

**2015-2016**  
**Cochise College**  
**Cochise County Community College District**

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**Introduction**

Cochise College operates campuses in Sierra Vista and Douglas; centers in Benson, Willcox, Fort Huachuca, and the Arizona State Prison Complex, Douglas; and a Virtual Campus. It contracts with the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District to offer educational services there.

**Major Accomplishments in 2015-2016**

- Cochise College awarded 1,358 associate degrees and 564 certificates and helped 29 Adult Education students earn high school equivalency.
- Student recognitions included four who were named to the All-Arizona Academic Team and another who was selected a 2016 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar. Students received some \$300,000 in scholarships provided by donors to the Cochise College Foundation.
- The women's basketball team earned the 14<sup>th</sup> highest GPA in the nation and made it to the region finals for the fourth consecutive year. The men's basketball team took the Region I championship and competed in the District I title game. The men's baseball team qualified for the regional finals for the fourth consecutive year. The women's rodeo team claimed first and the men's team second in the Grand Canyon Region; both competed at the College National Finals Rodeo.
- Cochise College revised its cybersecurity degree to help graduates understand topics essential to local industries and to help promote employment opportunities.

- Funds donated by the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona and the Robert Wick Foundation helped make the Cochise College Center for Lifelong Learning's first Nonprofit Management Certificate Program affordable to local nonprofits.
- Thousands of K-12 students attended academic and career-focused events, including the Computer Challenge, the Math & Science Experience, summer camps, and the STEM Exploration Academy.
- SmartAsset.com ranked Cochise College third in the country for the second year. The study ranks nearly 600 schools by analyzing the cost of attendance, return on investment, graduation rate, and student-teacher ratio.
- Cochise College was selected for the 2016 Military Friendly Schools list, as chosen by Victory Media. The competitive list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, community colleges, and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students and to dedicate resources to ensure their success both in the classroom and after graduation.

**Major Issues & Resolutions in 2015-2016**

- For the second consecutive cycle, Cochise College earned the maximum 10 years of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, which accredits more than 1,000 colleges and universities in 19 states.
- Cochise College completed the majority of renovations on a 92,000-square-foot Downtown Center in Sierra Vista. The former hospital facility was donated to

the college by the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona and will house Nursing & Health Sciences, Culinary Arts, Electronics Technology, Center for Lifelong Learning, Small Business Development Center, and three community agencies.

- Cochise College was awarded \$250,000 in grant funding for a Veterans Business Outreach Center. Offered by the Small Business Administration Office of Veterans Business Development, the grant enables the college to provide entrepreneurial training, comprehensive business assessment, and mentoring to active-duty service members, veterans and service-disabled veterans, National Guard, and Reservists, and military spouses interested in starting a small business.
- The American Welding Society named Cochise College as Arizona's third accredited testing facility, meaning student welds can be tested on site, and employers can easily connect with potential employees.
- The college received a \$10,000 grant from USA Funds to embed relevant math instruction directly into electronics classes, leading to greater student retention and saving students money and time spent pursuing their goal.

### Upcoming Issues for 2015-2016

- In August, Cochise College will open the Downtown Center and implement plans to fill vacated spaces on the Sierra Vista Campus, including expansion of existing or exploration of new programs.
- The college will implement a student success course for those enrolling in pre-college-level math and reading courses.
- Cochise College will explore new avenues for internal and external communications, to include new communication tools and platforms.

<b>Facts-at-a-Glance</b>		
<u>Cochise College Enrollment FY 2015-2016</u>		
Annual FT Equivalent Student	6,514	
Annual Unduplicated Headcount	11,491	
Fall 2015 Headcount (credit)	4,437	
<u>By Full-time or Part-time</u> <span style="float:right">Fall 2015</span>		
Full-time	1,771	40%
Part-time	2,666	60%
Total	4,437	100%
<u>By Gender</u> <span style="float:right">Fall 2015</span>		
Female	2,335	53%
Male	2,102	47%
Total	4,437	100%
<u>By Residency Status</u> <span style="float:right">Fall 2015</span>		
Resident	3,249	58%
Out-of-County	671	10%
Out-of-State	517	32%
Unknown	0	0%
Total	4,437	100%
<u>By Ethnic or Race Group</u> <span style="float:right">Fall 2015</span>		
American Indian/Alaska Native	31	1%
Asian	81	2%
Black/African American	234	5%
Hispanic/Latino	2,018	45%
International	37	1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pac Islander	22	0%
Not Specified	93	2%
Two or More	125	3%
White	1,796	40%
Total	4,437	100%
<u>Instructional Staff</u> <span style="float:right">Fall 2015</span>		
Full-time Instructors	88	27%
Part-time Instructors	233	73%
Total	321	100%
<u>District Fund Sources FY2015-16</u>		
Tuition & Fees	\$ 5,905,314	
State Aid (incl. Equalization)	\$ 10,812,665	
Primary/Secondary Tax Levy	\$ 19,877,619	
Restricted Grants	\$ 9,671,596	
Bond Proceeds	\$ 7,310,000	
Other	\$ 2,284,246	
Fund Balance	-	
Total	\$ 55,861,440	
<u>District Expenditures FY 2015-16</u>		
General Fund	\$ 34,555,590	
Restricted Fund	\$ 8,844,637	
Auxiliary Fund	\$ 731,878	
Unexpended Plant Fund	\$ 12,867,689	
Retirement of Indebtedness	\$ 1,947,535	
Total	\$ 58,947,329	