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## **College Success Arizona President and CEO Invited to Speak at Gallego Press Conference**

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*Phoenix, Arizona* – College Success Arizona President and CEO, Rich Nickel, had the opportunity to Host a press conference with Congressman Ruben Gallego on the importance of a debt free college education.

The Congressman's Office issued the following statement, prior to the Press Conference: Recently members of Congress and Senators introduced a resolution supporting access to a debt-free college education and highlighting the consequences of high student loan debt.

The cost of higher education has reached record highs – making it impossible for working and middle class families in Arizona and across the nation to afford a college education.

In addition to Congressman Gallego and Rich Nickel, the following Arizona students were also invited to speak:

- Isaac Miller, Arizona State University, Tempe Campus, Student Body President
- Corina Tapscott, Arizona State University, Phoenix Downtown Campus, Incoming Student Government President
- Jacob Macintosh, Northern Arizona University student

A transcript of Rich Nickel's comments are attached for your use.

**About College Success Arizona:** College Success Arizona is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization working to significantly increase the post-secondary attainment rate of students in Arizona, particularly for those who otherwise would not be able to attend or graduate. The organization was started as the Arizona College Scholarship Foundation in 2005. For more information about College Success Arizona and its partners, visit [www.collegesuccessarizona.org](http://www.collegesuccessarizona.org).

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