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## **'GLENDALE UNIVERSITY' OFFERS BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT CITY GOVERNMENT**

**Glendale, Ariz.** – Glendale University 101, an 11-session program sponsored by Cox Communications, is *accepting applications now* through Friday, January 22, 2016. Classes which begin on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, offer a close-up, behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of city government.

Glendale residents and those who own businesses in the city can sign up for Glendale University (GU) to learn more about city government directly from the Mayor, Council Members, City Manager, and top city staff. The program's continued popularity is credited to the one-on-one interactions among attendees and the core curriculum that focuses on everything from the city courts to utilities.

"Glendale University is a unique opportunity to meet the city's decision makers and talk about everyone's role in our local democracy," said organizer Kathy Curley of Glendale's Community Services Department. In the 19 years since the program was started, more than 950 people have attended.

GU 101 classes are held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning February 3, 2016 and running through April 13, 2016. The series kicks off with an opportunity to get to know your Mayor and Council Members. Subsequent sessions cover a variety of city services, including public safety, city courts, public works, community services, finance and budget, marketing, and much more.

The classes, which are free, are limited in size to encourage interaction between attendees and the elected officials and city staff who teach each unit.

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To participate in GU 101, you must be 16 years or older, a resident of Glendale or own a business in Glendale. Attendees who complete nine of the eleven GU 101 classes will be honored in a graduation ceremony on the final night of class.

The deadline to register for Glendale University 101 is January 22, 2016. Register online at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/GlendaleUniversity.cfm>; or call Gwen Benoit at 623-930-3554 to request an application or more information.

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