

Avnet Awards \$10,000 Grant to ecademie High School

Avnet recently gave a local Phoenix high school a boost. The company supported its efforts to help at-risk youth gain the skills needed to remain in high school, break old habits and move on to a more productive lifestyle.

The Avnet Contributions Council awarded Goodwill of Central Arizona's ecademie Charter High School a \$10,000 grant to help launch "Transitioning Back." This program helps youth re-engage in school after incarceration or a school absence due to other juvenile justice, social or disciplinary reasons.

Ultimately, the Transitioning Back program will teach these children life skills such as taking personal responsibility, managing anger, setting and reaching goals and managing their time and money wisely.

Avnet Electronics Marketing Americas' Marta Jones-Williams, who serves on the Goodwill of Central Arizona's board, recommended ecademie High School to Avnet. "The Avnet Contributions Council feels it is important to support education in our community," she says. "I'm extremely proud of the students who will benefit from this grant and I think it's important for them to connect with the business leaders who want to see them succeed."

"We appreciate Avnet's support in our efforts to provide quality education to youth," adds Jim Teter, president and CEO of Goodwill of Central Arizona. "We hope this encourages other local businesses and corporations to contribute to the community's educational needs."

