

ASU Prep expands nationwide with new campuses, partnerships and pathways to college this fall

Amy McGrath, Managing Director of ASU Prep, leads new campuses, new partnerships and new pathways to college

TEMPE, AZ, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [ASU Prep](#) is marking the biggest year of growth in its history, with a new campus in downtown Phoenix, a new elementary school in the West Valley, and two new partner schools, one in Massachusetts and one in California, bringing the ASU Prep model to students who never had access to it before.

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Over the past several years, Amy McGrath, Managing Director of ASU Prep & ASU Vice President of Educational Outreach, has collaborated with educators and innovators on a shared vision for K-12 education reinvention. From a

best-selling economist to the founder of Khan Academy, these leaders are determined to build new schools and new ways for students to learn.

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In Arizona, ASU Prep Phoenix moved into a new home this fall after 17 years on Fillmore Street. The K-12 campus offers early college opportunities starting in ninth grade through Arizona State University courses, alongside real-world learning with ASU researchers and internships.

"Our ASU Prep Phoenix students and staff deserve a modern, inspiring learning space, and we're excited to deliver on that promise," McGrath said.

In the West Valley, ASU Prep opened a new K-4 in-person school in partnership with AZ LEADS, paired with a 5-8 program through ASU Prep Digital+. ASU Prep South Phoenix also completed a full campus renovation this summer, and new opportunities are opening across the network to help students start earning college credit sooner.

ASU Prep's growth extends beyond Arizona. In Massachusetts, Felix Commonwealth Virtual School opened its new home at Lasell University in Newton this fall, becoming the first public school of its kind in the state to operate on a college campus. Developed in partnership with ASU Prep, Felix pairs online coursework with an in-person hub and has enrolled nearly 60 students from more than two dozen communities so far.

In California, The Levitt Lab at Da Vinci Connect welcomed its first ninth-grade class this fall in El Segundo, building on the original Levitt Lab model ASU Prep launched in Tempe, Arizona.

The school was developed with Da Vinci Schools and economist Steven Levitt, best known as co-author of *Freakonomics*, and was recently selected to join a national cohort of schools exploring how artificial intelligence can shape the classroom of the future.

"When we find educators and innovators who are already reimagining what school can look like, we build with them," McGrath said. "That's how ASU Prep keeps growing in places families never expected to find us."

ASU Prep is chartered by Arizona State University, a university measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed, and dedicated to advancing research and discovery that benefits the public. ASU Prep's mission flows from that charter: to design new models for educational success and raise academic achievement for all learners.

That mission earned new recognition this year, as Khan World School @ ASU Prep was named a Top 10 finalist for the 2026 World's Best School Prize for Innovation, presented by T4 Education. "Khan World School at ASU Prep will unleash the potential of a new generation of students that will change the world we live in for the better," said Sal Khan, founder of Khan Academy.

The Class of 2026 posted a 94% post-secondary acceptance rate, earning more than 14,000 college credits and more than \$30.6 million in scholarships, numbers McGrath and her team expect to keep climbing as ASU Prep's network grows.

Read the full story on the ASU Prep website.

About ASU Prep

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