



Arizona AHEC 14th Annual Interprofessional Rural Health Professions Program Conference

Friday, April 10, 2026

Register Here

2:30-2:35pm	Welcome
2:35-3:15pm	<i>Beyond the Shortage: A Five-Year Data Blueprint for Rural Arizona Quality of Life</i> Nidhi Krishna, MS
3:15pm-6pm	Poster Video Showcase and Moderated Q & A



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Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:00-9:15am	Welcome Opening Blessing provided by Carlos Gonzales, MD
9:15-10:30am	<i>HEAL (Health Equity, Action and Leadership) Initiative Fellowship</i> Adriann Begay, MD and Cristina Rivera Carpenter, PhD, MSN, RN-BC
10:30-11:10am	AHEC Scholars Year Two Presentations (ASP) 10:30-10:50 – CERE Group – Project Happy - Payson, AZ 10:50-11:10 – AIH-AHEC Group – Seeds of Wellness: A Hopi Family Workbook
11:10-11:25am	Stretch Break
11:25am-12:05pm	AHEC Scholars Year Two Presentations (ASP) 11:25-11:45 – CAAHEC Group – When Roots are Strong, Minds are Well - Maricopa, AZ 11:45-12:05 – SHEC Group – A Health Fair for Yuma
12:05-12:45pm	Lunch Break with no formal presentation Preceptor Recognition Slideshow
12:45-2:00pm	<i>Careers with Purpose: RHPP Directors Share Their Stories</i> Moderator: Bettie Coplan, PhD, PA-C (Northern Arizona University, Department of Physician Assistant Studies) Panelists: Amy Kennedy, PharmD (University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy), Christy Pacheco, DNP, FNP-BC (University of Arizona, College of Nursing), and Jeremy Gneck, MD (University of Arizona, College of Medicine)
2:00-2:10pm	Stretch Break
2:10-2:50pm	AHEC Scholars Year Two Presentations (ASP) 2:10-2:30 – SAAHEC Group – Youth Health Career Promotion - Cochise County 2:30-2:50 – CPCHP Group – Nutrition and Physical Wellness Health Fair - Winslow, AZ
2:50-3:10pm	Video Engagement Award & Poster Awards Closing Remarks: Leila Barraza, J.D, M.P.H, AzaAHEC Director