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Linda Jensen, Director of the Arizona College Access Network, was recently named the Arizona School Counselor Association's "2015 Advocate of the Year." The award was presented at the Association's annual conference on March 9 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Ms. Jensen was recognized for her efforts in ensuring that the voices of Arizona school counselors are heard in state and national discussions related to education. She was instrumental in seeing that Arizona School Counselors were included on the Arizona team that was part of the recent "White House Convening" of leaders and commitment makers in San Diego as part of the President's "College Opportunity Agenda" and the First Lady's "Reach Higher Initiative." Ms. Jensen has also been quite active in expanding the availability, access, and understanding of National Student Clearinghouse data by school counselors. According to Rich Nickel, President and CEO of College Success Arizona, "Linda demonstrates through her words and actions that school counselors are one of the most vital links to student success, and she consistently ties efforts to help school counselors into her daily routines, discussions, and work plans."