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TEDxAWC returns to Yuma in April 2025

Speakers sought to discuss “Transform & Thrive” theme

Yuma, AZ (November 12, 2024) – The much-anticipated TEDxAWC is back for another exciting event, and it’s set to be bigger and better! Mark your calendars for April 25, 2025, as Arizona Western College (AWC) hosts TEDxAWC, a platform for innovative ideas and inspiring stories.

After the success of the inaugural event, this year’s theme, “Transform & Thrive,” will bring together faculty, staff, students, and members of the Yuma and La Paz County communities to discuss the power of transformation in overcoming challenges and unlocking growth.

“Our first event was a great success, and I’m excited to announce that we’re building on that momentum,” said **Dr. Sara Amani**, AWC Professor of Multilingual Composition/Specialist and Licensee/Director for TEDxAWC. “In our second TEDxAWC, we are expanding our event thanks to the Community Plus License, allowing us to welcome over 100 attendees. Attending TED Women in Atlanta, GA in October 2023 inspired me to push for this expanded license, and I’m excited to continue amplifying the voices within our community.”

Call for submissions:

TEDxAWC is looking for 8-10 speakers who can bring forward fresh ideas that will inspire and empower the audience. Whether you're a student, faculty, staff member, or community member, you're invited to submit your proposal and be part of this transformative event. Selected speakers will have the opportunity to rehearse with a speech coach to develop their presentations.

“We are thrilled to be expanding our second TEDxAWC and welcoming even more members of our community to participate,” Dr. Amani shared. “I can’t wait to see how our speakers inspire us with their ideas for transformation.”

Interested applicants are invited to share stories of transformation—whether personal, professional, or societal—that have led to growth and thriving in the face of challenges. Submissions will be evaluated based on the strength of the idea and its alignment with the “Transform & Thrive” theme.

The deadline for submitting the 250-word proposal is **December 8**. Applicants that make it through the first round will be asked to submit an audition video. Please review [TEDx Content Guidelines](#) and [TEDx Speaker Guidelines](#) prior to applying.

Apply to be a speaker for TEDxAWC [here](#).

TEDxAWC will be held at the Historic Yuma Theater on **April 25, 2025** and is seeking sponsorships to further its mission of promoting "ideas worth spreading." Those interested in sponsoring the event can contact Dr. Sara Amani at sara.amani@azwestern.edu.

Follow TEDxAWC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to help celebrate the incredible innovations and important ideas that will be featured.

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TEDxAWC is an independently organized TEDx event at Arizona Western College, dedicated to fostering creativity and sharing "ideas worth spreading" with the local community. TEDxAWC provides a platform for students, faculty, staff, and community members to present their unique perspectives and transformative ideas to inspire action and innovation.

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