

# THE LEADERSHIP LOOP

Keeping Leadership Majors & ACE  
Minors in the loop!

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## Crystal's Corner



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College of Education, Room 201

Schedule an appointment [here](#)

Hello everyone!

I hope you are doing well in these final couple of weeks! I want all of you to know that it is still possible to receive internship credit for the spring semester. While doing an internship is not required in the ACE Minor and the Leadership and Learning Innovation Major, it is always a great way to build your resume and receive elective credit all at the same time. If you are in a leadership role working on or off campus, it may be that you can receive internship credit for the work you are already doing. And---if you know that you need to do more to build your resume with new experiences, please reach out to me so we can work together to find an internship that will meet your future career needs right now! I would love to talk with you about the possibilities! That is the best part of my job as director of your program! Thanks, and have a great winter break!

*-Crystal*

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## Student & Alumni Spotlight



**Jocelyn Ruvalcaba** is receiving internship credit this semester as a Field Trip Educator with Tucson Village Farm, where she informs and engages the community in learning about healthy food systems and teaches them how to grow and prepare their own food. After graduating, Jocelyn hopes to work in education or in community development. When asked why she chose the Leadership Major, she stated, “I chose this major because it’s versatile and applicable to a wide range of careers”.

**Andrea Gauthier (class of 2019)** is the Senior Manager of Operational Excellence for Axon Enterprise, Inc., a public safety tech company in Phoenix, Arizona. In this role, Andrea leads a team of project managers and data analysts to drive strategic initiatives that improve the employee and customer experience across her organization. Andrea partners closely with executive leadership, supporting special programs, team-wide engagement, and enablement/training initiatives for a 1000-person department. When asked about her Leadership degree, Andrea shared that learning about “serving diverse audiences, critical thinking, communication, and leading with emotional intelligence” are all skills she uses every day. “The emphasis on real-world experience through internships, community work, and hands-on projects made me truly “real-world ready.” It prepared me not only to step into the workforce confidently, but to continue learning beyond the classroom and encouraging others to adopt that same mindset. Overall, my education helped me become a curious, thorough, and reliable leader who continuously learns, adapts, and helps others grow.”



# ★ Highlights ★



**Rosa Rojas Franco is the Outstanding Leadership and Learning Innovation Senior for the December graduates!**



**Dr. Ashley Dominguez was a guest football coach for the Homecoming game!**

# Looking for an Internship?

**Below are some places that many Leadership Majors have interned over the years. If you're interested in one of these places, reach out and see if they are willing to host you!**

- Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona
- The Cooper Center for Environmental Learning
- Tucson Unified School District
- Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium
- Literacy Connects
- The Boys and Girls Club
- Pima County Parks and Recreation
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona
- Saguaro National Park
- The Humane Society
- Youth on Their Own
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- YMCA
- TRIO Upward Bound
- Tucson Village Farm
- Girls on the Run
- Arizona State Museum
- Candlelighters
- Higher Ground

**\*This is not an inclusive list, as there are many options for internships!\***



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## YMCA of Southern Arizona Sports Management Intern!

This is an exciting, hands-on internship opportunity for University of Arizona students interested in gaining practical experience in sports administration and youth development.

### SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Sports Management Intern will be immersed in the day-to-day operations of the YMCA Youth Sports Program, focusing primarily on basketball and volleyball. This position will be an unpaid internship.

- **Game Management:** Assist in the successful execution of youth basketball and volleyball games.
- **Practice Coordination:** Manage and coordinate practices held at multiple YMCA sites.
- **Site Management:** Work across three key locations:
  - Northwest YMCA
  - Ott YMCA
  - Lohse YMCA
- **Coaching Opportunity:** Gain valuable coaching experience by leading a youth team in either basketball or volleyball.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This internship is designed to provide you with comprehensive, real-world experience that will significantly enhance your professional resume and skill set. You will develop critical competencies in:

- **Leadership & Communication:** Directing volunteers, communicating with parents, and leading youth athletes.
  - **Logistics & Event Planning:** Managing schedules, equipment, and multiple sites simultaneously.
  - **Conflict Resolution:** Handling issues that arise during practices and games in a professional manner.
  - **Program Development:** Understanding the administrative and operational structure of a non-profit youth sports organization.
- Career Growth:** Successful interns will have the potential for future paid employment opportunities with the Tucson YMCA.

### TIMELINE AND COMMITMENT

**Start Date:** January 12th

**End Date:** May 24th

**Weekly Commitment:** Approximately **10 hours per week**

**Growth Potential:** This role is seen as a pipeline for potential future employee positions within the YMCA.

### HOW TO APPLY

Ready to take the next step in your Sports Management career? We look forward to hearing from you!

1. **Compose an Email:** Send your application email with a resume to: [sports@tucsonymca.org](mailto:sports@tucsonymca.org)
2. **Use the Required Heading:** The subject line **MUST** be: **U of A Sports Management Intern**
3. **Include Availability:** In the body of the email, please list specific dates and times you are available for a brief interview.

[sports@tucsonymca.org](mailto:sports@tucsonymca.org)

## The University of Arizona Campus Store

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**Job Title:** Engagement and Outreach Assistant  
**Department:** UA Camous Store  
**Location:** Main Store (SUMC)

**Supervisor:** Yadhi Acevedo  
**Hourly Starting:** \$15.50/hour  
**Group:** Student B

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**Summary:** The Engagement and Outreach Assistant will help the Engagement and Outreach Manager plan, schedule, coordinate, execute, and evaluate the UA Campus Store educational programs. Programs include student employee engagement and development programs, literacy and community outreach programs, and more, promoting and fostering lifelong learning outside of the classrooms for students, individuals, and families in the community. The Engagement and Outreach Assistant will help manage all aspects of the events. This is a part-time position, working 10-20 hours a week and will require a flexible work schedule to coordinate and attend evening and weekend events.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Help plan, coordinate, and execute UA Campus Store's engagement and outreach activities: creating and maintaining timelines; scheduling operations, security, IT, marketing, and various services and staffing; anticipating and notifying stakeholders of any possible issues; communicating to staff of event happenings; attending events to ensure plans go accordingly; etc.
- Conduct assessment for activities pertaining to student development and engagement, as well as community outreach, through surveys, focus groups, etc. to measure the success and impact of programs and provide recommendations for improvement for future programs.

### Literacy and Community Outreach:

- Create, manage, and implement a community outreach plan, focusing on developing experiences and connections with future Wildcats from K-12 regarding literacy, learning opportunities, and more. Programs include author readings and signings, children's literacy events, books drive, summer camps, summer reading program, Tucson Festival of Books (TFOB), etc.
- Coordinate and attend all Campus Store's outreach events with internal and external audiences such as publishers, local schools, and TFOB, including communication with Campus Stores staff with event notifications and reminders.
- Work on the second Saturday of the month for Storytime, an educational and literacy outreach program for children ages 2-5 and during the week for Storytime at schools around Tucson.
- Other duties as assigned.

### Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (Established by UA Campus Store):

- Ability to highly work efficiently independently and in a team.
- Ability to interact with all audiences, from children to families, students, organizations, campus departments, and the community.
- Excellent communication skills in writing, verbal, and digital communication.
- Excellent organizational, planning, and coordinating skills.
- Fundamental skills in the operation of a personal computer, file navigation, and email.
- Ability to assess workload and output capacity and to make adjustments in workflow appropriately to meet stated deadlines.
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### Minimum Qualifications:

- Be enrolled in at least 6 units at the University of Arizona.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Must be able to commit to working at least 10-25 hours per week on campus.
- Must be able to commit to working every second Saturday of the month.
- Ability to work flexible hours and days, including weekends, on campus throughout the school year and summer months based on business need.
- Must be able to work during the Tucson Festival of Books March 14-15th, 2026.
- Must have work study through FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Demonstrated experience in event planning, community outreach, and executing learning opportunities.
- Demonstrated involvement in college student development and engagement.
- Demonstrated passion in literacy and education, specifically with children in K-12.
- Excellent communication and demonstrated organizational skills, customer service focused, attention to detail, and high degree of openness to new approaches and new ideas.
- Ability to work effectively with individuals and teams; work creatively and follow detailed instructions when required; and, works efficiently and manages several jobs simultaneously.
- Knowledge of principles and practices of marketing and advertising.

This description is intended to indicate the kinds of duties and responsibilities that may be required of employees given this title. It shall not be construed as determining what the specific duties and responsibilities of any particular position shall be. It is not intended to limit in any way the right of supervisors to assign, direct and control the work of employees under their supervision.

Please email Yadhi Acevedo your resume and spring availability at [yadhia@arizona.edu](mailto:yadhia@arizona.edu) with subject line "Community Engagement Internship."

Looking for an internship?  
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**PEER MENTOR**

What do peer mentors do?

Work with students (ages 18-21) who have developmental/intellectual disabilities.

Support students as they navigate classes, community-based internships, and campus social life.

Learn valuable skills working with students with the support from Project Focus teachers.

**SCAN TO APPLY!**





## **Plan ahead for summer internships!**

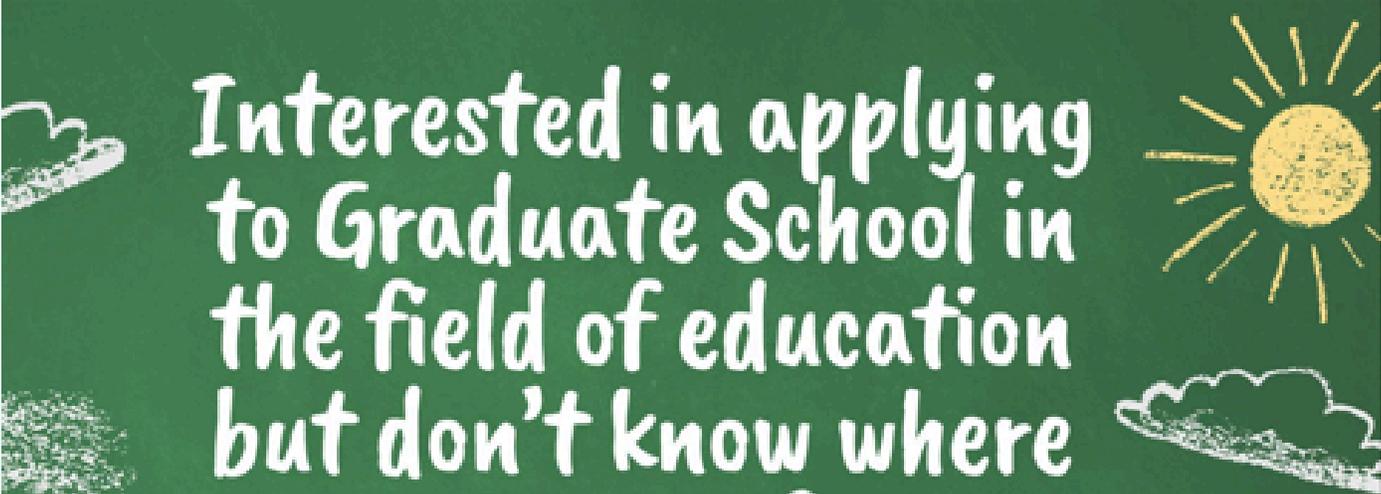
Now is the perfect time to start exploring your options. Check out this curated list of opportunities available across the country—whether you're interested in research, industry, community programs, or hands-on experience, there's something for everyone. Get inspired, get prepared, and take the next step toward your summer goals! Review this **list** for opportunities all over the country!



## **Get Involved in COE!**

The College of Education has many involvement opportunities for you - consider signing up today!

- Alpha Delta Kappa Collegiate Club (leadership, service, professional growth)
- Dean's Advisory Board (representative, meet with college leadership once/month)
- SSS-TRiO Prep (community and support for qualifying students pursuing a career in education)
- Student Council (event planning, socials)
- Student Disability Advocacy Club (new!)
- WordCats/MathCats (get paid to tutor K-12 youth! Federal Work Study only)

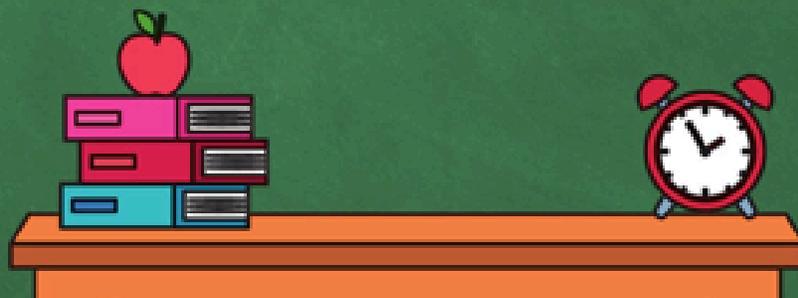


# Interested in applying to Graduate School in the field of education but don't know where to start?

Enroll in our 1-unit TLS 495-001 course (Thursdays 4:00-4:50pm) in EDUC 310 for Spring 2026 to guide you through the process.

As part of the course, you will:

1. Find programs of interest (fit & match)
2. Learn about funding options
3. Learn from faculty who evaluate graduate school applications
4. Learn about the application process and finish the semester with a completed graduate school application to the program of your choice



# Resources

## Academic Skills Workshop with Think Tank

Free weekly workshops hosted by Think Tank  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4pm  
Bear Down Room 266  
Click [here](#) to register



Student Union Memorial Center, Sonora Room  
Academic Year Hours: (starting Aug. 25th)  
Tuesday 3-6 PM  
Wednesday 12-3 PM  
Friday 12-3 PM  
Click [here](#) for more information



## Campus Closet

Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the student union  
Tuesday from 3-6 PM  
Friday from 12-3 PM  
Click [here](#) for more information