

2014-2015
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 and 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 2014-2015

- The college awarded approximately 2,135 degrees and certificates; in honor of its 50th anniversary, it welcomed alumni marshals at commencement.
 - Cochise College students participated in the Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative National Poster Session in Washington, DC, presenting their work researching the bean beetle and wildlife navigation along the San Pedro River. Four students were named to the All-Arizona Academic Teams.
 - Cochise College baseball made it to the Region I Division I final, with two players earning academic honors; the men's basketball team won the Region I championship and finished with a 3.11 GPA; rodeo qualified five for the national finals; and with a 3.21 GPA, women's basketball was an NJCAA All-Academic Team.
 - The college was selected to receive Arizona's first Career Preparedness Award by the ACT State Council. The award recognizes retention, persistence and graduation rates, and programs designed to assist students in career paths, internships, and employment opportunities.
- Smartasset.com ranked the college third among American community colleges.
 - The college celebrated its 50th anniversary with two public performances by a Beatles tribute band, a Founders Dinner reunion of students and employees from the first decade of the institution, a rodeo dinner featuring actor Wilford Brimley, an anniversary scholarship program, an aviation open house and dinner, a nursing reunion, and a traveling memorabilia display. It closed the celebration with the induction of 19 people into the inaugural class of the Cochise College Hall of Fame.
 - The college accepted from The Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona a 95,000-square-foot former hospital facility in Sierra Vista. When renovated, the Downtown Center will consolidate Nursing & Health Technology, Culinary Arts, Small Business Development Center, Center for Lifelong Learning, Center for Economic Research, and community agencies offering related services.
 - The Cochise College Foundation accepted two sizable endowments in support of scholarships, including a \$1.4 million bequest that is its largest contribution to date. The foundation provided \$330,000 in support of college programs and \$230,000 in support of scholarships.
 - The college, through its Small Business Development Center, entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development to raise awareness through trainings, workshops and technical assistance of relevant and applicable USDA grant and loan programs.

- The college opened its second donor-funded “The Prehistoric Peoples of Cochise County” display of archaeological materials excavated locally in the early decades of the institution.
- The college received grants from The Cochise Water Project to install rainwater harvesting systems on the Sierra Vista Campus. The projects are an effort to limit the college’s impact on water resources.

Major Issues & Resolutions in 2014-2015

- The college began replacing the Aviation Department’s aging fleet of training planes with six remanufactured fuel-efficient models and engaged in a partnership with Envoy Airlines to assist students transitioning into first officer positions.
- The college began exploring ways to reinvent developmental education because a high percentage of incoming students require pre-college-level instruction.
- Faced with an aging and inadequate instructional television system, the college began implementation of Zoom software for meetings and classes.

Upcoming Issues for 2015-2016

- The college is preparing an assurance document and for a visit from peer reviewers as part of the Higher Learning Commission Open Pathway Reaffirmation of Accreditation process.
- The college will seek private and grant support for equipment and renovation at the Downtown Center. The center is scheduled to open in August 2016.
- The college is taking steps to develop an academic master plan to assist in identifying the future of programs and departments.
- The college is installing a new simulator that trains student pilots for regional aircraft that travel up to 500 mph.

Facts-at-a-Glance		
Cochise College Enrollment FY 2014-2015		
Annual FT Equivalent Student	6,632	
Annual Unduplicated Headcount	13,726	
Fall 2014 Headcount (credit)	4,482	
By Full-time or Part-time Fall 2014		
Full-time	1,782	40%
Part-time	2,700	60%
Total	4,482	100%
By Gender Fall 2014		
Female	2,420	54%
Male	2,062	46%
Total	4,482#	100%
By Residency Status Fall 2014		
Resident	3,414	76%
Out-of-County	617	14%
Out-of-State	411	9%
Unknown	40	1%
Total	4,482	100%
By Ethnic or Race Group Fall 2014		
American Indian/Alaska Native	31	1%
Asian	59	1%
Black/African American	200	4%
Hispanic/Latino	1,976	44%
International	53	1%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pac Islander	25	1%
Not Specified	112	3%
Two or More	105	2%
White	1,921	43%
Total	4,482	100%
Instructional Staff Fall 2014		
Full-time Instructors	86	26%
Part-time Instructors	239	74%
Total	325	100%
District Fund Sources FY2014-15		
Tuition & Fees	\$5,518,553	
State Aid (incl. Equalization)	\$10,326,735	
Primary/Secondary Tax Levy	\$19,291,886	
Restricted Grants	\$11,136,284	
Bond Proceeds	\$0	
Other	\$2,465,627	
Fund Balance	\$0	
Total	\$49,039,085	
District Expenditures FY 2014-15		
General Fund	\$31,873,853	
Restricted Fund	\$10,389,067	
Auxiliary Fund	\$922,570	
Unexpended Plant Fund	\$2,796,034	
Retirement of Indebtedness	\$2,025,804	
Total	\$48,007,418	