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**EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE LEADING INDUSTRIES
FOR GLENDALE’S FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW**

GLENDALE, Ariz. – In just twelve months, Glendale’s tenured Economic Development Department filled more than a million square feet of office and industrial space and garnered more than 1,000 jobs for two targeted industries: healthcare and education. Within the 2009-2010 fiscal year, these two industries brought 1,042 jobs to Glendale and filled 1,313,264 square feet of space. To give it perspective, the amount of new and existing space in the city filled by doctors, professors and other professionals is equal to 22 football fields.

The businesses were a mixture of companies new to Glendale as well as existing businesses wanting to expand their size and location. They include:

- *Midwestern University:* 712,464 square feet - 163 jobs
- *Banner Thunderbird:* 328,000 square feet - 225 jobs
- *Humana:* 112,000 square feet - 450 jobs
- *Western Maricopa Education Center:* 80,000 square feet - 60 jobs
- *Arizona School of Allied Health:* 50,500 square feet - 10 jobs
- *DeVry University:* 18,000 square feet - 80 jobs
- *Harbor Pointe Internal Medicine:* 4,000 square feet - 32 jobs
- *Arizona Pain Specialists:* 4,300 square feet - 12 jobs
- *Total Medical Care:* 4,000 square feet - 10 jobs

“Glendale has the high population density and strong household incomes that are desired by healthcare and education industries,” said Brian Friedman, Glendale Economic Development Director. “We know these are the type of businesses that require being close to their target markets and tend to cluster together for synergy.”



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One of Glendale’s most unique business strategies this past fiscal year involved higher education and a partnership among the city, DeVry University and Westgate City Center. DeVry chose Glendale’s Westgate as its fourth Arizona location occupying approximately 18,000 square feet

“The response we’ve received since opening in the Westgate City Center has been very encouraging,” said Jeff Blake, center dean for DeVry University in Glendale. “We are pleased with the size of our inaugural class that began in early July, which indicates to us that the residents of Glendale find great value in having a high-quality, local partner in pursuing their educational and career goals.”

New medical investments in Glendale include a 328,000 square foot expansion with 225 jobs at Banner Thunderbird Medical Center at 59th Ave. and Thunderbird Rd.

“Glendale has been a terrific partner as we’ve continued to grow and add new services over the years,” said Tom Dickson, Chief Executive Officer of Banner Thunderbird Medical Center. “Their support has helped us become the city’s largest private employer, providing quality jobs for nearly 2,900. Those people, in turn, are providing excellent patient care to more than 100,000 people in this community each year.”

Another medical win for Glendale this past fiscal-year was the new Advanced Health Care at 16825 N. 63rd Ave. The resort like facility assists patients transitioning from home to hospital.

“We’ve only been open a few months and our occupancy rate for our Glendale location is more than 90-percent,” said Dave Nattress, Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Healthcare. “The interest and partnership with the city has far exceeded our expectations.”

Looking toward the new fiscal year that just started a few weeks ago, Glendale’s Economic Development Department’s top priorities continue to be healthcare, education and Glendale’s Centerline, which is the redevelopment and revitalization project on the Glendale Ave. corridor. Southwest Ambulance recently announced its location to Glendale’s downtown, bringing 60 staff and filling more than 18,000 square feet of space in the city’s Centerline redevelopment area.

For more information on Glendale's Economic Development Department, visit

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