



# Arizona School for the Arts

A COLLEGE PREPARATORY AND PERFORMING ARTS TRADITION



## 2016-2017 Annual Report

# Mission & Core Values

## Mission

ASA inspires creative thinkers and leaders through providing an innovative concentration in college preparation informed by the performing arts.

## Core Values

- High standards and striving for academic and artistic excellence
- Critical thinking, creativity and innovation
- Collaboration and cooperation
- Community building among students, teachers, parents and partners
- Faculty modeling and positive peer pressure reinforcing school values





# Letter from Head of School

Today's rapidly changing world has handed us new music to play. Because the arts are integral to the development of both the community and the individual, ASA's educational model has never been more relevant or important. Arizona School for the Arts is uniquely able to create opportunities for weaving together intellectual exploration and creative expression. Our students are building the skills and attitudes needed to be the problem solvers of tomorrow.

This year we set the stage for raising the visibility for ASA's unique and powerful model for education. As year one in our three-year strategic plan, we set the goal to become a recognized leader in education that empowers students with creativity and critical thinking to address the needs of the future. By first defining the attributes and skills our graduates have built in their time with us, we now have the tools to showcase our brand and improve communication with our external community about the unparalleled value an ASA education provides for our students.

Those who are introduced to the School for the first time are surprised to learn that ASA students distinguish themselves in some unexpected ways. Over 33% of our graduates are entering STEM fields, and this year, our middle school all-girls First Lego robotics team won the state tournament and went on to participate in the world competition. We celebrated our state champion Mock Trial team and their 11th place award at nationals. And, we applauded the inaugural year of our Cross-Country team – who proved that arts students can be athletes, too!

We ended the 2016-2017 school year with 89% of our faculty and staff committing to another year with ASA. Their commitment to our mission and students is a hallmark of our ASA's success, and we will continue to seek creative ways to attract and retain the highest caliber of professionals.



Looking forward, ASA's Senior Leadership Team and Board of Directors will continue to guide ASA strategically and with mindful attention to the needs of our students as we prepare them for success.

*Leah Argulia*



# Leadership

## Senior Leadership

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## Strategic Planning Stakeholder and Board of Directors Guiding Goal 2016-2019

“To become a leading education model through empowering students with creativity and critical thinking for a rapidly changing world.”



# Faculty

40 Full-time Academic Teachers

16 Full-time Arts Teachers

18 Part-time Arts Teachers

48% Academic Masters

5% Academic PhD

56% Arts Masters

15% Arts DMA

Faculty Retention

Academic 77%

Arts 88%

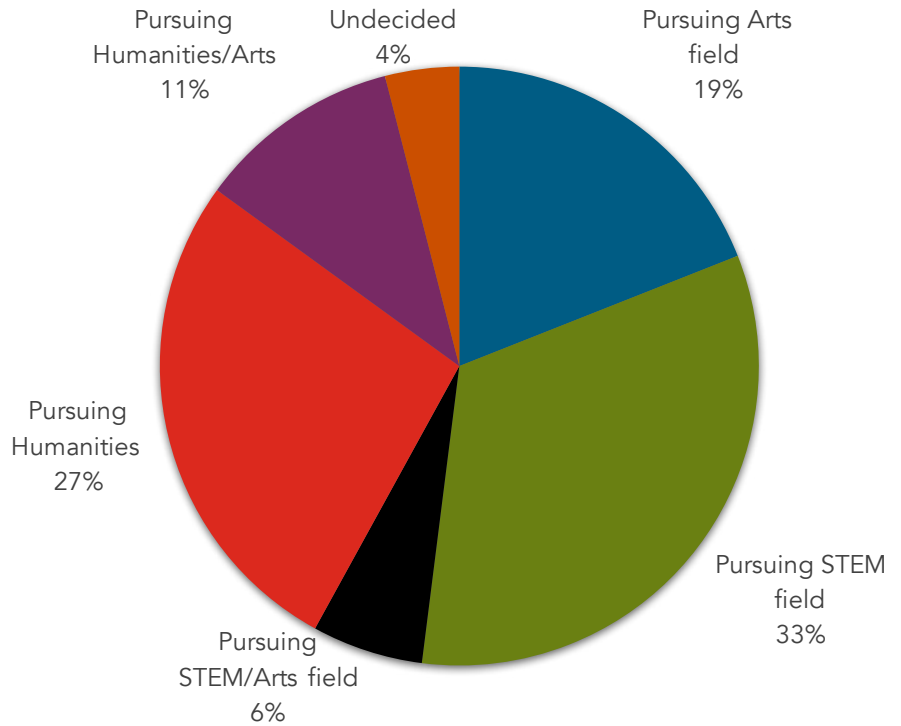


# Class of 2017

## Colleges & Universities Class of 2017 are attending

American University  
Arizona State University  
ASU - Barrett Honors College  
Barnard College  
Baylor University  
Berklee School of Music  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Butler University  
Chapman University  
Claremont McKenna College  
Columbia College, Chicago  
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Indiana University Jacob School of Music  
Knox College  
Lafayette College  
Lawrence University  
New York University  
Northern Arizona University  
Oberlin College  
Oklahoma City University  
Portland State University  
Rhode Island School of Design  
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Swarthmore College  
Texas Southern University  
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University of Arizona Honors College  
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University of Mississippi  
University of Puget Sound  
University of Southern California  
Whittier College

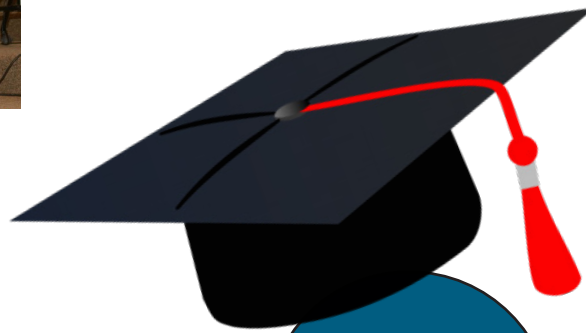
## 87 Seniors



## \$5.8 million scholarship dollars offered to Class of 2017

Average scholarship per student is \$67,507  
72% of applicants received some kind of scholarship/financial aid

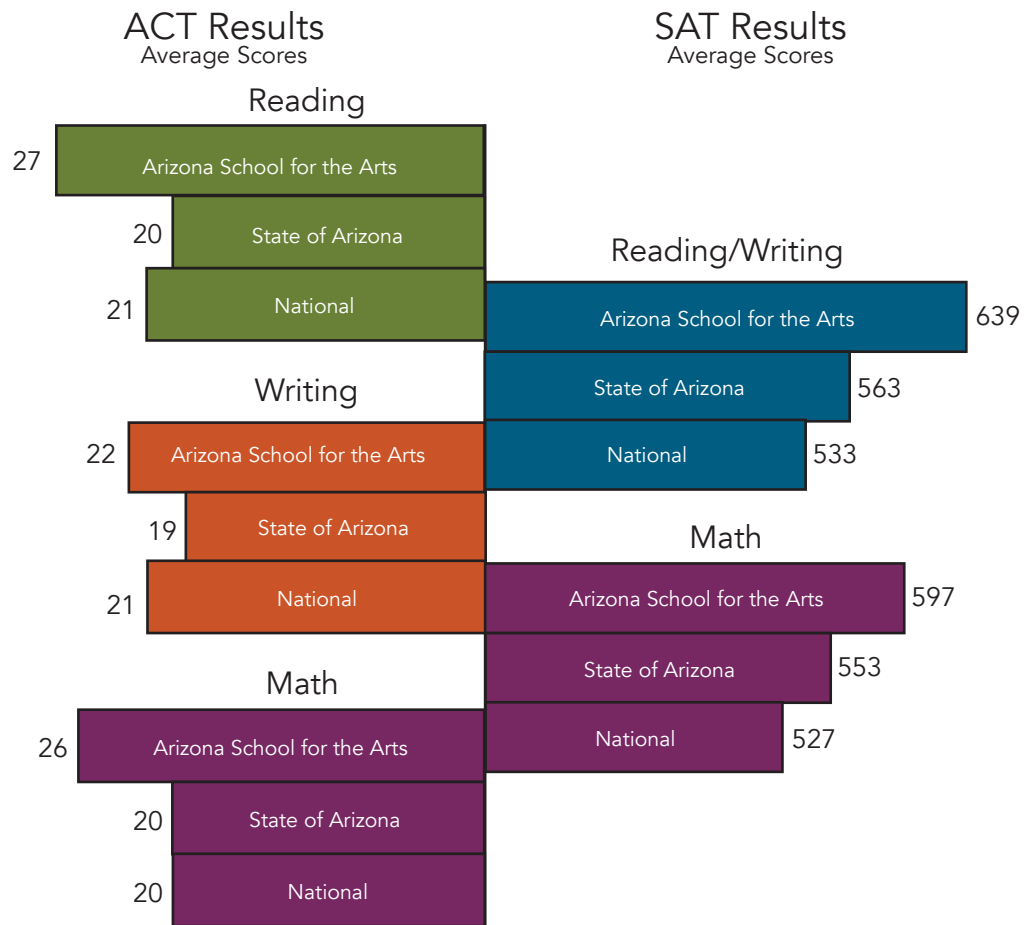






# Academics

2017 US News & World Report Gold Medalist: 12th Place in Arizona High Schools Ranking



**AP Results**  
**117** Students  
**223** Exams Taken  
**76.1%** Passing Scores



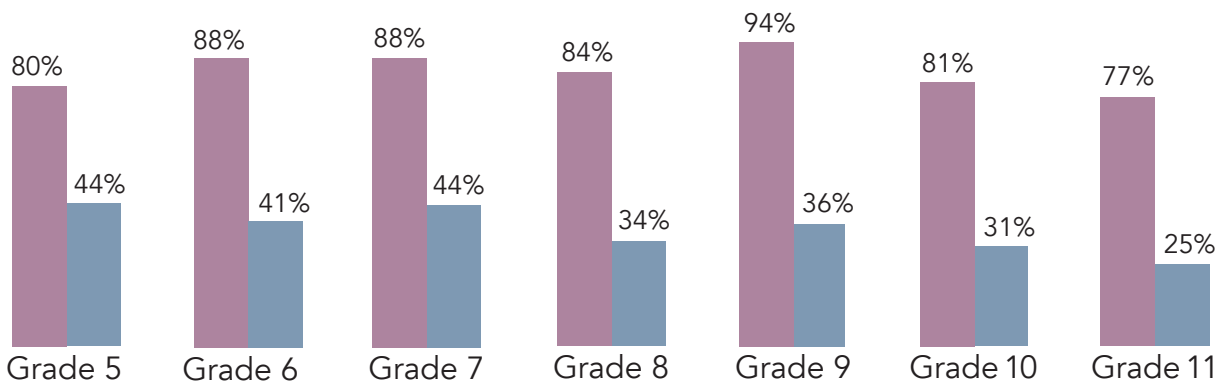


## AzMerit Scores

### AzMerit English Language Arts

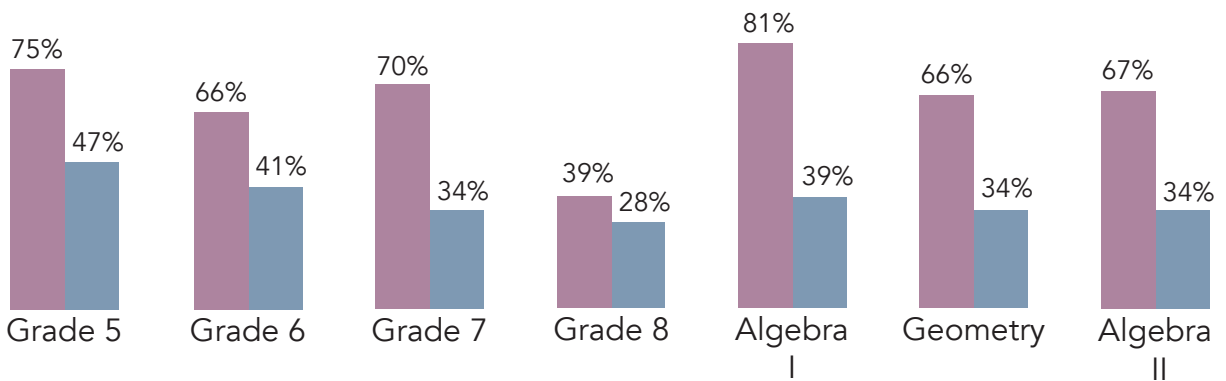
Ranked #2 for AzMerit ELA pass rates for schools in Phoenix

Arizona School for the Arts Arizona



### AzMerit Math

Ranked #8 for AzMerit Math pass rates for schools in Phoenix



# Arts



arts schools network  
exemplary school  
2017 - 2019

## Arts School Network Exemplary School for 2017-2019

Students study arts on average 2.5 hours daily and choose from over 135 classes. Strategic partnerships and collaborations with professional arts and community organizations enrich student learning at ASA by providing experiences beyond the classroom such as special performances, master classes, workshops, and leadership opportunities.





## Partnerships

### New Partnerships - 2016/17

Grand Canyon Guitar Society  
Phoenix Early Music Society  
Scottsdale Center for the Arts

### Renewed Partnerships

All Saints Church Young Artists  
Choral Scholar Program  
Arizona Opera  
ASU Herberger School of Music  
ASU Cultural Participate  
ASU Gammage  
AZ Music Fest  
Ballet Arizona  
Berlin Philharmonic

Herberger Theatre  
Interlochen School  
Jewish Historical Society  
Mesa Arts Center  
Musical Instrument Museum  
(MIM)  
MusicaNova Orchestra  
The Nash  
Phoenix Art Museum  
Phoenix Center for the Arts

Phoenix Chamber Music Society  
Phoenix Chorale  
Phoenix Opera  
Phoenix Symphony  
Phoenix Theatre  
Phoenix Union High  
School District  
Phoenix Youth Symphony  
Red Rocks Chamber Music  
Festival  
Tresona Multimedia

## ASA School Art Honors

- Arts School Network Exemplary School for 2017-2019
- AZ Commission on the Arts Learning Grant
- Support Music Merit Award
- National Youth Arts Foundation Merit Winner (Theatre)
- 12th Annual National Youth Arts Awards - 8 won, 17 nominations
- Young Arts Award Music Theatre
- High School Musical Award Nominations

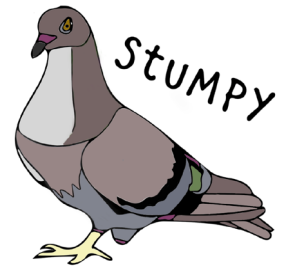
## Students Arts Honors Groups

- 123 Arts Student Honors earned through competitions
- All State Jazz Band, Band, Orchestra and Choir
- American Choral Directors Association National Honor Choir
- University of Arizona Honor Choir
- Arizona Percussive Arts Society Competition Winners
- Arizona Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble Winners
- AZ Music Festival Winners
- Arizona Music Educators Association's Central Region Band, Orchestra and Choir

# Developing Leaders

ASA teaches self-advocacy and inclusive leadership. We encourage students connecting across grade levels and getting involved in clubs and activities that enhance community, nurture relationships, encourage civic engagement, and welcomes creative expression.

Senior Class Leaders of 2017 worked with artist Joan Baron to create a Senior Legacy gift to enhance ASA's campus. This Mosaic art work is inspired by the fact that the Class of 2017 is the first 5th grade class and the folklore of ASA's unintended pigeon mascot. Legend has it that a one-legged pigeon, affectionately named "Stumpy" would visit them often in the ASA courtyard and they found inspiration in his persistence despite this physical challenge. No matter what adversity they face in college and beyond, they will persist, take flight and soar above like Stumpy. The Senior Class worked with Yearbook Club and Middle School Assembly (MSA) to fund this gift.



Middle School Assembly (MSA) fundraised at lunch and through creative projects to help update our campus signage. Special thanks to Thinking Caps and Julie Wolf, an ASA alumna parent, in ensuring we meet city codes. Our students are big thinkers and thoughtful about benefiting the entire ASA community, not only their specific grade level.



# Embedded in the Community

## Community Partnerships:

Cinderella Affair  
City of Phoenix  
Free Arts of Arizona  
Harmony Project Phoenix  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Phoenix Children's Museum  
Phoenix Rotary 100  
Red Cross  
Rosie's House  
St. Mary's Food Bank  
Santa Bob, Inc.  
SARRC  
Teen Lifeline  
Tumbleweed Center  
United Blood Services  
Walk Now for Autism Speaks  
YoungLives Project

## Youth Councils/Advisory Boards with ASA Students:

Arizona Science Center  
Phoenix Art Museum  
Phoenix Youth Arts & Culture Council  
(City of Phoenix Arts & Culture Office)  
St. Vincent de Paul  
UMOM

Freshmen for Freshwater



9th grade students in 2015 were inspired upon their Social Studies class reading *The Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park and formed this group to fundraise \$15,000 to build a well in Sudan to ensure more African girls have access to an education. As of Sept 2017, they are at \$11,000.





# Demographics

## 832 Students

Hispanic	22%
Black	4%
Asian	4%
Native American	1%
White	63%
Two or more	4%
Girls	70%
Boys	30%
Free and Reduced Lunch	14%





# Awards



## Model United Nations

Earned a **Distinguished Delegate Award** and a runner-up for **Best Position Paper** and had a **Student Chair** at Mesa Community College's conference.



## Mock Trial

Finished **first and second in the AZ state competition** and ninth in the national. ASA had 3 teams qualify for state competition, which was the most of any school. The team finished **first and third in the Yale Invitational** and finished **first and third in the regional competitions**.

**High School Girls' Cross Country Team**  
Won regional competition and an ASA student was named **Runner of the Year** and **State Champion**. The team was **Runner Up** at the **Jones-Gordon Classic**.

**Middle School Robotics**  
Bee Inspired won **FIRST Lego League's regional and state robotics competition** and qualified for the **World Championship** in Houston, where they were recognized for their **Gracious Professionalism and Teamwork**.



## High School Robotics

Competed in two regional competitions and **qualified for the state competition**.



# Financials

## Audited Statement of Financial Position

### Fiscal Year

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

#### Income:

State Funding	\$6,328,462
Grants	\$97,439
Extra-Curricular Contributions	\$661,406
Contributions & Private Grants	\$964,854
Other	\$61,940
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,114,101</b>

#### Expenses:

Academic Programs	\$2,751,124
Arts Programs	\$1,507,117
Operations	\$1,061,143
Facilities	\$457,973
Bond Interest and Fees	\$1,406,008
Depreciation and Amortization	\$447,994
Other	\$372,862
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,004,221</b>

#### GAAP Net Income / (Loss)

**\$109,880**



## Audited Statement of Activities

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,281,809
Receivables	\$64,649
Prepaid Interest	<u>\$816,824</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$3,163,282</u>

Property and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$15,776,528
Restricted Cash	<u>\$302,175</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>\$19,241,985</u></u>
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### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)

#### Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable and Accrued Payroll	\$557,267
Accrued Interest	\$507,861
Unearned Revenues	\$204,199
Current portion of Long-Term Debt	<u>\$215,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$1,484,327</u>

Long-Term Debt, net of current portion	<u>\$18,115,714</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$19,600,041</u>

#### Total Net Assets (Deficit):

Unrestricted	<u>\$(358,056)</u>
Total Net Assets (Deficit)	<u>\$(358,056)</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$19,241,985</u></u>
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