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## Congrats Graduates of NACo High Performance Leadership Academy

Congratulations to the first class of the National Associations of Counties (NACo) High Performance Leadership Academy! Among the graduates are the following individuals:

- Supervisor Lena Fowler, Coconino County
- Gregory Nelson, Management Analyst, Coconino County
- Marlene Pearce, Board of Supervisors District Administrator, Pinal County
- Chuck Kmet, Emergency Manager, Pinal County
- Suzanne Cooper, Program Coordinator, Yuma County
- Lisa Mendez, Deputy Library Director, Yuma County
- Kathy Ward, Nursing Supervisor, Yuma County
- Karina Zavala, Public Health Nurse, Yuma County
- Robin Hillyard, Legislative Research Program Manager, County Supervisors Association



The NACo High Performance Leadership Academy is a 12-week mentorship-based leadership program to empower frontline county government professionals. The curriculum focused on five essential skills:

- LEAD: Engage teams and stakeholders to foster positive climates and exceed common expectations
- ORGANIZE: Plan, lead and execute organizational change more effectively and consistently
- COLLABORATE: Establish alignment and strong partnerships through building stronger relationships
- COMMUNICATE: Create clarity, confidence and community
- DELIVER: Measure projects and processes to deliver results aligned with county and community priorities

The next course will start on January 7, 2019 with subsequent classes planned for April and August of 2019. Five individuals from Arizona counties are signed up for the program beginning Monday.

To learn more about the program and how to register for upcoming classes, please [click here](#).

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## Inaugural Events & Activities Next Week

On January 7, 2019 the inauguration at the State Capitol will take place. Arizona's statewide elected officials will be sworn in by the Arizona Chief Justice Scott Bales as follows:

- Governor Doug Ducey
- Secretary of State Katie Hobbs
- Attorney General Mark Brnovich
- State Treasurer Kimberly Yee
- Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman
- State Mine Inspector Joe Hart



The inaugural events will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will include music from the Arizona National Guard, 108th Army Band, the Pledge of Allegiance led by the grandchildren of the late Congressman Ed Pastor, and remarks by the Mayor of Douglas, Robert Uribe. For a more information and a detailed program of events, please [click here](#).

The legislature convenes for its regular session on Monday, January 14, where Governor Ducey will give the State of the State address outlining his version of the state budget for the coming year. For those who are unable to attend the State of the State address, please [click here](#) to view the speech live.

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## Governor Ducey Appoints New AHCCCS Director

This week Governor Doug Ducey announced the appointment of Jami Snyder as the director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

Snyder has served as deputy director of AHCCCS since December of 2017. Prior to joining Arizona's Medicaid agency, she served as Medicaid Director for the state of Texas and as Chief Operating Officer of the University of Arizona Health Plans. She also previously held posts as an Operations Administrator at AHCCCS and a Bureau Chief at the Arizona Department of Health Services. Snyder will succeed Tom Betlach who will retire as Director of AHCCCS on January 4, 2019, after 27 years of service to the state of Arizona.

"With an over 20-year career in the health and human services industry and prior experience atop a state Medicaid agency, Jami is more than qualified to take the lead at AHCCCS," said Governor Ducey. "I am pleased that Jami will bring her unique insight and expertise to Arizona's Medicaid agency, which provides quality health care to over 1.8 million Arizonans."

"I'm honored to be asked to serve as the eighth Medicaid Director for the State of Arizona," said Director Snyder. "Serving 1 in 4 Arizonans, AHCCCS is a national leader in providing high quality, cost-effective care. Over the last 12 months in my role as deputy director, I have partnered with the team at AHCCCS to understand the operational underpinnings that have fostered the agency's success and to promote the long-standing strategic vision of the program. In the years ahead, I look forward to working with stakeholders across the state in advancing that vision while exploring new opportunities to enhance member engagement; to support cost-effective innovation that improves access to care; and to partner with the broader community to address the social factors that increasingly influence individual health outcomes."

Snyder, a 2013 Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy Fellow, graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from Gustavus Adolphus College and went on to earn a master's degree in political science from Arizona State University.

**Source:** [azgovernor.gov](http://azgovernor.gov)

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## 2019 Bill Information & Legislative Calendar

Though the 2019 Legislative session technically does not start until Monday, January 14, so far 48 bills and two memorials/resolutions have been introduced. This number will increase exponentially as the legislature has not introduced fewer than 900 bills since 1993 and last year 1,206 bills were introduced.

<b>January 14, 2019</b>	<b>Session Begins Governor Ducey's State of the State Last day for Pre-filing in the House</b>
<b>January 17, 2019</b>	<b>House 7 Limit Bill Introduction Begins (5:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>January 18, 2019</b>	<b>Governor Releases Executive Budget Proposal</b>
<b>January 22, 2019</b>	<b>Senate Bill Request Deadline (5:00 p.m.)**</b>
<b>January 28, 2019</b>	<b>Senate Intro Set &amp; House Bill Request Deadline (5:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>February 4, 2019</b>	<b>Senate Bill Introduction &amp; House Intro Set Deadline (5:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>February 8, 2019</b>	<b>House Bill Introduction Deadline (5:00 p.m.)***</b>
<b>February 22, 2019</b>	<b>Last Day to Hear Bills in a Committee of the Originating Chamber</b>
<b>March 30, 2019</b>	<b>Last Day to Hear Bills in a Committee of the Opposite Chamber</b>
<b>April 13, 2019</b>	<b>Last Day for Conference Committees (by House &amp; Senate Rule)</b>
<b>April 23, 2019</b>	<b>100<sup>th</sup> Day of Session</b>

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## NACo Now Accepting Policy Resolutions



In preparation for the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., on March 2–6, 2019, NACo members are invited to submit interim policy resolutions. All resolutions must be submitted electronically (preferably as a Word document) via email to [resolutions@naco.org](mailto:resolutions@naco.org) by Feb. 1, 2019. For complete details on NACo's policy process, [click here](#).

The NACo resolutions process provides members with the ability to participate in national policy decisions affecting county governments. During the Legislative Conference, NACo's 10 policy steering committees and the Board of Directors consider legislative and policy resolutions that will guide NACo advocacy until the NACo Annual Conference in July 2019.

Please note, if you plan to submit a policy resolution, you (or a designated representative) must appear in person at the steering committee meeting at the 2019 Legislative Conference to introduce and explain the resolution.

At [NACo's 2019 Legislative Conference](#), nearly 2,000 elected and appointed county officials will discuss federal policy issues that impact counties. All county officials are welcome to attend policy steering committee meetings, workshops, plenary sessions and more.

For more information on the 2019 NACo Legislative Conference, please [click here](#).

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