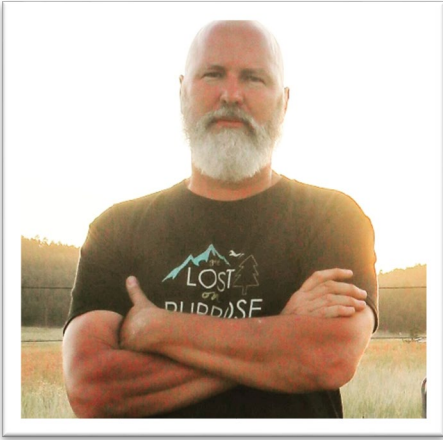


# Tom Safranek, M.Ed.

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*Director of College & Career Development*



*“There is no certainty, there is only adventure.”*

*-Roberto Assagioli -*

As the Director of College & Career Development for FUSD, Tom Safranek works with a variety of stakeholders to build, steward, and expand the career awareness, exploration, and preparation opportunities for students and their families. By doing so, students in FUSD have enhanced access to interest-driven, relevant aspects of education that give meaning and purpose to their journey, and inform their post-secondary choices. Tom believes that students who graduate from high school having received an education in accordance with the FUSD Profile of a Graduate and appropriate elements of the district’s strategic plan are better positioned to take advantage of whatever post-secondary path they choose, and to be a benefit to their communities and society. It is to this end that Tom works to provide opportunities for real-world experience, skill building, and knowledge acquisition to the students of the Flagstaff area.

Tom Safranek is a 18-year educator who has a variety of experiences at both the junior high/middle school and high school levels. After completing an agriculture degree in Plant Science at the University of Arizona and working for a time as an agronomy consultant, he began his career in education teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade biology and earth science in Yuma, Arizona. During this time he also taught outdoor education classes for the City of Yuma and earned an M.Ed. in Secondary Education from Northern Arizona University. When a new high school opened in the area, Tom accepted a position as an agriscience teacher, but also taught biology, welding, construction, and established a robust, award-winning FFA program. Since completing an M.Ed in Educational Leadership and earning his principal certification, Tom has served in assistant principal and principal roles at both the middle and high school levels.

Tom enjoys working with his hands, being creative, and taking advantage of the endless opportunities the southwest provides for getting into the outdoors to hunt, fish, hike, and explore.

