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As the Director of College Savings and Financial Aid Programs for the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education, Grace had been responsible for raising public awareness of college savings and financial aid options for Arizona parents and students. Prior to her work for the Commission, Grace was employed with USA Funds a national non-profit organization dedicated to college access. In this capacity, Grace deployed the organization's education grantmaking strategy and managed a multi-million dollar student financial aid program in Arizona.

For the past 16 years, Grace has dedicated her career to improving college access for Arizona students. Her extensive experience working with community organizations, nonprofit organizations, postsecondary institutions, as well as business and government entities helps expand the Arizona Community Foundation's work in education.