

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY®

K-12 Menu of Events and Services

Facilitated by GCU's K12 Educational Development Department



Grand Canyon University has made supporting K-12 education an integral part of our overall mission and we are committed to serving schools who teach students in public and charter, private and homeschools, as well as through educational organizations across the country. Support from the university reaches across our colleges and departments to help encourage the advancement of instruction and learning to better prepare students of all ages for success in the 21st century. We believe that by combining community support with strong education systems and outstanding educators, we can nurture student learning and ignite increased academic success.

Our alliances are designed to bridge the gap between the unique needs of schools/districts and skill advancement for employees through higher education and professional learning. Our educator and administrator development opportunities focus on improving and celebrating workforce performance with an emphasis on higher and continued education. Educational organizations that are alliance participants are able to take advantage of many enhanced benefits listed on the following pages.

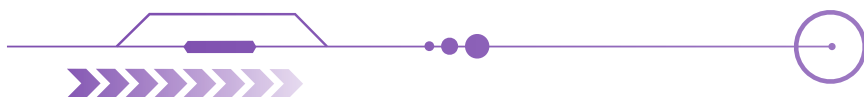
Our programming for K-12 students and their parents encourages students to be forward-thinking and increase their future opportunities. Our campus visitation events provide students with the real college experience and allows them to learn about various programs while also seeing firsthand what it means to be a Lope. The university offers a variety of resources for students, parents, educators and faculty. This includes full school community support and targeted assistance with coaching. We look forward to working with you on what will best address your unique needs.





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ALLIANCES

Canyon Christian Schools Consortium (CCSC)



CCSC is an alliance participant program focused on reducing the overall cost of a private, Christian education, increasing enrollment for faith-based high schools and offering significant incentives for Christian high school students to enroll at GCU.

Participants in Learning, Leading and Serving (PLLS)



PLLS is a participant program delivering services and additional opportunities that help district schools attract, retain and maintain quality professionals in education and educational leadership, as well as enhance the educational opportunities of students, parents and the school/district community.

Canyon Educational Participant (CEP)



CEP is a participant program delivering services and additional opportunities that help charter schools and organizations attract, retain and maintain quality professionals in education and educational leadership, as well as enhance the educational opportunities of students, parents and the school community.

Alliance Program for Homeschool Achievement (ALPHA)



ALPHA is a participant program offering support services and opportunities to enhance the educational experiences of homeschool co-ops and families. Through alliance scholarships, university program discounts, professional development and grants, ALPHA is designed to benefit the students, parents and leadership within your educational community.

For more information and questions about any of our alliances and benefits, visit gcu.edu/K12Alliances or email SEInfo@gcu.edu.





EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

Meet GCU

Meet GCU events are complimentary opportunities for administrators to learn alongside other educational influencers and develop ways to enhance education options for students and employees through participant benefits. Attendees will experience GCU's vibrant, growing campus and connect with other administrators, while meeting with GCU leadership, deans, students and campus leaders. Events occur throughout the year on campus, as well as through virtual opportunities. For more information, visit gcu.edu/MeetGCU

Audience: K-12 School Administrators and Counselors



Canyon Professional Development (Canyon PD)

Today's classrooms require skill, creativity and a healthy dose of inspiration, which is why educators are turning to Canyon PD for future-focused programs geared toward diverse and demanding 21st century schools. Various modalities and types of sessions on a number of topics are provided by experts in the field and some of the most frequently requested topics include STEM, trauma-informed educational support and coaching. For more information, visit gcu.edu/CanyonPD or email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: K-12 School Administrators and Educators

GCU LIVE Lessons

GCU LIVE Lessons offer an innovative opportunity for high school students, teachers and counselors to participate in an interactive activity specific to their program of interest. GCU LIVE Lessons, which can be hosted remotely in a classroom or organization, are led by a programmatic expert and feature GCU curriculum taught through a web-hosted presentation. Participants will also get a sneak peek of GCU's vibrant campus. For an overview of the available GCU LIVE Lessons, more information and scheduling, contact your university admissions counselor.

Audience: High School Junior and Senior Students, Teachers and Counselors

Professional Development for New Teachers

Each summer, in this multi-day workshop, new teachers learn the fundamentals needed for success from the beginning. Discussion topics include classroom management, classroom set up, basic lesson planning and more. Attendees work with master teachers to develop their skills while receiving professional development hours. For more information or questions, email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: New K-8 Teachers in Arizona

Lopes Leap to Teach and Lead

During these events throughout the year, school and district representatives including teachers, principals and human resource staff have the opportunity to build relationships with GCU students and share unique school and district features. Students can network with the district and school sites for potential practicum and field experiences, student teaching placements or future employment opportunities. For more information, email coe@gcu.edu.

Audience: GCU Students and School/District Representatives Including Teachers, Principals and Human Resource Staff in Arizona

Behavioral Health Conference

During this conference, which takes place every November, expert speakers present on topics relevant to behavioral health professionals. For questions and registration information, email jacqueline.webster@gcu.edu.

Audience: Educators and Administrators Interested in Behavioral Health Supports

Teaching in Purple Blog

Are you a current teacher, future teacher, administrator or paraprofessional? Do you have a passion for the field of education? If so, check out the College of Education's blog, Teaching in Purple, and prepare to be inspired by educators of all kinds. Peek inside the minds and classrooms of today to shape your own classroom of tomorrow. Join us and start teaching in purple! To access the blog, visit gcu.edu/blog

Audience: K-12 Educational Community

Top of the Class Podcast

Hosts Emily Pottinger and Dr. Meredith Critchfield invite you to tune in to "Top of the Class" every month. Episodes will feature teaching inspiration, ways to uplift perceptions of the profession, industry trends, hot-topic conversations, special guests and more to elevate education. This podcast is available through Apple Podcasts.

Audience: K-12 Educational Community

College of Education Teacher Certification

GCU's College of Education has multiple pathways for you to follow and obtain your teaching certification. You can choose from a traditional route to certification or check out our Arizona intern certification option. Visit gcu.edu/coe to learn more.

Audience: K-12 Educational Community



ADMINISTRATOR OPPORTUNITIES

Superintendents' Collaborative Network (SCN)

The Superintendents' Collaborative Network supports first-year superintendents across Arizona in collaboration with the Arizona School Administrators and the Arizona Department of Education. Through quarterly meetings and a professional coach assigned to each superintendent, the new superintendents hone their skills and knowledge in areas including strategic planning, legislative advocacy, financial management, governing board relations and staff development. For more information, email jennifer.johnson@gcu.edu.

Audience: First-Year Superintendents in Arizona

Principals' Collaborative Community (PCC)

The Principals' Collaborative Community is a series of events where principals are invited to network and learn alongside other K-12 principals in Arizona. This series includes quarterly meetings with expert speakers, virtual opportunities, resources and more. For more information, visit gcu.edu/pcc or email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: First-Year Principals in Arizona

Principal of the Month

Each year, GCU honors Arizona principals who go above and beyond to promote innovation, STEM learning and trauma-informed practices in their schools. At the beginning of each school year, nomination forms are sent to district administrators to nominate principals. The winners are honored monthly with an award from GCU! For more information, email jennifer.johnson@gcu.edu.

Audience: Principals in Arizona

Women in Leadership Educational Service Awards

Two Women in Leadership Educational Service Awards are presented at the annual ASA Women in Leadership conference to a current female administrator in an Arizona public school or educational organization. Nominees may self-nominate or be nominated by another person. Nominees are required to have at least five years of experience and display excellence in collaboration, shared leadership, innovation, student growth, positive campus climate and/or mentoring aspiring female leaders. Applications for these awards open in February. For more information, contact jennifer.johnson@gcu.edu.

Audience: Female Administrators in Arizona Public Schools or Educational Organizations



K-12 STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

CAMPUS VISITATION PROGRAMS

Discover GCU

Discover GCU is a two-day, overnight campus visit for prospective high school students or transfer students. Students move into a suite-style residence hall for the night and are given the opportunity to meet other future Lopes and current students, dine at popular campus eateries and check out campus life by attending an athletic event, theatre performance or student life activity. Students also have the chance to take a campus tour led by a GCU student, visit labs, receive a general overview of their program of study and attend a Lope Life presentation. Discover GCU events take place every Thursday – Sunday from October through May. We also offer Discover Program events, which are three days, two nights of programming heavily focused on academic content. For more information, visit gcu.edu/discover or contact your university admissions counselor.

Audience: High School Juniors and Seniors and Community College Transfer Students

GCU Day

GCU Day is a program held throughout the school year from 8:30 am – 1 pm. This program provides local prospective junior and senior students with a personalized visit to campus with their school. GCU Day also encourages students who have already decided on a college to keep an open mind for other opportunities. All 22+ tracks offered provide students with an in-depth look at certain programs offered by the university. For more information, contact your university admissions counselor.

Audience: High School Juniors and Seniors in Arizona

GCU Night

GCU Night programs, which are held throughout the year, provide high school junior and seniors with a personalized visit to campus that includes an evening event. Student can drive to campus or meet at the bus pickup location. For more information, contact your university admissions counselor.

Audience: High School Juniors and Seniors in Arizona





Forensic Science Day

This spring event is a great opportunity for students to learn about the field of forensic science and participate in activities such as fingerprint and handwriting analysis, hear from experts in forensic science and other STEM fields, observe blood spatter reconstruction, participate in a crime scene competition and watch live police dog demonstrations. Students will also tour the GCU DNA labs and view real human cadavers in the dissection lab while learning more about GCU's STEM programs. For more information, visit gcu.edu/fsd

Audience: High School Juniors, Seniors and Community College Transfer Students

Health Sciences, Engineering and Technology Day

STEM fields are the future and GCU is leading the way! With a state-of-the-art engineering building and a variety of expanded technology programs, we are making investments in one of the world's fastest growing fields. Now, we're inviting everyone to join us for an opportunity to network and learn more about STEM programs at GCU! This includes high school students with a teacher, counselor or chaperone, current university or community college transfer students and individuals over 18 years old. This event occurs each fall. For more information, visit gcu.edu/hset

Audience: High School Juniors, Seniors and Community College Transfer Students

Honors College Preview Day

GCU invites high school and transfer students, teachers and counselors to GCU's lively campus for a special Honors College Preview Day! This event showcases honors student research and work-inspired projects while giving high-achieving students a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to be a Lope. Experience GCU's expanding campus, learn about our rigorous academic programs and meet current GCU honors students. For more information, contact gcu.honors@gcu.edu.

Audience: High School Juniors, Seniors and Community College Transfer Students

Honors Showcase

GCU invites high school and transfer students, teachers and counselors to GCU's campus for a special CSET Research Symposium and Honors Showcase! This event features more than 50 student STEM research posters and oral presentations, along with the selected top interdisciplinary honors projects of the year. Learn more about GCU's College of Science, Engineering and Technology and the Honors College, our rigorous academic programs and meet current GCU honors students. For more information, visit HonorsShowcase.eventbrite.com or contact gcu.honors@gcu.edu.

Audience: High School Juniors, Seniors and Community College Transfer Students

Thunder Vision

Thunder Vision gives middle school students the opportunity to visit GCU's beautiful campus. Students will not only walk the facilities, but they'll also have the chance to meet current college students and ask questions. Thunder Vision also includes an information session focused on providing students with details on different university programs and informing them about ways they can prepare to be college ready. Dates are available throughout the year. For more information, visit gcu.edu/TVRegister or email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: Middle School Students

Lope Scope

Lope Scope is GCU's elementary school campus visitation program. The program entails a tour of campus and interactions with GCU students for a morning of fun! Classes may bring sack lunches to be consumed on campus. Dates are available throughout the year. For more information, visit gcu.edu/TVRegister or email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: Elementary School Students

Recording Studio

Participants in GCU's alliance programs can spend a day in GCU's state-of-the-art recording studio when students aren't in session. Bring your concert band, orchestra, jazz band or choir for a day of recording in a professional studio environment and leave with a recording of your performance! For more information and scheduling, contact your university admissions counselor.

Audience: High School Groups

SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Institute

Get ready for a new Christian camp experience at GCU! GCU invites high school students to get ahead on their college learning and explore potential careers by spending five days and four nights on campus in one of our suite-style dorms! Experience GCU's college life and learn more about the career fields that interest you most. Each day is planned with exciting social events and informative academic programming. Not only will you have fun, but you'll leave feeling confident in yourself and your major. For more information, visit gcu.edu/SummerCamps or email summer.institute@gcu.edu.

Audience: High School Juniors and Seniors

Thunder Vision STEM Camp

GCU invites middle school students to get a jump start on their college learning and gain insight into future careers at the best summer camps around! Thunder Vision STEM Camp allows students to engage in science, technology, engineering and math. Each day of camp explores exciting topics with hands-on experiences for students. For more information, visit gcu.edu/SummerCamps or email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: Middle School Students

GCU Learning Lounge® Art and Science Camp

This free art and science exploration experience is an authentic encounter perfect for elementary school students. Participants will integrate their newfound knowledge with literacy and language skills. For more information, visit gcu.edu/SummerCamps or email megan.serafini@gcu.edu.

Audience: Elementary School Students



Athletic Camps

GCU hosts this program for athletes of all ages and skill levels! Camps are led by GCU coaches and players and, per NCAA rules, all sports camps and clinics conducted by GCU are open to any and all entrants. Enrollment is only limited based on age, grade level, gender or number restrictions as specified by each camp. Camps include beach volleyball, cheer, dance, golf, men's basketball, men's soccer, men's volleyball, softball, track and field, women's basketball, women's volleyball and women's soccer. For more information, visit gcu.edu/SummerCamps

Audience: K-12 Students

OTHER STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

High School Dual Enrollment

Eligible high school students enrolled in participating educational alliance programs can get a head start on earning college credits at GCU. For more information, visit

gcu.edu/DualEnrollment

Audience: High School Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and Homeschool High School Students

Admissions Counselor Workshops

GCU subject matter experts host specialized content workshops live from GCU classrooms:

- GCU LIVE Lessons
- GCU LIVE Tours
- Application Workshops
- Financial Aid Nights
- Scholarship Essay Writing

Audience: High School Juniors and Seniors

GCU Learning Lounge

The GCU Learning Lounge offers learning services and assistance to help K-12 students improve academic performance, raise grades in core areas of study, become more confident in the classroom and reach their potential. These sessions are led by learning advocates (LEADs) trained to help students excel academically within a supportive, comfortable learning environment. For more information, visit gcu.edu/lounge or email katy.donaldson@gcu.edu.

Audience: K-12 Students in West Phoenix



Canyon on Your Campus

Benefit from the same curriculum offered at Thunder Vision or Lopes Scope with the convenience of hosting it at your site! K-8 schools can arrange for a GCU representative to come to their school and present the information session, You Are College Bound, Are You College Ready? Events are available throughout the year. For more information, email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: K-8 Students in Greater Phoenix Area

MESA Events

As the central-region partner for MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement), GCU is cohosting a fall practice day, the regional event, the state-wide MESA Day and MESA Nationals. We look forward to working with our STEM industries and students to bring high quality STEM events to our K-12 community. For more information, email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: Students in MESA Central-Region

Students Inspiring Students Scholarship

GCU remains committed to providing a variety of scholarship opportunities for all qualifying students.* The Students Inspiring Students (SIS) full-tuition scholarship is designed to increase educational opportunities for high school students with limited financial means. Scholarship deadlines are in October and March of the years prior to starting the first semester of freshman year. For more information and requirements, visit gcu.edu/SISApply

*Only available to select Phoenix West Valley schools

Audience: High School Students in Select Phoenix West Valley Schools

Student Matinee Series

Ethington Theatre invites you and your students to register for a student matinee as part of the Ethington Theatre and Dance Season. These productions make the arts and arts education accessible to students by offering free admission. For more information, visit gcu.edu/ethington

Audience: K-12 Students

Elementary Dance Tour

GCU's Elementary Dance Tour sparks the imagination of its young audience members by sharing stories through the art of dance! Every spring, this student touring company brings a high-quality arts experience to K-6 students in the Phoenix area at no cost. For more information, visit gcu.edu/DanceTour

Audience: K-6 Students

Parables

Made up of a select group of students, Parables is dedicated to sharing the gospel through theatre. In under 60 minutes, these fast-paced sketches bring biblical principles, stories and characters to life in contemporary settings with a perfect mix of fun, relevance and reverence. Parables features some of the best and funniest GCU students showcasing their talent through sketch comedy. For more information, contact cofap@gcu.edu.

Audience: High School Juniors and Seniors in Arizona

Anatomy Research Internships

Ongoing research internships are available in GCU's anatomy lab. For more information, contact michael.bodeen@gcu.edu.

Audience: High School Juniors and Seniors in Arizona

National Anthem Appearances

Quality school choirs and bands are invited to perform at GCU Arena in front of a packed house before a GCU Men's Basketball game. This opportunity is only available on select dates. For more information, contact SEAInfo@gcu.edu.

Audience: K-12 Students

Junior Lopes Club

The Junior Lopes Club offers little Lopes the chance to earn free GCU gear for attending GCU's NCAA home sporting events. Other benefits include game day activities, collecting stamps to earn Lope Dollars and invitations to exclusive Junior Lope Club Activities. For more information, visit gcu.edu/JuniorLopesClub

Audience: K-6 Students

Educator Rising Chapters

GCU's College of Education is uniquely situated to help middle schools start Educator Rising chapters. If you have a group of students who think they want to become teachers, Educators Rising is the right route for you. For more information, email coe@gcu.edu.

Audience: Middle School Students





K-12 PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

Parent View

Being prepared for college starts at home. This is why we offer Parent View, a program bringing parents together to support their children's college path. Parent View explores ways parents can support their students in academics, extracurricular activities, financial decisions and more. Events are available throughout the year. For more information, email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: K-12 Parents

English Language Support Classes

These classes allow parents to improve their English skills and gain a better understanding of the English language. These free classes focus on English conversation, grammar and topics specific to college education and career preparation. For more information, visit gcu.edu/EnglishSupport or email shari.stagner@gcu.edu.

Audience: High School Parents



K-12 COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Alliance Appreciation Night

School communities are invited to join in cheering on the GCU Men's Basketball team at a game each season! The event includes free entry to the game, as well as a pre-game tailgate with food and rides. For more information, visit gcu.edu/appreciation or email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: GCU Alliance Participants and Their Families

Homeschool Appreciation Night

The homeschool community is invited to cheer on the GCU Men's Basketball team at a game each season! The event includes free entry to the game, as well as a pre-game tailgate with food and rides. For more information, email CanyonProfDev@gcu.edu.

Audience: GCU Homeschool ALPHA Participants and Their Families

Academic Excellence Collaborative

Enhancing student achievement and staff success with wraparound services from Grand Canyon University.

The College of Education (COE), GCU Learning Lounge and K12 Educational Development are partnering with designated community schools to support their strategic plan for enhancing student achievement, staff and leadership success. Services available include:

- Tutoring and mentorship led by GCU students
- COE/faculty guidance and engagement
- Support for creating a positive, inspiring campus culture
- Opportunities for educator, student and parent development
- Leadership professional learning and coaching

For more information, email jennifer.johnson@gcu.edu.

Audience: Select K-8 Schools in West Phoenix

School Growth and Promotion Collaborative

Exploring how to make education more affordable, accessible and adaptable.

Built in conjunction with GCU's marketing and curriculum departments, this collaborative aims to help schools grow their enrollment and better promote themselves through an array of established support opportunities and resources. Services available include:

- Full marketing and advertising capability
- Assistance in the areas of business, finance and enrollment strategies
- Access to our online development team of copywriters, instruction designers and curriculum developers
- Chance to convert a school's existing ground campus course offerings into a virtual environment and deliver them on our leading learning management system platform
- Technical support and faculty training on how to best perform in a virtual space
- Continual efforts to support advancement and development

For more information, email ryan.bredow@gcu.edu.

Audience: Select K-12 Schools

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Stand Up Speak Up Save a Life

This conference, co-hosted by K12ED, gives students the chance to hear from local and national speakers on the different issues they face on a daily basis. Breakout sessions also allow them to discuss and brainstorm how they can help their schools, as well as increase each student's ability to speak out when they see harmful behavior. For more information, visit SpeakStandSave.com

Audience: 6-12 Grade Students, Counselors, Educators, Administrators and Law Enforcement

School Connect Summit

Co-hosted by K12ED, summit attendees will meet leadership, discover strategies and access local resources. Attendees will walk away with information that can directly impact their community and expand their sphere of influence. For more information, visit SchoolConnectAZ.org

Audience: Select K-12 Administrators in Maricopa County

Google EdTech Summit

Co-hosted by K12ED, join us for an engaging, conference-style event focusing on ways to implement, integrate and utilize Google for Education. Attendees will learn to create new ways of teaching using technology, connect with students on a new level and more. For more information, visit EdTechTeam.com/events

Audience: K-12 Educational Community

TEDx GCU

Arizona's largest TEDx is held annually in GCU's Ethington Theatre with a livestream opportunity on GCU's campus. TEDxGrandCanyonUniversity is a platform that awakens the world to fresh ideas that otherwise may be unknown. Experience an exciting night of curiosity, discovery, storytelling and revelation. This event is held in the spring. For more information, visit TEDxGrandCanyonUniversity.org

Audience: High School Students, K-12 Community





Canyon Challenge

Cheer on your favorite business at GCU's Canyon Challenge where finalists present their business plans to win a share of \$10,000 in total prizes. Winners are announced live and attendees may have a chance to vote for a fan favorite set to win additional money. This event occurs once a semester. For more information, visit gcu.edu/CanyonChallenge or email ccob@gcu.edu.

Audience: High School Students, K-12 Community

GCU Arena

The 135,000-square-foot sports and entertainment venue hosts GCU athletics, university and community events and national concert tours. For GCU Arena contacts and information, please call the GCU Arena reception desk at 602-639-8006. For a list of upcoming events, visit GCUArena.com

Audience: K-12 Community

GCU Athletics

The Lopes compete at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics in the Western Athletic Conference. College sports fans would be hard-pressed to find a more passionate fan base than Lopes fans. Since joining the Division I ranks in 2013, the Lopes have won 25 conference titles and sent over 25 athletes to NCAA Championships. The GCU family, which extends from Phoenix to around the world, is united with yells of "Lopes Up!" For more information and tickets, visit GCUlopes.com

Audience: K-12 Community

Performances at Ethington Theatre

Love the arts? With a history spanning more than 60 years, GCU's Ethington Theatre is home to a variety of arts events including award-winning student performances. Experience the College of Fine Arts and Production students' work including theatre performances, dance concerts and more. For more information, visit gcu.edu/ethington

Audience: K-12 Community

Companies on Campus

Network with new talent, recruit soon-to-be-graduates from GCU and post job opportunities on our free online job board. For more information, visit gcu.edu/employers

Audience: K-12 Community

Continuing Education Courses

Are you a current teacher seeking recertification? Looking to add an endorsement to your certification? Perhaps you are interested in taking a refresher course in leadership or classroom management skills? GCU provides convenient continuing education courses in high-demand subject areas including ESL, special education, reading and more! For more information, visit gcu.edu/cte

Audience: K-12 Educational Community

Enrollment Inquiries and Program Opportunities

We are proud to offer opportunities that make a quality private education both attainable and affordable. We have more than 225 academic programs across nine colleges including 175+ online programs. Call **855-GCU-LOPE** or visit gcu.edu for more information.

Audience: K-12 Community



