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**Agua Fria High School District Welcomes 100 Business Partners
at Inaugural Freshman Career Expo**

(AVONDALE Ariz. - October 21, 2024) In August 2024, the Agua Fria High School District launched the “Academies of the Southwest Valley,” a workforce initiative connecting students with the business community. As part of this effort, the District hosted its first-ever Freshman Career Expo, offering freshmen from four of its five high schools—Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, and Verrado—a unique opportunity to explore various career pathways. Millennium High School will participate in a separate expo scheduled for November.

The Freshman Career Expo is a key component of the District’s Freshman Experience class, designed to help students discover their talents, passions, and career goals while developing employability skills. During the event, students had the opportunity to engage with over 100 professionals representing a wide range of industries, including local businesses, corporations, government agencies, military branches, and post-secondary institutions. These partnerships were carefully selected to enhance students’ career literacy, giving them direct exposure to the several professions and opportunities available after high school.

Industry professionals played a vital role, offering firsthand insights into different career paths. Through interactive booths and one-on-one conversations, they shared their experiences and provided guidance on the skills, education, and training needed for success in their fields. This engagement gave students a clearer understanding of which pathways within the “Academies of the Southwest Valley” might align best with their interests and aspirations.

For many students, the expo was an eye-opening experience. They expressed excitement about the diverse options and potential career trajectories they had previously not considered. Genesis Nowlin, a 9th grader at Canyon View High School, stated, “It was great to see all the different career fields in one place. I’m unsure what I want to be when I graduate, but I know I am interested in studying law. I had an opportunity to ask questions to a law firm representative, which was very helpful.”

As the District looks ahead to students selecting their Academy of choice in the second semester, the Freshman Career Expo has provided a solid foundation for informed decision-making. Thanks to their interactions with industry professionals, students are now better equipped to choose a pathway that matches their interests and long-term goals. This event highlights Agua Fria High School District’s commitment to preparing students for success, not just in high school but in an ever-evolving workforce.

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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 aguafria.org



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El Distrito de Escuelas Secundarias Agua Fria Union se estableció en 1955. Hoy en día, el distrito sirve a las comunidades de Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, con seis escuelas secundarias: Agua Fría, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Millennium, Verrado y Agua Fría Online. Además, el distrito ofrece dos programas alternativos: Coldwater Academy y New Directions. Más información se puede encontrar en aguafria.org