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**Press Release:**
Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) Attracts Ms. Anna Tanguma-Gallegos as Program Officer of its Hispanic Serving Community College KickStarter Program

With support from the State of Arizona and the National Science Foundation (NSF), SFAz has established very significant STEM pathway programs in eight rural Arizona Community Colleges and in Hispanic Serving Community Colleges around the country. SFAz staff developed on-line STEM guides, including one directed at Community Colleges, that are used throughout the state and country. The effectiveness of these tools in helping to define and develop high quality STEM programs has been validated and recognized. SFAz has formed a technical assistance team to assist institutions maximize the utility of these guides, and for Hispanic Serving Community Colleges, SFAz has a grant to use the STEM Pathways Guide and assist institutions develop competitive proposals to the National Science Foundation.

**SFAz recently attracted Anna Tanguma-Gallegos to join its community college technical assistance team.** With her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Behavioral Science/Educational Counseling from National University, CA., Ms. Tanguma-Gallegos brings 10 years of STEM strategic planning and program management experience in higher education environments and initiatives. Anna has a history of promoting and increasing enrollment in the programs she manages, as well as developing collaborative relationships with corporate and community members. Anna has successfully provided direction to Federally funded programs within the higher education field; she spearheaded the relationship with Health Pathways Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, and University of California-San Diego Moores Cancer Center to develop their first-ever nursing internship summer program and offering a value-added learning experience for the students.

In her new role at Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz), Anna will be working with Hispanic Serving Community Colleges as part of the NSF-funded KickStarter Program. The goal of KickStarter is to enhance the enrollment of Latino students in STEM fields by helping colleges with their STEM planning and maximizing the competitiveness of their federal grant proposals to fund those plans. As a Program Officer for the Community College STEM Pathways Initiative, Anna works closely with all community college teams, guides them through the KickStarter process, and connects them to community and industry partners. “We are very pleased to have Anna on our team with the skills to enhance our role as advocates for our community college partners,” says Dr. William Harris, President and CEO of Science Foundation Arizona.

Prior to SFAz, Ms. Tanguma-Gallegos was Manager of Alumni & Community Relations for National University for whom she developed partnerships with community colleges and non-profit organizations throughout San Diego and Los Angeles.

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez and State Senator Ben Hueso recently recognized Anna for her work in the MANA De San Diego Latina Success Leadership Program.