



## SERVING ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 27

Founded in 1899, NAU has a rich history of delivering top-quality undergraduate education. With a student population of over 31,000, and an average student-faculty ratio of just 18:1 NAU is educating more Arizonans than ever while maintaining the personalized education experience for which we are historically recognized. Today, innovative graduate programs, aggressive research, a statewide educational mission, and online program options make the university an essential part of Arizona's success.

While the residential Flagstaff campus remains the anchor, NAU also boasts more than 20 statewide campuses throughout Arizona and robust online offerings where students can access more than 200 bachelors, masters, and doctorate programs close to home and at a lower cost. Over the past year, NAU's online services received two #1 rankings for affordability and programming.

### NAU Impacting Arizona

- More than 84% of the 2017 graduating class are currently employed in Arizona
- Over 22,000 jobs are supported by NAU throughout the state
- 100,000+ NAU graduates make Arizona home
- The university generates \$2.5 billion for the Arizona economy each year.
- On average, a full-time Arizona undergraduate at NAU pays under \$2,700 in annual tuition after financial aid

### NAU and LD 27

LD 27 is home to two extended campus sites in cooperation with GateWay and South Mountain Community College. NAU is dedicated to its mission to educate Arizona's students and we take pride in the fact that Arizona residents make up nearly 70% of our student population. It is evident with more than 84% of the 2017 graduating class being employed in Arizona this translates into our alumni choosing to live, work, and raise their families in our great state. As of today, approximately 250 students and 825 alumni call LD 27 their home.

### Teachers Academy

NAU's beginnings as a teachers College forever connects us to quality teacher preparation. The university has just over 1,700 undergraduate students pursuing an education major, another nearly 900 students pursuing content area degrees with secondary education certification, and over 1,700 graduate education students. This includes over 150 students in the NAU Teachers Academy pursuing a degree tuition-free with a commitment to teach in Arizona following graduation.

### NAU and Research

For the first time in school history, NAU achieved top 100 status in the National Science Foundation's latest national research rankings for universities without a medical school entering the field at #96. NAU's research mission is focused, growing, and strong with an emphasis on microbiology and bioengineering, health sciences, environmental science and land management, and biodefense.

This past year NAU researchers:

- Disclosed 50 inventions
- Were granted 15 patents
- Boasted 50 unique inventors
- Had 17 first time inventors



Surrounded by the largest contiguous pine forest in the world, the university gives students hands-on applied research opportunities in the innovative discipline of land management and forest restoration. NAU faculty and staff serve as advisors to numerous local, state, and federal agencies to provide good science in support of important public policy decisions on land management. In partnership with the Salt River Project, our scientists are also working to collect information on how forest health affects water supply and water quality – a policy discussion of upmost importance to Arizona.

The university's expertise in biodefense, and its role in protecting the United States against dangerous pathogens, offers our undergraduate students practical lab experience in cutting-edge science. This has translated into significant research on infectious diseases where the university's experts are sought after and respected on an international scale. NAU's leadership in this area has led to a long-standing partnership with the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) and a unified approach to infectious disease research.

NAU's recently established School of Informatics, Computing, and Cyber Systems (SICCS) is meeting the challenges of research computing and allowing NAU to compete with major research universities. SICCS faculty engages in a broad range of collaborative research with academic, government, and industry partners. Research is currently being conducted in cyber and software systems, ecological and environmental informatics, and health and bioinformatics.