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Welcome back
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Opportunities in times of turbulence

We begin this semester in a world of turbulence, where the forces of change sweep across our planet with growing intensity. These shifts remind us of the stress humanity places on Earth's systems — yet they also reveal the extraordinary opportunities before us.

In such moments, we are reminded that the future is not fixed. Like a ship navigating through restless seas, our course is not set by the waves around us but by the horizon we choose to pursue. That horizon is one of opportunity: transforming knowledge into action, cultivating new ways of living in balance with our planet and empowering the next generation to carry this work forward with courage and innovation.

Each of you is part of this journey. Your ideas, your commitment and your voices matter. Together, we are not passengers carried by the storm. We are navigators of what comes next.

[Watch the video](#)

Our impact

Experts weigh in on water distribution from the Colorado River basin

Arizona is entering a new era of water rights. Increased demand in the region and a changing climate have impacted surface water supplies, and the long-standing agreements between the seven states in the Colorado River basin are set to expire at the



end of 2026.

Arizona residents may have to make do with less water, but ASU researchers are optimistic about our ability to manage limited resources for collective benefit.

[Read more](#)



How kids can stay active, even when it's 100 degrees

The benefits of daily movement and spending time outside are well known, but doing these things can become a challenge for students once temperatures reach triple digits.

University heat researchers worked with local schools to better understand the relationship between heat, physical activity and readiness to learn — and developed a toolkit for schools to become HeatReady.

[See the full story](#)

Opportunities

ASU Futurists reignite community of practice



Are you a futures thinker? Deepen your understanding and explore new ideas with the Futurists Community of Practice. Join the virtual welcome event Sept. 4 to connect with like-minded peers and learn more about what the group has to offer.

Everyone from across the university is welcome.

[Join the community](#)



Become an AAAS member

Since 1848, the American Association for the Advancement of Science has been a global leader in research collaboration, policy engagement and scientific communication.

ASU's new strategic partnership with AAAS is offering the ASU community complimentary AAAS Elemental Membership, which includes professional development tools, networking opportunities and more.

[Sign up](#)

Impactful insights



Behind the scenes: Where does our water actually come from?

Water system operators do vital, high-stakes work every single day to ensure that the water coming from your tap is clean, safe and always available.

Kathryn Sorensen seeks to highlight both the importance of this work and how residents can support water system operators in their communities.

[Read the blog](#)

Honors and awards



Kate Eaton joins College of Global Futures leadership

Kate Eaton was recently appointed as the associate dean for students and academic innovation at the ASU College of Global Futures. She brings extensive leadership and insight into her new role, where she will build partnerships and co-create transformational educational experiences that equip students for impactful careers.

[Get to know Kate](#)

Upcoming events

Rethinking Water

Bringing together finance, academia, government and industry leaders to find solutions to the most pressing water challenges in the United States.

This is a hybrid event; join the conversation on Zoom or attend in person during Climate Week NYC.

Sept. 25 | Hybrid | 8 a.m EDT

The Forum, Columbia University

601 West 125th St., New York, NY, 10027
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