



Highlighting our impact on Arizona's communities



Introducing SMILE-AI at ASU

It's a new program that integrates oral health education into medical school curriculum. The Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation is partnering with ASU's John Shufeldt School of Medicine and Medical Engineering to launch SMILE-AI—preparing future physicians to advance whole-person health with a deeper understanding of oral care's critical role.

[Learn About SMILE-AI](#)



EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Expert Voices: Access to Vision Care

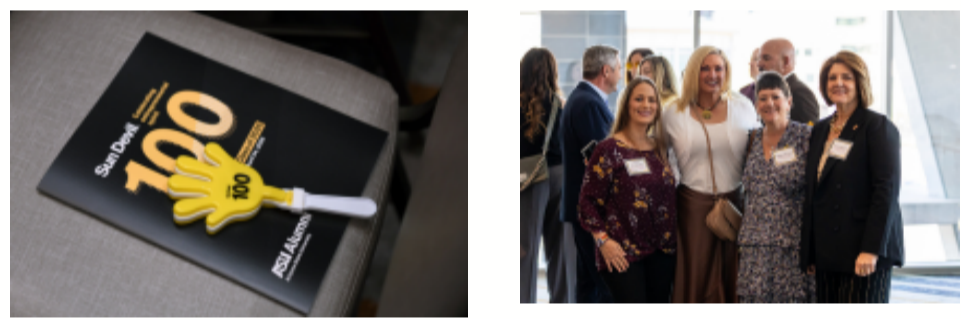
In children, vision problems are often mistaken for behavioral or learning issues. They can show up as having a short attention span, acting out in class or having low self-esteem. In a recent Expert Voices event, education and community leaders acknowledged barriers such as how easily vision problems can go undetected and discussed options for expanding access to vision care so kids get the help they need sooner.

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Award Season Looks Good on Arizona Nonprofits

Recognition has been coming from all directions to celebrate the people and organizations doing meaningful work across Arizona. The Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation is a proud sponsor of the AACHC Healthcare Awards, celebrating the community health centers doing essential work for underserved communities. We're also honored to have been nominated in four categories for the Champions of Change, which recognizes innovative leaders and organizations making a difference statewide.



The recognition doesn't stop there—our very own Foundation executive director Barb Kozuh and DDAZ brand and marketing senior director Tiffany Di Giacinto were each named to the ASU Sun Devil 100.



Rounding out this award season, we're proud to name the 2026 Northern Arizona Oral Health Heroes of the Year. From a dedicated dental hygienist to a retired industry veteran to a nonprofit born from personal experience, this year's honorees represent some of the very best of community-driven oral health care in Coconino County.

[Meet This Year's Heroes](#)

POP QUIZ!

Scroll for the answer.
True or False?
You should pull a baby tooth as soon as it starts to wiggle.



GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Harvest Compassion Center

Harvest Compassion Center is changing what it looks like to get help. Their "Food Banking Reimagined" program is expanding to Tolleson, creating a welcoming space where families can choose their own food, clothing and essentials. With support from the Delta Dental of Arizona Foundation, the program aims to serve 50,000 families each year.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

TeamSmile

Free dental care, face painting and laughter filled the day at the recent TeamSmile event at State Farm Stadium. Our volunteers were proud to be part of it all—helping with patient check-out and adding a little extra fun while kids received dental care, learned about oral health, played games and even got to spend time with some Arizona Cardinals players!

POP QUIZ!

Answer: False
Try not to pull a baby tooth too early. If you have to work hard to wiggle the tooth, it's not quite ready.

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