

EDUCATION AFFINITY GROUP BULLETIN

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**Guest Speaker: Dick Foreman, President and CEO—
Arizona Business & Education Coalition**



Dick Foreman brings to ABEC unprecedented knowledge, expertise and credibility that he has built during his much accomplished 37-year career in public affairs and in developing public policy. He also brings to ABEC a wide array of experiences while serving on business, education, and community governing and advisory boards throughout his career. His passion, however, is and always has been public education.

A proponent of neighborhood schools, Dick picked the brains of the Education Affinity Group, and asked them hard questions on how we best guide education policy in Arizona.

SVP Partners and guests shared their ideas and wisdom on how to ultimately better education for Arizona students.

Camelback High School Update



As the holidays, end-of-semester programs, and finals approach, it is clear that December is one of the busiest months of the year for any high school. The past few weeks alone included a Toastmasters event at The Wrigley Mansion, a dance recital, and a holiday banquet. Teachers and counselors have been providing emotional support to students, who are often stressed out and/or depressed during this time of year.

The Spring 2015 semester will be exciting, as the single lunch schedule for Camelback has been approved. This means the campus community will no longer be separated into two lunch periods. Spring also marks the launch of the Legacy Program Pilot. This program selects 20 high school seniors that are interested in the energy field from schools across the Valley to participate and learn about the sector, one day a week and one Saturday a month. After completing the program, students can intern with power companies such as APS and SRP.