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Statement from Regent Patterson on Achieve60AZ Launch

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – “Today, Arizona launched [Achieve60AZ](#), a statewide educational attainment initiative with the incredibly important goal of equipping 60 percent of Arizonans with some form of post-high school certificate or degree by 2030. It is estimated that by 2020, two out of every three jobs in the United States will require postsecondary education.

“The mission of Achieve60AZ is well aligned with the goals of Arizona’s public university enterprise, and is central to the board of regents’ [strategic plan](#) – to lead the effort in increasing the number of Arizonans with a college degree or certificate. By setting a statewide higher education goal in Arizona, we at the Arizona Board of Regents and our public universities are committed to doing our part to contribute to the success of our state and this initiative in order to meet the workforce demands of the future, foster individual prosperity and strengthen our economy.

“What makes Achieve60AZ compelling and unique is its grassroots, community-based structure, built on the strengths of vested stakeholders, representing Arizona’s business, education, civic and philanthropic communities. Through this coordinated effort to strategically advance education statewide, Arizona will be better positioned to strengthen its K-12 pipeline, promote a college-going culture, improve access and innovation, and create greater P-20 alignment.

“I am honored to join state leaders in announcing this attainment goal, which will serve to further enable Arizona in providing greater opportunities for the people who live, learn and work here.”

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