



Northern Arizona University was originally founded as a school for aspiring teachers, a tradition that the College of Education honors through innovative programs that train the future educators of Arizona. Students in the College of Education learn new, cutting-edge instruction methods from experienced faculty and receive hands-on experience teaching in classrooms early in their academic careers.



"I still appreciate how faculty really cared and their willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. They knew your name and would spend time outside of class to talk with you."

– Katherine Pastor, '01, MEd in Counseling. Katherine was named Secondary School Counselor of the Year in 2010 by the American School Counselor Association.

The College of Education is a leader in the preparation of students for the rapidly-changing world of education. As the population of the state of Arizona continues to grow, Northern Arizona University stands ready to train a new generation of compassionate educators who love teaching, learning, and connecting with students.

With your gift, the College of Education will:

- expand, increase, and endow scholarships that will keep a university education affordable for students
- meet Arizona's rising need for quality educators by attracting and retaining more students, while promoting diversity
- create an Early Childhood Center on campus, where students can gain practical experience working with and educating children
- broaden programs for Native American teachers, enhancing the curriculum and bolstering associated support initiatives
- create endowed faculty positions to continue providing our students with the very best educators



"NAU helped shape me into the teacher I am today. Everything that I learned from NAU helped me to build impactful lesson plans and teach in the classroom."

– Kristie Kay, '12, Education major. Kristie is the Individual Entry winner of the Imagine Arizona Lesson Plan contest for the lesson plan she created to teach 6th grade students about Native American culture.

"As a result of the donor-funded Aspiring Teachers grant, first-generation education students feel more connected on campus. They're able to make friends and learn how to be professionals at the same time."

*– Jim Manley, Lecturer
Elementary Education*

