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PRISE Grants Available to Future Educators

Yuma, Arizona <March 14, 2008> - NAU-Yuma has announced continuation of its very successful PRISE grant program. An information session is being held Thursday, March 27th at 4:00 pm in the Entrepreneurial Center (room #150) 1351 South Redondo Center Drive in Yuma. Anyone interested in becoming an elementary or special education teacher is invited to attend.

PRISE (Preparing Rural Inclusive Special Educators) is a unique opportunity for future educators interested in serving the needs of multi-cultural and bi-lingual students with disabilities. The federally-funded program provides monetary grants to cover the expense of books, tuition and/or professional conferences to those who qualify.

To apply for these grants applicants must: 1) be employed as an Instructional Assistant for a special education classroom, 2) have completed all General Education coursework by qualifying deadlines, and 3) qualify for in-state tuition rates.

All of the qualification requirements will be explained in detail at this information session. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet instructors who will be teaching courses to the grant recipients.

For more information about the Information Session on the 27th, or the PRISE program in general, please contact Nancy Blitz at NAU-Yuma, 344-7677 or via email to Nancy.Blitz@NAU.edu. Information about the PRISE program is also available online at <http://www4.nau.edu/clde/prise.htm>.

NAU – Yuma, a branch campus of Northern Arizona University, has been serving the southwestern Arizona and southeastern California communities since 1988. NAU-Yuma's partnerships with Arizona Western College and Imperial Valley College provide students an innovative, direct path to complete four-year programs. Designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education, NAU-Yuma offers undergraduate and graduate courses in a growing number of fields, including biology, business, criminal justice, education, environmental science, nursing, psychology, sociology, social work and Spanish. For more information: www.yuma.nau.edu

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