school credits from an online school program. As a result, I hardly interacted with other students my age and never spent my leisure time enjoying the outdoors. Hence, I turned to social media apps like TikTok to entertain myself with relatable content.

Leading up to the 2020 presidential election, numerous TikTok users uploaded short videos that discussed recent social issues in the United States, often offering their political opinions to their viewers. At the moment, left-leaning ideas had become extremely popular among Gen. Z as TikTok notably contributed to their growing interest in U.S. politics. Although many Gen. Z members could not participate in this election, they still managed to remarkably impact others by advocating the "Vote for Blue" movement in various TikTok videos (TikTok Search).

The presidential election may have shown other generations that the majority of Generation Z greatly supports the Democratic Party, but that is technically not the case. Instead, generation Z has shown their disapproval of the current two-party system that the United States has abided by since the government's establishment. According to The American Group (a political website consisting of nonpartisan journalists),



Photo courtesy of Cartie Werthman, *Brown Political Review*

"Voting patterns and polling data shows that young voters are much less likely to identify with either the Republican or Democratic Party, and cite individual issues and ideology as being more important to them." We have witnessed too many problems rooted in the extreme political division in the U.S., and Gen. Z wants to be the one to end it.

Undeniably, American adolescents hold a growing power in politics despite not being old enough to vote yet. Chandler High 11th-grade student Kai Lake explains, "I think I'm quite excited for Gen Z to start voting because they're really well known on their facts and they really do care a lot about them [politics]."

Older generations still have a significant role in the voting system, but this may change throughout the upcoming decade: Generation Z's modern ideals will vastly sweep the U.S. government once the remaining members reach voting age. Soon, the conservative initiatives implemented for decades will quickly disappear as our generation will replace them with ideas stemming from Independents.

As a member of the most diverse generation, I can confirm that older generations regularly criticize us: they might view us as unmotivated, sensitive, and ungrateful. However, Gen. Z members are commonly known for their sensitivity towards others and social issues (Black Lives Matter, climate change, reproductive rights, etc.). In the coming years, we will soon hold political power by shifting American politics in a way no one has witnessed. As many would concur, we are a generation that strives for people to hear our voices; Gen-Z is full of change-makers.

Republicanism Is Necessary for Democracy

Lexi Moreno, Reporter



The evolution of American politics is unparalleled, with both parties rapidly declining before the country's eyes. Washington D.C. is nothing like how it is portrayed in *The "West Wing"*, with a president so perfect that it's had an idealistic effect on Americans beliefs about how America should operate, nor is it *"Newsroom"*, with a news anchor so quick to criticize both sides of the aisle in righteousness. America is better represented by partisan gridlock and the unwavering nationalism that plagues our country. Our leadership is completely to blame.

On April 30, 1789, George Washington took his oath of office as the first President of the United States. He'd establish a precedent for future presidents, paving the way for renowned politicians such as Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan to rise. All men had unmatched leadership, their strong and stoic personalities keeping the country together, regardless of the state of our economy or climate. Our presidents used to prosper in the face of adversity, facing depressions and war head-on. Even without a national crisis, they'd prove themselves.

Our modern government is unable to restore Republicanism, instead focusing on lobbyists and corporations. One outlier is former President Obama, his handling of the Recession of 2008 left a legacy on the economy with long periods of growth in employment and wages. According to the CAP news site, Obama's second-term

economic growth was higher than the growth of several previous presidents, specifically both President George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford in their combined term, Nixon in his first term, and Eisenhower in his second term. Obama's leadership was also one we had not seen in a generation, the magnitude of his influence felt as early as Election Day 2008.

Politicians don't need to be as beloved as Robert Kennedy, but an assuring presence in the White House is necessary. Modern day leadership is so skewed that bipartisanship has become almost non-existent, respect and dignity among voters has turned to animosity and informality.

In Arizona, elections are becoming increasingly difficult to run. According to Axios news site, Officials have become plagued with threats of a recall following the influx of accusations of voter fraud and election tampering in 2020, which resurged in 2022 after the midterms.

Our priorities as a country have become so skewed and extraneous, that we are close to the point beyond savior. There is hope that lies in our new generation of politicians, one that is for the revival of true democracy and patriotism. President Biden is in the perfect position for a successful re-election in two years and the opportunity to show our country the leadership it is lacking. The restoration of republicanism by President Biden is the key to our prosperity.



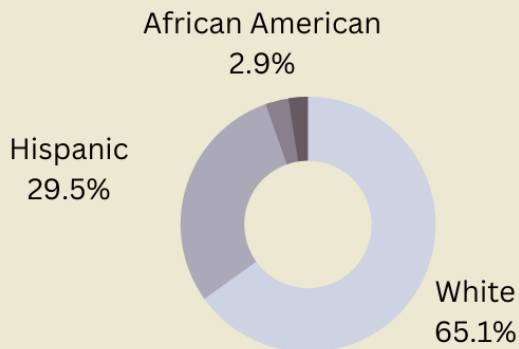
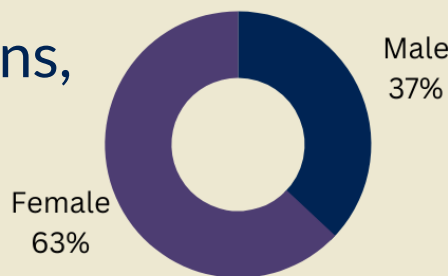
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Top 4 Universities in Arizona

Northern Arizona University

Most Sought-After Majors:
Management,
Health Professions,
Education

Average cost before aid (per year): \$29,302



Average cost after aid (per year): \$17,028

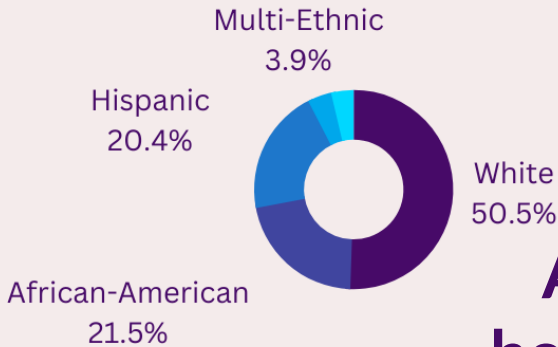
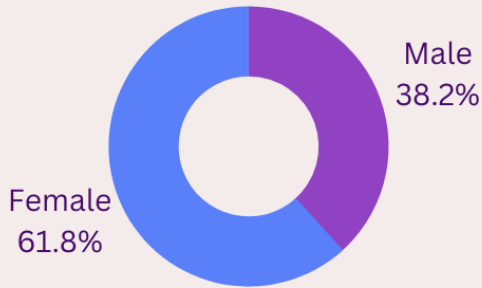
Location: Flagstaff (main),
Yuma, Yavapai

Grand Canyon

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University

Average cost before aid (per year): \$16,500



Average cost before aid (per year): \$8,900

Most Sought-After Majors:

Nursing and Business

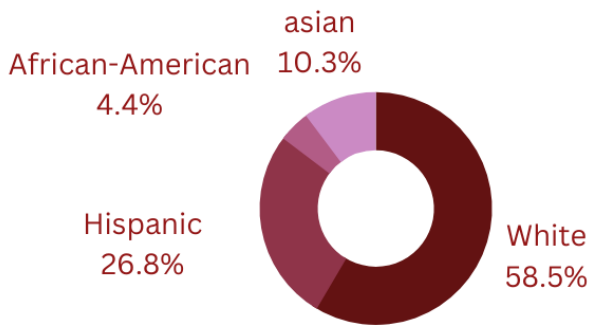
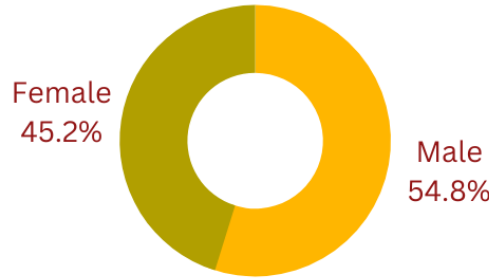
Location: Phoenix (main), West Phoenix, Tucson, Utah, and Nevada



Arizona State University

Most Sought-After Majors: Business, Engineering, Sciences

Average cost before aid (per year): \$32,135



Location: Tempe (main), Downtown Phoenix, Polytechnic, West Campus, Lake Havasu

Average cost after aid (per year): \$14,718

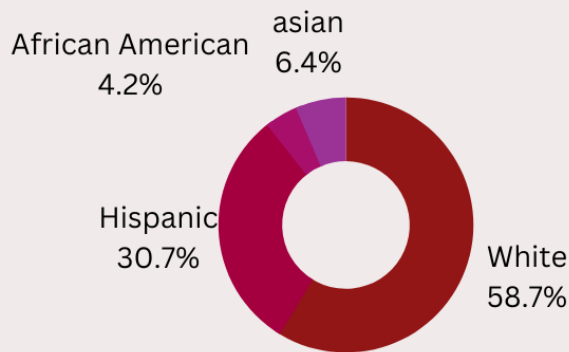
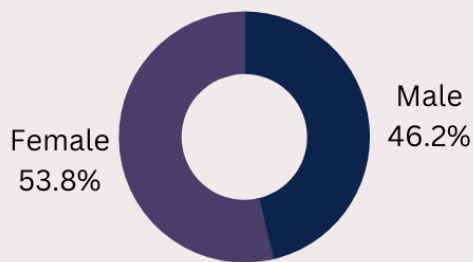


University of Arizona

Average cost before aid (per year): \$31,650

Average cost before aid (per year): \$13,358

Most Sought-After Majors:
Communications,
Liberal Arts,
Humanities,
Psychology,



Location:
Tucson (main), Phoenix,
Chandler



Coyotes Prepare for their 2022 Season Debut

Makena Colihan, *Social Media Manager*

Arizona hockey fans have mixed opinions on the new Coyotes home arena, located on Arizona State University's Tempe campus. Their temporary stadium will seat 5,000 people and be their new home for at least the next three seasons. The Coyotes played in their new arena on October 28 after being on the road for a six-game tour that marked the start of the new season!

The Coyotes spent 18 years at their Glendale arena, and the change in location shocked many fans. It's no secret that the Coyotes have brought in millions of dollars of revenue to both the team and Talking Stick Arena, which begs the question- why did the City of Glendale terminate their contract? Lackluster attendance and a tax dispute plagued the Coyotes, straining the partnership between the hockey team and arena. Along with the unpaid rink charges, these events set in motion the agreement to not renew the team's contract. At first, when the word got out that the Coyotes would move to a significantly smaller arena on a

college campus, fans criticized this decision. However, the NHL has reassured fans, claiming that it will benefit the team and franchise both now and in the future.

The Coyotes team owner, Alex Meruelo, plans to build a \$2.1 billion stadium located in Tempe. He claims that more fans live in the Tempe area, so this arena will encourage families to come see the stadium once it is completed. He went on to say that it will connect the players with their significant others and loved ones. Due to the venue's smaller size, Meruelo says that it will be more meaningful and "intimate" for the fans and players alike. While they eagerly wait for their new arena, the Coyotes have signed a contract to play in Tempe for the next 3 seasons.

Although this new arena was a surprise for many Coyote people across the state, the NHL states that fans have expressed their excitement and anticipation for the start of the hockey season!



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CHS Senior Shout-out

Winter Sports Featured

- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Boys & Girls Wrestling
- Boys & Girls Basketball

Girls Seniors

Jashauna Blissit - 00
 Melia Mosley - 3
 Kaela Whitehair - 10
 Sage Vandemark - 22
 Autumn Rodriguez - 23
 Amaya Hutchinson - 12



Boys Seniors

Tyson Wheeler- 4
 Chris Washkevich - 14
 Jake Warkentien - 15
 Chase Winkelman - 23
 Mikail Adeel - 24

Boys Seniors

Anthony Rivera
 David Hinojosa
 Gabe Fuentes
 Noah Curiel

Girls Seniors

Alayna Tello
 Brianna Alcocer



Boys Seniors

Isaiah Andaverde- 4
 Fabian Curiel- 7
 Willie Mena Adame- 8

Girls Seniors

Milan Landreman- 9
 Isaac Barreno- 11
 Sofia Mullen - 3
 Jaime Correa Rojas- 12
 Isa Mullen - 5
 Abraham Hernandez - 14
 Jennifer Enriquez - 11
 Alberto Gonzales - 16
 Molly Marlinga - 17
 Alejandro Biarco - 25

Unified Sports Encourages Unity at CHS

Makena Colihan, *Media Manager*

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics have joined together to create Unified Sports in all schools throughout the state. Unified Sports' mission is to create a program that includes students with disabilities and lets them compete against each other in various sports. This club is so vital to have on campus because it ensures that students with disabilities have the same opportunities as every other student on campus. Jessica Peacock, a teacher heavily involved in Unified Sports explains that their goal at CHS is to "...create an inclusive program that combines individuals with intellectual disabilities (athletes) and individuals without intellectual disabilities (partners) on sports teams for training and competition." She goes on to say that programs such as Unified Sports and Chandler Buddies enable schools to provide authentic opportunities to build these skills and provide an organic high school experience for all students.

Like many things since 2020, COVID has made a huge impact on unified sports. Ms. Peacock explains, "The absence of in person learning during COVID has a negative impact on participation and schools are still trying to get back to the level they had pre-covid. Schools have been reaching out to students who need community service hours as well as preparing informational "hype" videos to encourage students to join." Recruitment for buddies in Unified Sports have plagued the sponsors and coaches for years now, and it's harder for students to have more experiences. With that being said, coaches and sponsors explain that helping these students give them once in a lifetime experiences. When asked about some of the



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more memorable moments during her time working for unified sports, she explains about her time going to Marylnad. She says the Unified Football team was invited to participate in a tournament when they first started the program. She says, "It was one of the most memorable moments because the team was able to travel together, bond and ultimately build meaningful relationships that still continue today. It was a three day trip and a once in a lifetime experience." Moments like these inspire both teachers and students to get involved and to keep going. "Chandler High ESS teachers have always been passionate about finding and providing opportunities for students with disabilities to have an authentic high school experience. ...when the idea was presented to us...we knew it was a great opportunity to create a culture of acceptance and inclusion for all CHS students," says Ms. Peacock.

Clubs like Unified Sports are essential to have on campus for a multitude of reasons. Inclusive education values diversity and the unique contributions each individual brings in and out of the classroom. When people feel included, they're better to contribute to society without the fear of being ostracized. Unified Sports is about competition, doing the best you can, learning the sport, and developing friendships. Having to work together brings the players closer and gives them a sense of community. Clubs like Unified and Chandler Buddies ensure everyone can make the most out of high school and bring people together!



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Houston Astros Win the 2022 World Series

Lexi Moreno, *Reporter*

Yordan Alvarez took Phillies' Jose Alvarado deep with a home run, 450-foot launch in the bottom of the sixth inning. It was all Houston needed in Game 6. Elevated by that hit and another impressive pitching display, the Astros captured their second World Series title in 5 years with a 4-1 win. They are the first team to win the World Series at home since the 2013 Red Sox. The Astros journey to the ship included an impressive 106 wins with just 56 losses in the regular season, as well as defeating the Mariners and Yankees in the playoffs.

Justin Verlander, looking to achieve his third Cy Young Award, pitched one of the most outstanding seasons of his career with a 6.07 ERA in World Series games, close to triple his career average. This World Series win was the second of his career, and most likely not the last. Before his Game 1 start in the AL Championship vs The Yankees, Verlander talked about his love for the game. "I just want to play until they rip the jersey off me.... You see the greats of the past, and those guys pitched into their 40s. It was never a question in my mind that if you want to be great, that's what you have to do."

Gold Glove Award winning second baseman Jose Altuve has been a crucial part of the Astros lineup for quite some time, once again proving himself in Game 2 of the World Series. Phillies Zach Wheeler's starting pitch of the game spurred a double at 103.4 mph from Altuve, laying the groundwork for his grand performance of the night. He had an additional two more hits, a single up the middle off a curveball,

as well as a single off another fastball going 96 mph. Philadelphia stood no chance against Altuve's batting.

At 73, the Astro's manager Dusty Baker is now the oldest manager to win a championship in any sport. His own baseball career was nothing short of legendary, spending 19 seasons in the league, a majority of which spent as an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, winning a World Series championship with them in 1981. From San Francisco to Chicago to Cincinnati to Washington to Houston, Bakers chased a World Series win as a manager for decades now, coming close in 2002, but having no luck until 2022. He is nothing short of grateful for his career and journey, surviving prostate cancer and a stroke, Baker encourages everyone to take control of their life. "Try to do the right thing.' And sometimes that's tough, because sometimes you want to do the selfish thing. But the right thing, whatever that is in your mind, that's what I try to do." His optimism and attitude is set to return in 2023 as The Astros manager.

The 2022 World Series win for The Houston Astros is one that will be remembered. The team silenced the criticism and negativity that surrounded them after their scandal in the 2017 season, and proved themselves as more than qualified to be at the top of the league. This year marked their record setting sixth consecutive trip to the American League Championship and there is no doubt they will be back next year, chasing a third World Series win.

Chandler's Favorite Holiday Events 2022

Jocelyn Branca, Reporter



Christmas is coming right around the corner, and that means new and recurring events are coming to Arizona!

One thing not to miss is the Polar Express train ride! This event is at the Grand Canyon Railway, and this train transforms into the loved classic Polar Express! There is even an ultimate express package for the best experience they offer! This package includes a private chef to bring you the Polar Express book and cookies with hot chocolate. Guests will receive a bell, a mug, and special gifts! This event is on the pricey side of things, however, it is a great family, or even friends event to experience! This starts from November throughout the end of December, and it is reservations only.

Christmas at the Princess is an event that occurs every year in Fairmount, Scottsdale. This event is 18\$ per person for admission and has other family deals, hotel deals, and restaurant deals depending on if you're staying just for the event or to stay at the beautiful hotel. The date for this event is from November 18-January 2 from 5 pm-10 pm daily. At Christmas at the Princess, they offer a wide variety of foods, entertainment, and activities. Some of the food they offer is classic Christmas cookies, churros, pasta, meatloaf, and loaded waffle fries! The activities are twinkle town, which has an ice slide, a carousel, and swings, and they even have a campfire to make smores at! They also offer ice skating for 40\$ a person (including the ice skates) to skate around the 6,000 foot square area!

Scottsdazzle is another amazing event to not miss this year! Scottsdazzle happens from November 26-December 31st. They have magic shows (which are free of cost), festive food demonstrations for \$12 per person, holiday lights from 6 pm-8 pm nightly for \$15 per person, and so much more! They also offer



Photo by Jocelyn Branca

classes such as candle-making classes, painting, floral workshops, etc.

The parade of lights is a Chandler event that has a huge parade with lights! People can apply for their floats to be in a contest, and the winner gets to be a part of the parade. This event is for everyone of all ages and is a Chandler classic. This event takes place December 3 from 6 pm-8 pm. The Tumbleweed Tree is another Chandler classic event. The lighting of this tree happens on December 3 from 4:30 pm-9:00 pm. This event became a tradition because in 1956 when a fire happened. It ruined all Christmas decorations, so the town replaced the tree with tumbleweeds instead! Since that day, the people of Chandler have come to celebrate and see the lighting of this tree.

Winter Waterland takes place at the Odysea Aquarium in Scottsdale. When you arrive, you walk through the aquarium like normal; however, it's all themed to Christmas! There will be a swimming Santa, a penguin event, and fairy tale princesses! This event takes place throughout December. There are different events on different days. From December 7-23, children may take a picture with Santa, and from November 19-December 25 Santa will make an appearance in the water. From December 20-January 5, children can meet the naughty Christmas Greench and the fairy tale princess. And on December 31, the aquarium will hold a New Year's Eve event, holding a countdown and a dance party!

These events are all family-friendly or a perfect hangout spot for your group of friends. Try not to miss these spectacular events!

The Best Movies of 2022

Makena Colihan, Social Media Manager

As this year is coming to a close, I believe it's time we reflect on all the amazing movies that have come out this year. 2022 was full of well-anticipated movies, such as *Top Gun: Maverick*, *Elvis* and more. This year was a huge year for all Marvel fans, with a sequel to both *Black Panther* and *Doctor Strange*, which brings us to our first movie review: *Doctor Strange and the Multiverse of Madness*.

I'm going to be completely honest, I thought *Multiverse of Magic* was very disappointing. I've been a Marvel fan my whole life, and I was so excited for this movie! This was the first major film in Marvel's brand new phase, and many fans were excited for their questions to finally be answered. That being said, this movie left more questions than answers. The pacing of this movie made no sense and it was as if the characters were just jumping from set to set with no transition. Now don't get me wrong, certain parts of the movie are very entertaining. Benedict Cumberbatch and Elizabeth Olsen had amazing performances, and Elizabeth's character took a turn that fans didn't expect. However, it's not enough to cover the obvious flaws and I was expecting a lot better.

One of the most discussed thriller-horror movies of the year, "*Don't Worry Darling*" has caught the attention of millions- granted most of this attention was poor. This movie had high expectations, with the cast starring numerous well-known actors and actresses such as Harry Styles and Florence Pugh. And maybe it's because I love supporting actors Nick Kroll and Gemma Chan, but I loved this movie. The mix of present and 1950's setting was refreshing and different from most movies that

are currently out. We get to see Florence Pugh thrive in the psychological thriller genre, just like her role in the hit "*Midsommar*." It was weird seeing Harry Styles acting in this movie, but once you get past it, he does a pretty good job. It may be unpopular considering the movie barely got a 3 star rating, but I thoroughly enjoyed it and will watch it again.

If any movie deserves to win an award, it would definitely be *Everything Everywhere All at Once*. This movie left me speechless after watching it. This movie was messy, and confusing and I had to rewatch parts of it multiple times just to understand. But somehow, it works perfectly. This movie doesn't follow just one genre- it has some science fiction, fantasy, comedy, and more. This movie was directed by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert who are more than happy to defy the laws of probability and coherence. Honestly, summarizing this movie would be impossible and take forever. Despite the action scenes, the multiverse, and talking rock, this movie really is a bitter sweet drama about an immigrant striving and mother-daughter dynamics. Is this movie perfect? No movie with this kind of premise, or title, will ever be a neat, no questions type of deal. But I like my multiverses messy and "*Everything Everywhere All at Once*" is too much and is just the type of movie the world needs.

There are hundreds of other movies that came out this year that deserve a watch, but here's a little review on a few. We didn't even scratch the surface of new Marvel movies, or current Golden Globe nominations. Overall, this year was a great year for movies and I'm looking forward to next year!

WANTED

GOLDEN GLOBE WINNER :
THE POWER OF THE DOG

Suspect 1 : Benedict Cumberbatch

Marvel legend Benedict Cumberbatch takes the role of the rancher Phil Burbank who is cruel and mocking once his brother brings home a new wife and son. Benedict brings a familiar face to such an interesting role.



Suspect 2 & 3 : Jesse Pelmons & Kristen Dunst

Jesse Pelmons best known on AMC's hit TV show "Breaking Bad" takes the role of George Burbank who is a much more caring individual than his brother Phil by caring for Kristen Dunst's character Rose Gordon and her son. Pelmons and Dunst's relationship off the screen gave a more convincing relationship in the film.



REWARD : GOLDEN GLOBE 2022

Chills and Traditions

Answers can be found on the next page



ACROSS

4. A cruel, feline enforcer of good behavior from Iceland
5. When something is so cold it has become solid
8. Christmas tradition tells couples to kiss under this parasitic plant
10. Many mammals do this in the winter to conserve energy
11. The opposite of hot (temperature)
12. An African-American winter festival
13. Bright red winter berries

DOWN

1. A hot cup of this is quite popular during cold months
2. The Christmas demon, opposite of Saint Nicolas
3. The most famous reindeer of all...
6. A harsh winter storm
7. A candle holder important to celebrating Hanukkah
8. Knitted gloves to warm your hands
9. Soft, solid water that falls from the sky

Minecraft Botania

Technology and Magic

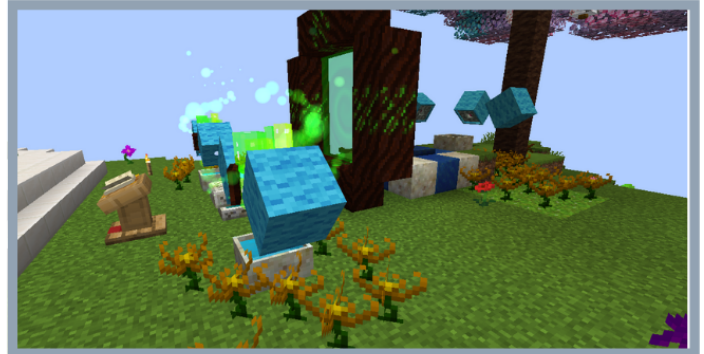
Angela Carlton, Editor

As I have said in previous mod reviews, Minecraft has a massive modding community. Some of these mods will add small, but much appreciated details into the game. Others may add loads of content to the game for players to enjoy. Amongst some of the most popular mods found on CurseForge is Botania, which has over 94 million downloads as of the writing of this article.

Botania is a mod that combines two things that many players of modded Minecraft love: magic and technology. As you might be able to guess from the mod's name, Botania is centered around the concept of magic that originates from nature. To get started with the mod in-game, it is recommended that the player first crafts a Lexica Botania, which can be done by putting a normal book and any tree sapling into a crafting table. Any tree sapling will work for this, even if it comes from a completely unrelated mod, like Blue Skies. This handy book can also be found in many loot chests. The Lexica Botania contains everything the player needs to know to begin utilizing the mod in their world.

But even before the player gets their hands on a Lexica Botania, they can start finding strange, sparkling flowers, called Mystical Flowers, generated in the Overworld. The petals of these flowers (acquired by picking up the flowers and putting them into a crafting table) are necessary to do anything in this mod, so the player should collect as many of these shiny flowers as they can. There are sixteen colors of these Mystical Flowers, all of which will be needed at some point.

Once the player has the Lexica Botania and some



Screenshot of some of the mod's features

Mystical Flowers, the book will guide the player through everything else they need to know to utilize the mod to its fullest. Now, staying in the Overworld for the entire playthrough would limit how much progress a player can make within the mod. There is a point where the player will have to enter the other two dimensions in vanilla Minecraft to proceed, which may be intimidating for players who don't play Survival Mode often. But doing so will prove to be worth it, as they will gain access to a myriad of powerful trinkets, potions, armor, and baubles that will make a playthrough far more interesting.

There is a lot more to this mod as well, and it's filled to the brim with unique lore, meaning this singular mod satisfies players interested in lore, magic, fantasy, technology, and a bit of challenge all in one go. It even features a single boss for the late game, which you can fight as many times as you'd like for great rewards and some achievements. If you have the Java Edition of Minecraft, I highly recommend checking this mod out for yourself.





(LINK TO PLAYLIST)



Apollo XXI - Steve Lacy



DECIDE - DJO



Music Inspired by Illumination & Dr. Seuss' The Grinch



Invitation to Her's - Her's

WHY IS IT COLD IN OCTOBER? WOLFHOWL WINTER 2022 PLAYLIST

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