# Early Learning, Career Pathways and Higher Education Attainment in Mesa

#### City of Mesa

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## Mesa K-Ready Initiative

- Mesa Family Resource Center
- MKR Parent Engagement Workshops
- Read On Mesa
- Community Partnerships







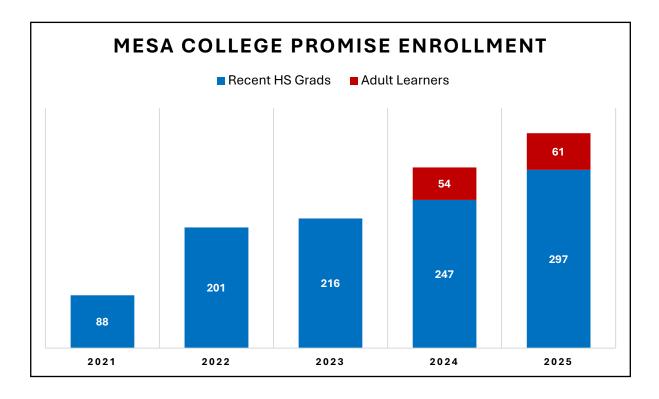






## Mesa College Promise Program





## **Eligibility Criteria:**

- City of Mesa Resident
- Demonstrate financial need through FAFSA completion
- Earned a high school diploma or GED
- Not previously earned a degree
- Enrolling at MCC in a minimum of 6
   credits as a degree or certificate-seeking
   student in an eligible program of study

## Mesa College Promise Billboard Agreement

- Gross Revenue to support operational and direct student program costs
- Allocated City billboard use to support messaging around City services, business, programs, events, facilities
- Public Service Announcement space

### **Additional Benefits**

 Becker Boards contribution of separate endowment gift to benefit Native American students at MCC







Outdoor advertising that speaks to you





- Hiring Events
- WIOA Enrollment
- Workshops
- Job Seeking Assistance







## Mesa Business Builder



## **Our Vision and Mission**

#### **VISION**

Mesa, Arizona will be regarded as a premier location for companies and investors seeking an innovative, dynamic city to enhance their competitiveness, including:

- A diverse and sustainable economy
- A leadership team who supports a regional, national, and global approach to economic development
- A partnership between industry and government

#### **MISSION**

Mesa's Office of Economic Development (OED) works to enhance Mesa's economy by:

- promoting a culture of quality
- supporting the creation of higher wage jobs
- promoting direct investment
- increasing prosperity of our residents



## **Our Lines of Service**



Business Attraction,
Retention and
Expansion



Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development



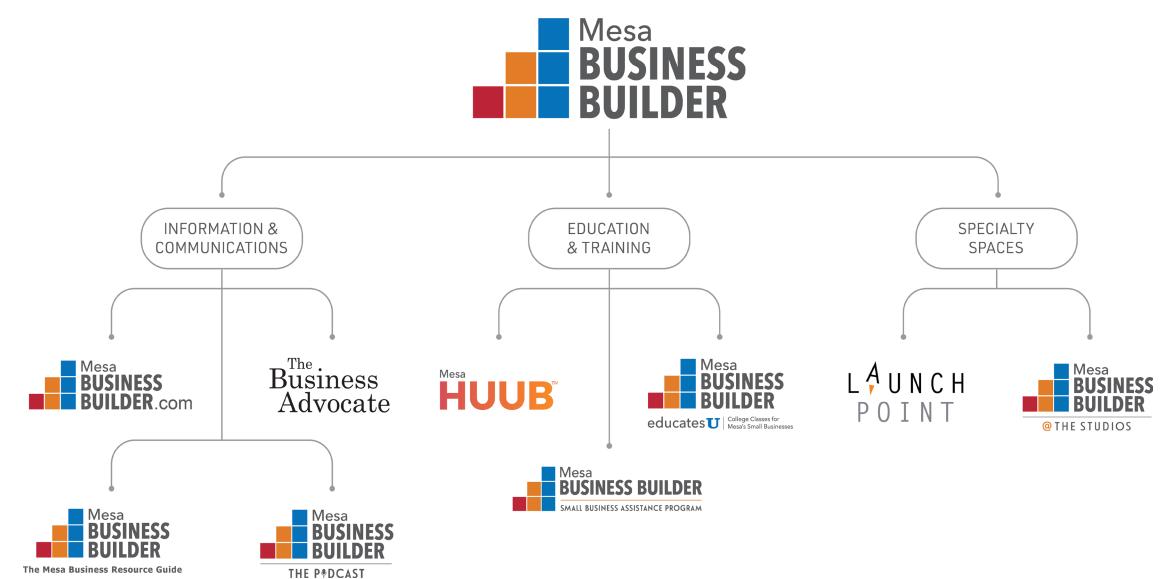
Redevelopment & Revitalization



Workforce
Development &
Talent Attraction



## **Programs & Services**



## **Education and Training**

#### SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Digital Media / Social Media
- Marketing / Marketing Strategy
- Business Operations
- Restaurant / Retail Operations
- Financial Literacy
- Business / Planning / Strategy
- Photography / Videography
- Website Development



#### MBB EDUCATES U

- Partnership with Mesa Community College
- 13 College Certificate (CCL) Programs
- Covers tuition and course fees
- 2 people per business, up to 2 classes per term, per person
- Total to date valued at \$34,156
   49 students, 93 classes, 349 credit hours

#### MESA HUUB PLATFORM

- Learning Library 140+ Webinars
- Upcoming Events
- Network and Funding Opportunities

## **Specialty Spaces**

#### LAUNCHPOINT

- Private office space
- Wet and dry labs
- Conference rooms / classrooms / collaborative areas
- Business development assistance
- Networking and training

#### MESA BUSINESS BUILDER @ THE STUDIOS

- State-of-the-art resource center
- Tools & technology for small businesses, entrepreneurs
- Podcast and AR/VR studios
- Digital development zone
- Software and training
- Collaboration and meeting spaces





## Questions & Discussion







