

Photos: 2025 West Valley Open Door

Community invited to peek inside life as a Sun Devil

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After last week's [ASU Open Door kickoff](#), the fun continued Saturday at the West Valley campus with visitors learning about crime-scene forensics, ecosystems, the brain and more.

The free [annual event](#) welcomes the public onto each of Arizona State University's four metro Phoenix campuses to discover everything the university has to offer. Adults and children of all ages get the chance to peek inside labs, museums and classrooms and experience life as a Sun Devil.

Take a look at our gallery below.

The community can also check out activities at the two remaining campuses throughout the month of February. [Register here](#).

- [Feb. 15, 1–5 p.m., Polytechnic campus](#)
- [Feb. 22, 1–5 p.m., Tempe campus](#)

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Main image



Forensic science major Amanda Brasch (left) teaches 11-year-old Nina Alvaredo-Truong and her mother, Belia Alvaredo, about methods for detecting blood at a crime scene during ASU Open Door at the West Valley campus on Saturday, Feb 8. Forensics is the most popular major at the West Valley campus, and the subject became its own school — the School of Interdisciplinary Forensics — in fall 2023. Photo by Chris Goulet/Arizona State University

Gallery



Eleven-year-old Emmett Brown learns about ecosystems and food chains from Assistant Teaching Professor Ashlee Momcilovich during the West Valley Open Door event on Feb. 8. Momcilovich is part of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences, one of the schools in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences.



Ten-year-old Nikhila Ratnakarm builds a balloon-powered car with her father, Ramakanth, during Open Door on Saturday at the West Valley campus.



A giant inflatable Sparky welcomes visitors to the West Valley campus Saturday.



Six-year-old Lilian Johnson learns how to use a microscope during the West Valley Open Door event Feb. 8.



Master of Science in psychology student Nithiya Uppara teaches 13-year-old Xavier Smith about the human brain during the West Valley Open Door.



A model of a human brain sits on a table along with markers, Playdoh and other learning tools.



Ten-year-old Nixon Schlesinger makes a vinegar and baking soda volcano with ASU Assistant Teaching Professor John Bailey (not pictured) of the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences.



Four-year-old Clara Coffey and her mother, Associate Professor Katie Nelson-Coffey, play with balloon animals during the West Valley Open Door event Feb. 8. Nelson-Coffey is in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.