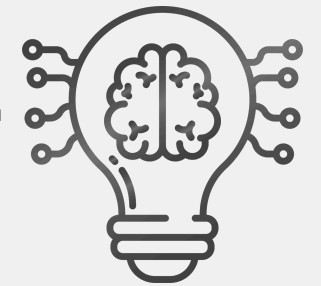


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Exciting Updates from ATO Academy!

From the Desk of Coach Peaches



⚡ ASU Latin Sol 10-Year Anniversary Event 🌴🎵⚡

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the annual ASU Latin Sol celebration, a vibrant showcase of Latin dance, culture, and community engagement. Coach Nay, Sha, Ray, and Monte attended alongside ASU student intern Anthony, participating in this milestone event that highlighted a decade of artistic expression and cultural connection at Arizona State University.

The experience provided valuable exposure to collegiate-level performance culture, workshops, and community celebration, reinforcing the importance of arts education, mentorship, and student engagement in higher education spaces.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

We're excited to launch our Student Spotlight Gallery, a space to celebrate all the amazing achievements of our ATO Academy students! Each month, you'll find a short bullet list of learning objectives, activities, and projects, along with photos that give you an inside peek at everything our students are accomplishing.

From creative projects to hands-on experiments, the Student Spotlight Gallery is your front-row seat to the talent, creativity, and growth happening at ATO ACADEMY! Stay tuned each month to see what our students are learning, creating, and achieving!

In April, our ATO Academaniacs were busy being....

- watching students excel in theatre, sports, and the arts!
- putting final touches on our Rattlers Halftime Show.
- practicing photography in nature
- dancing and hosting our first PROM!
- celebrating Coach Sha and Lay's B-day.
- starting final and Senior Projects.
- participated in ASU Latin Soul
- learning how to play Chess.
- gaining new students

and most importantly, problem solvers and great scholars!

We are so proud of our Academaniacs!





INSIDE PEEK of Rio Salado Audubon Center – Phoenix, AZ

APRIL FIELD TRIP

Nature in the City: Rio Salado Audubon Center Field Trip 🌿📷🌳

Our most recent monthly field trip brought learning to life in the heart of Phoenix as students visited the peaceful and immersive Rio Salado Audubon Center for a day of environmental exploration, creativity, and hands-on discovery. We chartered a van for this experience, turning travel time into connection, reflection, and excitement as students prepared for a day rooted in nature-based learning.

Students stepped into a surprisingly lush and serene environment that felt worlds away from the city just beyond it. Throughout the day, they engaged in guided nature walks, bird watching, and a nature scavenger hunt designed to strengthen observation skills, curiosity, and environmental awareness. Students also practiced sketching natural elements they observed in real time, blending science with visual arts in a meaningful and engaging way.

The experience extended into creative documentation as students explored still photography, capturing textures, movement, wildlife, and landscapes through their own perspective. They also tried to build a natural habitat (nest) with things collected on the trail, learning how ecosystems function and how different species rely on balanced environmental conditions.

Coaches were engaged with local vendors and community partners during Earth Day-focused conversations learning about conservation initiatives in Phoenix and organic local farms, and lending library grant opportunities. We even shared brief greetings with City of Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego.

To close out the day, the group enjoyed a shared meal at a local Chinese buffet, reflecting together on their experiences, discoveries, and favorite moments from the trip.

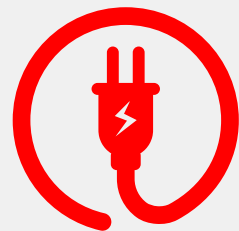
This field trip reminded us that powerful learning happens when students step outside traditional classroom walls.

Upcoming Events:

- 🔌 Lost in Time Music Video Shoot – 5/2
- 🔌 Final Field Trip – Ability 360 – 5/14
- 🔌 Rattlers Halftime Show – 5/30
- 🔌 602 Day – Silent DJ PARTY – 6/2
- 🔌 Promotion/Graduation – 6/5
- 🔌 Summer Camp – 6/8 – 6/19
- 🔌 Global Celebration – 6/19–6/20



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