Through out the 2014-2015 school-year the Mexican American Student Services Director established a contact list of 10 individuals to work with from local colleges such as the University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Pima Community College, Grand Canyon University, Carrington College and with college preparation organizations such as the Arizona Regional College Access Center. These college representatives worked in conjunction with the MASS Director on various projects such as the Parent University Conference at Pima Community College that was planned between TUSD Student Equity and Title I Departments and Pima Community College. Parent University Conference took place at Pima Community College’s South Campus on Saturday, October 25, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Workshops were offered to African American and Mexican American Students which offered insights into preparing for college. The Mexican American Student Services Director and student success specialists assisted in recruiting Latino students and families to attend this conference. Over 700 families pre-registered but in actual attendance 350+ students and parents attended this conference.

An additional way in which the local colleges and contacts have assisted the MASS Director, specialists and TUSD Latino students has been in promoting their colleges and programs in recruiting TUSD Latino students at each of the parent informational events that have been held quarterly by MASS. The MASS Department scheduled, planned and held 16 quarterly information events for parents at 11 school sites and 2 of those events were scheduled in the Wakefield Building. All together we had a total of 722 students and parents who signed in to these 16 quarterly informational events. The schools where meetings for parent sessions were held were Catalina High School, Cholla High School, Doolen Middle School, Holladay Elementary, Hollinger K-8 School, Lynn Urquides Elementary, Maxwell Middle School, Pistor Middle School, Pueblo High School, Safford Middle School, Valencia Middle School and the Wakefield Building. Parents and families from 17 different schools were invited. The schools where parents were invited from were Booth-Fickett Middle School, Catalina High School, Cholla High School, Doolen Middle School, Holladay Elementary, Hollinger K-8 School, Lynn Urquides Elementary, Morgan Maxwell Middle School, Mission View Elementary, Ochoa Elementary, Pistor Middle School, Pueblo High School, Rincon High School, Safford Middle School, Tolson Elementary, Utterback Middle School and Valencia Middle School. All of these colleges and programs have had sponsored speakers at these
quarterly information events and they each displayed a booth with information and applications at each session, under the resource fair component.

Finally, the MASS Director has committed to serve on the University of Arizona President’s Hispanic Community Council’s monthly meetings on a bi-monthly basis for the 2014-2015 school year.