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Agua Fria School District Hosts Annual College and Career Fair

(BUCKEYE, Ariz. - October 23, 2024)The Agua Fria High School District proudly hosted a successful College and Career Fair on September 26th, 2024, at Verrado High School. The event invited eager students and families from across the district seeking guidance on future career paths, educational opportunities, and post-high school endeavors.

The Fair showcased the District's commitment to empowering students to explore enlistment, enrollment, and employment options. With over 30 colleges, universities, community partners, local businesses, and military branches in attendance, the event offered something for every student.

Students had the unique opportunity to engage directly with representatives from the Marines, the Air Force, and other military branches. They explored enlistment opportunities and asked questions of past and present service members. Additionally, universities like Arizona State University (ASU), Northern Arizona University (NAU), and the University of Arizona (UofA) featured informative booths, providing insight into future areas of study. ASU's renowned engineering program and UofA's top-tier nursing programs were particularly popular, sparking interest in a wide range of academic pursuits.

Local businesses and technical education schools were also well-represented, featuring alternatives to traditional four-year university pathways. Students discovered career opportunities that allow them to step directly into the workforce after graduation.

The Fair also featured several breakout sessions aimed at providing more in-depth information on critical post-secondary topics. An informative session on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) guided students and families through the financial aid process. Additionally, another session featured the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) speaking to student-athletes.

There was much excitement in the air as students explored various career and educational options, expanding their understanding of the opportunities available after high school. Attendees walked away with resources, new connections, and a clearer sense of direction as they prepare for their futures. For more information on upcoming events and opportunities for students, please visit our district website.

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Agua Fria Union High School District was established in 1955. Today, the district serves the communities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, with six high schools: Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Millennium, Verrado and Agua Fria Online. Plus the District offers two alternative programs: Coldwater Academy and New Directions. More information can be found at <u>aguafria.org</u>