

All-Arizona Academic Team

Recognition Ceremony

March 1, 2018



**Celebrating Academic Achievement,
Leadership and Service to the Community**

All-Arizona Academic Team for Community Colleges

"Members of the All-Arizona Academic Team embody the tenacious and determined spirit that has long defined Arizona and its citizens. Through their resolve and dedication to academic excellence, work ethic and exemplary civic engagement, these distinguished scholars have demonstrated they are well-prepared for today's challenges, and have effectively paved their pathways to a brighter tomorrow. Congratulations to all of the students who have received this prestigious award and my admiration to all of their families who helped them along the way. We are truly fortunate to have each and every one of you as examples of the boundless opportunities we have in Arizona."

– Governor Doug Ducey

Recognition Ceremony

This ceremony celebrates the outstanding academic achievements and distinguished leadership of students enrolled in Arizona's community colleges. All-Arizona students demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Phi Theta Kappa, the American Association of Community Colleges, Arizona Community Colleges, the Arizona Board of Regents and the Follett Higher Education Group help these exceptional students reach their educational goals by awarding scholarships and issuing tuition waivers to for any of Arizona's three state universities: Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University.

Process

Each college may send two student nominations per campus to the International Phi Theta Kappa organization for judging. This year we honor 79 students who were evaluated on academic performance and service to the college and community. Criteria for selection are:

- GPA of 3.50 or higher (4.0 scale)
- Good academic standing and working toward an associate degree
- Involvement in campus or community volunteerism

Judging is in three rounds. First-round judges consist of business, civic, education and government leaders. The second and third rounds are held in Washington, D.C. and the judges are representatives of federal agencies and national education associations.

Scores from the national competition are used to rank the students for the state team. First team members will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship, second team members a \$750 scholarship and third team members a \$500 scholarship.

National Recognition

Annually, twenty **All-USA Academic Team Members** are named nation-wide with each receiving a \$5,000 scholarship for a total of \$100,000 in scholarship awards. In addition to scholarships, team members are presented a medallion, obelisk and a certificate at the annual President's Breakfast held during the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention in Dallas, TX.

The top scoring student in each of the 50 states will be named a **New Century Workforce Scholar** or a **New Century Transfer Scholar** and will receive between \$1,250 - \$2,250 in scholarship funds. These programs annually recognize 100 Scholars nation-wide. Each New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar receives special recognition at the Association of Community College Trustees Congress. Each New Century Transfer Pathway Scholar receives special recognition at the AACC Convention.

Applicants are also considered for the **Coca-Cola Academic Team Scholarship Program**, 50 students will be named Gold Scholars, receiving \$1,500 each; 50 students will be named Silver Scholars, receiving \$1,250 each; and 50 students will be named Bronze Scholars, receiving \$1,000 each. A state may have multiple Gold, Silver, and Bronze Scholars and all scholars will also receive special medallions.



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Music

Phillip Zweig, Classical Guitar, Adjunct Faculty, South Mountain Community College
Music Inspiration: Diversity of music and its ability to touch the human soul

Lunch and Program

Welcome

Maria Harper-Marinick, Chancellor, Maricopa County Community Colleges

Governor's Proclamation

Emcee

Grant Woods, Attorney at Law

Keynote Speaker

Zahid Arab
Community Relations Manager for 3TV/CBS 5 News

Arizona Board of Regents

Shelley McGrath, Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs

Recognition of Academic Scholars

Grant Woods



Zahid Arab

Zahid Arab traveled the country as an Emmy Award-winning reporter in six television news markets. He transitioned into the community relations manager role for azfamily.com 3TV/CBS 5. The former Mesa Community College student served as Phi Theta Kappa's Arizona regional president, the international vice president-Division IV and was named a 2005 Guistwhite Scholar. After earning his associate's degree in journalism, Zahid achieved his bachelor's degree from the Arizona State University Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

All-Arizona Team Rankings

First Team

ISABEL ALCAZAR

South Mountain Community College

LAUREN ALLISON

Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Williams Campus

ABREANNA AUTOTE

Glendale Community College

JIMENA CANCHIS

Yavapai College – Prescott Campus

SARAH DANNENBRINK

Eastern Arizona College
Thatcher Campus

JOHN DICKEY

Pima Community College
Desert Vista Campus

LAUREN EASTER

Pima Community College
Downtown Campus

CHRISTOPHER FIGUEROA

Paradise Valley Community College

MICHAEL GUZMAN

Paradise Valley Community College

AMANDA HATCH

Northland Pioneer College
Snowflake/Taylor Silver Creek Campus

NINA HERZ

Phoenix College

CODY JENKINS

Cochise College
Sierra Vista Campus

KAREN KUCIVER

Pima Community College
East Campus

HOLLY LANGAN

Central Arizona College
San Tan Campus

CHRISTOPHER LOUDEN

Pima Community College
Desert Vista Campus

MAXWELL MANNING

Mesa Community College
Red Mountain Campus

SOFYA PANGBURN

Central Arizona College
Signal Peak Campus

BERENICE PELAYO

Central Arizona College
Superstition Mountain Campus

JAMIE PEREDO

Rio Salado College

JUSTIN QUINN

Pima Community College
Community Campus

KIMBERLY REDDING

Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Pecos Campus

JACOB RIDDLE

Mesa Community College
Southern/Dobson Campus

HEATHER ROBINSON

Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Williams Campus

JOHNATHAN SPEAKMAN

Mesa Community College
Southern/Dobson Campus

ASHLEY ZAMBOS

Pima Community College
West Campus

Second Team

ARDINE BALILI

Pima Community College
Community Campus

HEATHER BARNES

Glendale Community College
North Campus

CASEY BARR

Yavapai College
Career & Technical Education Center

SPENCER COFFIN

Yavapai College
Career & Technical Education Center

ANGIE COVARRUBIAS

Cochise College
Douglas Campus

GABRIELLE ENCINAS

Pima Community College
East Campus

MICHELE FISHER

Pima Community College
Northwest Campus

MATTHEW FODE

Central Arizona College
Aravaipa Campus

MERRY HETRICK

Eastern Arizona College
Payson Campus

KELSEA HONAKER

Eastern Arizona College
Payson Campus

JHETT JUDD

Eastern Arizona College
Gila Pueblo Campus

HOLLY MCCUTCHEON

Estrella Mountain Community College

REBEKA MORENO

Gateway Community College

JOLINDA NUÑEZ

CHRISTENSON
Pima Community College
Northwest Campus

PAMELA PIRCARO

Arizona Western College
Yuma Campus

TRACY REIDHEAD

Northland Pioneer College
Springerville-Eagar Center

TERRI SCHUETT

Yavapai College
Agribusiness & Science
Technology Center

MADISON ST. HILAIRE

Northland Pioneer College
Snowflake/Taylor Silver Creek Campus

NATHAN TOY

Pima Community College
Downtown Campus

SCOTT VANDIEPENBOS

Scottsdale Community College

ALYSIA VERA

Mesa Community College
Red Mountain Campus

ZIAN WAGENBERG

Pima Community College
West Campus

SAVANNAH WINDES

Yavapai College
Verde Valley Campus

Third Team

AMANDA ACUÑA

Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Pecos Campus

CUITLAHUAC AGUILAR

Northland Pioneer College
Show Low-White Mountain Campus

CHELSEY ANCHONDO

Northland Pioneer College
Winslow-Little Colorado Campus

TIANA BEGAY

Northland Pioneer College
Holbrook-Painted Desert Campus

ROSALIA BURR

Northland Pioneer College
Springerville-Eagar Center

JESSICA CADENA

Central Arizona College
Maricopa Campus

NICHOLE CARABIN

Yavapai College – Verde Valley Campus

JOHN DREYFUS

Phoenix College

STEPHANIE GASTELUM

Arizona Western College
Yuma Campus

GABRIELA IRRA

Glendale Community College

BREANNA JAKARY

Northland Pioneer College
Show Low-White Mountain Campus

ASHLEY JARAMILLO

Northland Pioneer College
St. Johns Center

TIRZAH JESSOP

Northland Pioneer College
Holbrook-Painted Desert Campus

JAZMIN JOERGER

South Mountain Community College

DUSTIN JOHNSON

Gateway Community College

MATTHEW JOHNSON

Mohave Community College
Lake Havasu Campus

THOMAS JOHNSON

Coconino Community College
Lone Tree Campus

MCKENNA KIESLING

Glendale Community College
North Campus

ROBYN KRISE

Northland Pioneer College
Winslow-Little Colorado Campus

ASHLEY LAFLAMME

Mohave Community College
Bullhead City Campus

TELDON LARSON

Eastern Arizona College
Thatcher Campus

CAITLIN MACFARLANE

Estrella Mountain Community College

ALVARO MONTOYA

Cochise College – Douglas Campus

BELINDA MULRY

Eastern Arizona College
Gila Pueblo Campus

MEGAN PICKREL

Yavapai College – Prescott Campus

GUADALUPE RAMIREZ

Arizona Western College
South County Campus

JULIANA RAZO LUGO

Arizona Western College
South County Campus

CRYSTAL ROBERTO

Rio Salado College

SANA TOMA

Scottsdale Community College

STEPHEN UZZLE

Cochise College – Sierra Vista Campus

JEFFREY WHITING

Northland Pioneer College
St. Johns Center



Stephanie Gastelum

Arizona Western College, Yuma Campus

Major: Biology

Gastelum plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to pursue a bachelor's in Biological and Ecological Sciences. Her ultimate goal is to become a research biologist for Arizona Game and Fish.

College/Community Activities: Science Club member and Arizona Game and Fish Volunteer

College Honors: AWC Honor's Scholarship recipient and Dean's List 2015-2017

Personal Quote: "In this world, you must be oh so smart, or oh so pleasant. Well for years I was smart. I recommend pleasant." – Elwood P. Dowd



Pamela Pircaro

Arizona Western College, Yuma Campus

Major: Media Arts

Pircaro will be transferring to the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Arizona State University next fall. She plans to earn undergraduate degrees in Journalism and Film as well as an LGBT Studies certificate before working towards an as-yet-undetermined doctorate. Her career goal is to write for publication with the hope of improving the quality of representation for diverse minority groups in entertainment media. In the far future, she would like to become a professor and bring about a positive change in the lives of her students as her professors had done for her.

College/Community Activities: AWC Press Club President, AWC Writing Tutor, Writer/Editor for the AWC *Western Voice* newspaper and Social Media Contributor for AWC Public Relations and Marketing

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Deans List, Member of AWC Honors Program and AWC Student Showcase Scholarship Recipient

Personal Quote: "Inside you is the potential to make yourself better... and that is what it is to be human: to make yourself more than you are." – Captain Jean-Luc Picard



Guadalupe Ramirez

Arizona Western College, South County Campus

Major: Nursing

Ramirez plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University School of Nursing ultimately earning a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. Her career goal is to work at a family clinic and eventually become a nursing professor.

College/Community Activities: Future Leaders Town Hall, Finance Director of Arizona Western College Rotaract Club, Dia de Los Campesinos volunteer and Midnight at the Oasis volunteer

College Honors: Dean's List

Personal Quote: "Pride comes first; disgrace soon follows; with the humble is wisdom found." – Proverbs 11:2



Juliana Razo Lugo

Arizona Western College, South County Campus

Major: Pre – Nursing

Razo Lugo plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Nursing ultimately earning a Master of Science in Nursing degree. Her career goal is to work at her local hospital, Yuma Regional Medical Center, to give back to her community.

College/Community Activities: Yuma Community Food Bank, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Saddles of Joy and Arizona Western College Writing Tutor

College Honors: Dean's Academic List and Ambassador of Excellence

Personal Quote: "Anything's possible if you've got enough nerve." – J.K. Rowling

CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



Jessica Cadena

Central Arizona College, Maricopa Campus

Major: Nursing

Cadena plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing and become a labor and delivery nurse. She believes helping to bring new life into this world, would be extraordinary.

College/Community Activities: Young Adult Ministry Outreach events

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Member and Dean's List

Personal Quote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." – Philippians 4:13



Matthew Fode

Central Arizona College, Aravaipa Campus

Major: Physiology

Fode plans to earn a bachelor's degree in physiology from the University of Arizona and become a doctor of chiropractic medicine while continuing to volunteer for local organizations.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa officer, Student Government Association volunteer, First Conservative Baptist Church of Mammoth volunteer and Mammoth Christian Youth Center Thrift Store volunteer

College Honors: Dean's List, Outstanding Biological Sciences student, Outstanding Social Sciences student and Who's Who Among Students recipient

Personal Quote: "If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." – Milton Berle



Holly Langan

Central Arizona College, San Tan Campus

Major: Accounting

Langan plans to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting from Arizona State University and become a managerial accountant.

College/Community Activities: San Tan Valley Campus Fall Festival, Welcome Week, Blood Drive and AJHS NJROTC Car Show

College Honors: Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Dean's List

Personal Quote: "I am thankful for everyone who has ever supported me and pushed me to succeed in whatever I have my heart set on: my parents, my friends, my professors and advisors, and my boyfriend." – Holly Langan



Sofya Pangburn

Central Arizona College, Signal Peak Campus

Major: Global/International Studies

Pangburn plans to earn a bachelor's degree in global/international studies with a minor in political science from Arizona State University. She plans to use her education to pursue a career in the United States government as a political foreign service officer in order to support the United States with diplomacy abroad. She is also considering furthering her education to the doctorate level in order to become a professor and continue to explore the world of academia.

College/Community Activities: College tutor, Student Government Campus Activities Director, Phi Theta Kappa officer and Central Arizona College Cactus Newspaper contributor

College Honors: Outstanding Honors Student, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, President's List and Honors Program graduate

Personal Quote: "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't — either way you're right." – Henry Ford



Berenice Pelayo

Central Arizona College, Superstition Mountain Campus

Major: Political Science

Pelayo plans to earn a bachelor's degree in political science and global studies from Arizona State University and pursue a career within the U.S Department of State as a foreign service officer while continuing to volunteer in her community.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa regional officer, Student Government Association vice president, Book Club officer and DREAMers Club officer

College Honors: Positive Paths Scholarship recipient, Dean's List, Pecha Kucha Speaking Competition winner and China Exchange Program Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." – Neale Walsch



Amanda Acuña

Chandler Gilbert Community College, Pecos Campus

Major: Psychological Science

Acuña plans to earn a bachelor's degree in psychological science with a minor in biology from Arizona State University with an ultimate goal of earning a Ph.D. in neuropsychology. She plans to use her degree to further current understanding and treatment of neurodegenerative and neurodevelopmental disorders through research and clinical practice.

College/Community Activities: Certified CPR and drowning prevention instructor for free community outreach classes, Eight PBS volunteer, Blake's Miracle volunteer benefitting Phoenix Children's Hospital and mother of two

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Otto and Edna Neely Scholarship recipient and Chandler Gilbert Community College Academic Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "You must do the things you think you cannot do." – Eleanor Roosevelt



Lauren Allison

Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Williams Campus

Major: Aviation

Allison plans to earn a bachelor's degree in applied science aviation at Arizona State University. Her goal is to be accepted to the American Flyer's mechanic/pilot cross-training internship program and obtain private instrument and commercial flight ratings while maintaining their training fleet.

College/Community Activities: Student tutoring, Student Activities Board member, volunteering with Coyote Cupboard and member of the Presidential Search Committee

College Honors: President's List, Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: "I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have." – Thomas Jefferson



Kimberly Redding

Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Pecos Campus

Major: Fine Arts

Redding plans to earn her bachelor's degree in fine arts with a minor in behavioral psychology from Arizona State University's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. She will leverage this to create art therapy programs for patients in medical institutions, as a Certified Art Therapist, while continuing to volunteer for organizations such as Free Arts for Abused Children and dance classes through her church.

College/Community Activities: Officer/organizer of Chandler-Gilbert Community College's Tunnel of Oppression for Phi Theta Kappa's Honors in Action contribution, high school student mentor with the Si Se Puede Organization, college representative for Maricopa County Global Leadership Retreat and Volunteer at Free Arts for Abused Children

College Honors: President's list, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Honors Achievement and Excellence in English Award Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "It takes only one person to start the leadership cycle; a leader who chooses to mentor. In return, the mentee becomes a leader who then mentors." – Kimberly Redding



Heather Robinson

Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Williams Campus

Major: Nursing

Robinson plans to earn a bachelor's of science in nursing from Northern Arizona University and become a labor and delivery nurse at Mercy Gilbert Hospital. She desires to be a compassionate and competent nurse just like the nurses that she experienced herself, as a labor and delivery patient at that hospital several years ago. Robinson also plans to continue to fill her life with service in the community through her church and many other organizations.

College/Community Activities: Student Nurses in Action member, Block 2 focus group leader, United Way Valley of the Sun volunteer and Families Giving Back volunteer and Provisional Member in Alpha Delta Nu (Nursing Honors Society for Associates Degree Nurses)

College Honors: Provisional Member in Alpha Delta Nu (Nursing Honors Society for Associates Degree Nurses)

Personal Quote: "I can do hard things through Christ who strengthens me." – Heather Robinson

COCHISE COLLEGE



Angie Covarrubias

Cochise College, Douglas Campus

Major: Engineering

Covarrubias plans to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland to become a biomedical engineer and to create and innovate technology that could save lives or improve people's health.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Communications, Bisbee Homeless Shelter volunteer, Blood Drive volunteer and Relay For Life attendee

College Honors: TRiO Student Support Services and STEM and Engineering scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "I think it is possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary." – Elon Musk



Cody Jenkins

Cochise College, Sierra Vista Campus

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Jenkins plans to earn a bachelor's degree in engineering from Arizona State University and pursue a graduate degree in signal processing engineering to achieve his dream of creating medical devices to improve people's longevity and quality of life.

College/Community Activities: Honors in Action, Student Success Mentor, Computer Challenge volunteer and Youth Arts Festival volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Competitive Edge Completion (Levels 1-4), Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Chapter Member Award, Eagle Scout and President's List

Personal Quote: "Speed has never killed anyone. Suddenly becoming stationary, that's what gets you." – Jeremy Clarkson



Alvaro Montoya

Cochise College, Douglas Campus

Major: Computer & Information Sciences and Support Services

Montoya plans to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona in cyber security to develop himself as a system administrator and eventually work at a criminal investigation agency like Interpol. He would like to continue his education to obtain a Master's Degree in Mechatronics and the application of automated systems in industry and the home.

College/Community Activities: University of Arizona-South volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa Valentine's Day volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa Pit Fire volunteer and Catholic Church reader

College Honors: Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and IME Becas Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" – Saint Paul



Stephen Uzzle

Cochise College, Sierra Vista Campus

Major: Ethnic, Cultural, Gender and Group Studies

Uzzle plans to earn a bachelor's degree in ethnic, cultural, gender and group studies from the University of Arizona and become an archaeologist while continuing his education to obtain his Ph.D. and fulfill his passion of teaching to become a professor at a university.

College/Community Activities: Archaeology Southwest, Excavations at Warren Ballpark volunteer and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Project

College Honors: President's List, Who's Who Among Students in American College and Universities and High Honors student

Personal Quote: "Carpe Diem (Seize the Day)" – Horace

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Thomas Johnson

Coconino Community College, Lone Tree Campus

Major: Psychological Science

Johnson plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a bachelor's degree in Psychological Science and become a clinical psychologist.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Service

College Honors: President's List and Vice President's List

Personal Quote: "Education is challenging, necessary and worth every moment."

EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE



Sarah Dannenbrink

Eastern Arizona College, Thatcher Campus

Major: Linguistics

Dannenbrink is transferring to the University of Arizona in the fall of 2018. She plans to study languages, but is also interested in law and holistic medicine. Her career goal is to use her education and language skills to help her communicate with and help people around the world.

College/Community Activities: Americorps member, P.O.W.W.O.W. (Produce on Wheels Without Waste) volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa chapter secretary and vice president of public relations for the EAC International Club

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa member, a President's List designee, recipient of the Mark J. Green Spanish Scholarship Award and EAC French student of the year in 2016

Personal Quote: "We are what we believe we are." – C. S. Lewis



Merry Hetrick

Eastern Arizona College, Payson Campus

Major: Nursing

Hetrick plans to transfer to Arizona State University to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She ultimately plans to obtain a Doctor of Nursing Practice. Her career goal is to have an independent practice as a family nurse practitioner in Arizona.

College/Community Activities: Calvary Chapel youth leader, volunteer firefighter and EMT at Water Wheel Fire and Medical District, student speaker, Phi Theta Kappa community food drive organizer and participant

College Honors: President's list and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise."
– Proverbs 19:20



Kelsea Honaker

Eastern Arizona College, Payson Campus

Major: Nursing

Honaker plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing. Her career goal is to work as a nurse in an Intensive Care Unit.

College/Community Activities: Scrubs Camp volunteer, mentoring other students and Health Fair volunteer

College Honors: President's list and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by those who kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all." – Dale Carnegie



Jhett Judd

Eastern Arizona College, Gila Pueblo Campus

Major: Engineering

Transferring to the University of Arizona, Judd is seeking a bachelor's degree in mining engineering. His career goal is to use his mining degree in Spanish-speaking countries around the world.

College/Community Activities: Football and basketball team captain in high school, EAC Engineering Club member, Phi Theta Kappa member, service projects for PTK including gifts for residents at the Bee Hive Care Center and a canned food drive with that benefited area food banks

College Honors: President's List designee, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, recipient of the Mr. Physics and Mr. Math designations (Spring 2017)

Personal Quote: "Anything worth doing, is worth doing right." – Hunter S. Thompson



Teldon Larson

Eastern Arizona College, Thatcher Campus

Major: Engineering

Larson is transferring to Arizona State University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. His career goal is to work at General Motors and help design new cars.

College/Community Activities: High School National Honors Society member, Engineering Club and Phi Theta Kappa clubs member and Phi Theta Kappa canned food drive participant

College Honors: President's List designee, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, Outstanding Sophomore Physics Student and Mr. Physics (Spring 2017)

Personal Quote: "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."
– Thomas A. Edison



Belinda Mulry

Eastern Arizona College, Gila Pueblo Campus

Major: Psychology

Mulry plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology. Her career goal is to work in research, establishing protocols of treatment for those suffering with mental illness.

College/Community Activities: EAC Chapter President of Phi Theta Kappa, P.O.W.O.W. (Produce on Wheels Without Waste) volunteer, Give Joy Food Drive volunteer and EAC's Day of Champions volunteer

College Honors: Dean's List designee, President's List designee and Phi Theta Kappa member

Personal Quote: "In the end we only regret the chances we didn't take, the relationships we were afraid to have, and the decisions we waited too long to make." – Lewis Carroll

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Caitlin MacFarlane

Estrella Mountain Community College

Major: Speech and Hearing Sciences

MacFarlane plans to transfer to the Arizona State University College of Health in Fall 2018. She ultimately hopes to attain a master's degree in speech pathology. Her career goal is to become a pediatric speech therapist and diagnostician to help children overcome language impediments and find their voice.

College/Community Activities: Feed My Starving Children and Special Olympics volunteer, EMCC Veteran's Day Fun Run volunteer and performed music for retirement and elder care facilities

College Honors: President's list, Phi Theta Kappa member and Presidential Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." – Benjamin Franklin



Holly McCutcheon

Estrella Mountain Community College

Major: Nursing

McCutcheon plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University ultimately earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and become a certified Registered Nurse. Her career goal is to work at Phoenix Children's Hospital as a nurse anesthetist.

College/Community Activities: Skyway Church College and Career Ministry leader, Skyway Church Community Outreach volunteer and Estrella Mountain Community College Student Nursing Association member

College Honors: Women's Independence Scholarship Program recipient

Personal Quote: "Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity." – Aristotle



Dustin Johnson

GateWay Community College

Major: Sustainability

After Johnson completes his Associate in Applied Sciences in Water Resources Technologies, he plans to enter the School of Sustainability at Arizona State University and does not plan to stop learning.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa, TRIO Student Support Services, Math and Music Clubs

College Honors: Selected as Supplemental Instructor for STAR program, Maricopa Student Success Scholarship recipient and Phi Theta Kappa

Personal Quote: "Path laid out for me; I just had to find it. Still traveling the path. Things come together if you are looking for it. Magical how everything came together for me."



Rebeka Moreno

GateWay Community College

Major: Psychological Science

Moreno plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn her bachelor's degree in psychological science. Ultimately, she wants to continue to earn her Master's in psychological science or counseling and hopes to promote mental health in her community, especially in the educational world.

College/Community Activities: Student leader, Dance teacher, student panel speaker for GateWay New Employee Orientation and Phi Theta Kappa officer

College Honors: Presidents list, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Gateway's Honors Program

Personal Quote: "She believed she could, so she did." – unknown



Abreanna Autote

Glendale Community College

Major: Psychological Science

Autote plans to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology at Arizona State University. After which she plans to continue her education by obtaining a doctoral degree in educational leadership or higher education. She is a strong believer that everyone has the right and ability to further their education regardless of the adversity they may have faced in the past. Her ultimate goal is to work in higher education as an administrator where she hopes to be a catalyst for student success.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Records, Vice President and President of Leadership, EXCEL Program member, Peer Mentor and Lead Peer Mentor, GCC Reads student facilitator and Women Rising member

College Honors: Maricopa Foundation Scholarship recipient, Phi Theta Kappa Designated Honors Scholar, Leadershape graduate and President's Honors Scholar

Personal Quote: "Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life." – Unknown



Heather Barnes

Glendale Community College, North Campus

Major: Psychology

Barnes plans to study psychology and minor in English at Northern Arizona University. Her ultimate educational goal is to obtain a Ph.D. She hopes to become either a school psychologist or a counseling psychologist. She will dedicate her life to helping create a society where treatment for mental illness is not only widely accessible but normalized.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Officer, Excel peer mentor, Psi Beta club member and Women Rising club member

College Honors: President's Honor Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa and Psi Beta Honor Societies, Glendale Community College Outstanding Student Award and President's List

Personal Quote: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela



Gabriela Irra

Glendale Community College

Major: Neuroscience

Irra plans to earn a bachelor's degree in neuroscience and pursue a minor in chemistry at Arizona State University. She plans to then continue to medical school, specialize in neurology and pursue a career as a volunteer medic with world medical relief organizations such as Doctors Without Borders.

College/Community Activities: Vice-President of the Associated Student Government, member of the Orthotic Committee of the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers, member of the Glendale Community College Presidential Search and Completion Taskforce committees and a volunteer with the Maricopa county CASA program

College Honors: President's List, Glendale Community College Honors Student, John Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Semifinalist and Victoria Foundation and ESG Leadership Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



McKenna Kiesling

Glendale Community College, North Campus

Major: Public Administration

Kiesling plans to attend Northern Arizona University next year and receive a public administration degree with a minor in religious studies to prepare her for a career in working for non-profit organizations. After graduation she plans to volunteer at the Peace Corps and dedicate her life to helping the disadvantaged and underrepresented.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa member, Honors Program participant and supervisor at Starbucks

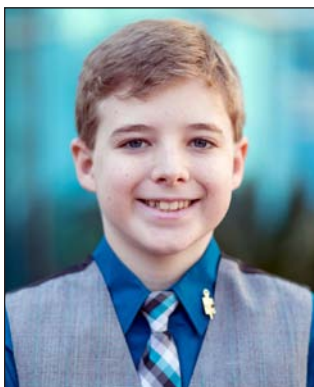
College Honors: President's List and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: "The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." – Michelangelo

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Maxwell Manning

Mesa Community College, Red Mountain Campus

Major: Biological and Biomedical Sciences

After earning an undergraduate degree from Arizona State University, Maxwell will pursue graduate work in zoological studies with an emphasis in ecology and systematics. With this training he hopes to perform field research and teach at a university.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Beta Chapter Finance Officer, Vice President and Team Captain PC Robotics Club and Artworks volunteer

College Honors: Honor's Achievement Award recipient, S-STEM Scholar and President's Honors List

Personal Quote: "Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will." – Mahatma Gandhi



Jacob Riddle

Mesa Community College, Southern and Dobson Campus

Major: Biological Sciences (neurobiology, physiology and behavior)

Riddle plans to transfer to Arizona State University in the fall of 2018 to complete his undergraduate requirements for medical school. After earning a degree in biological and biomedical sciences from ASU, Riddle plans to pursue a career as a pediatric oncologist or anesthesiologist.

College/Community Activities: Arizona Summit for Leadership and Community Service participant, Veterans Day Celebration event coordinator, Latter-Day Saint Institute Council/Student Association senator and Westchester Assisted Living Center Sunday Chairman for planning and scheduling of Sunday services

College Honors: Americorps Certificate of National Service, National Issues Forums Deliberative Dialogue Moderator Training and Mesa Community College Service Scholarship

Personal Quote: "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." – Sir Albert Pike



Johnathan Speakman

Mesa Community College, Southern and Dobson Campus

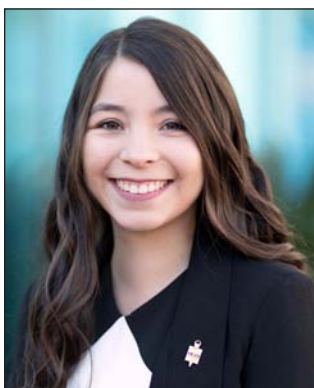
Major: Business Entrepreneurship

Speakman plans to use the knowledge gained from earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Entrepreneurship from Arizona State University to help others build businesses to achieve their dreams.

College/Community Activities: Vice President of Central District for the Arizona Region of Phi Theta Kappa, Boulder Mountain Therapy horse walker, Mesa United Way Community Allocation Panel judge and Mesa Community College Citizenship class instructor

College Honors: Mesa Community College Academic Excellence Award, Phi Theta Kappa Arizona Region Hall of Honor and Mesa Community College Service Scholar

Personal Quote: "The noblest art is that of making others happy." – P. T. Barnum



Alysia Vera

Mesa Community College, Red Mountain Campus

Major: Administration of Justice

Vera will transfer to Arizona State University to earn a Bachelor of Science in Biology (forensics) with a minor in business. Her career goal is to be a criminal intelligence analyst for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

College/Community Activities: Mesa Police Department volunteer, Mesa Public Schools volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa officer and participant in the Adventure Association

College Honors: President's Honors List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, Presidential Honors Scholarship recipient and two-time recipient of the Community Service Scholarship

Personal Quote: "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi

MOHAVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Matthew Johnson

Mohave Community College, Lake Havasu Campus

Major: Biology

Johnson plans to earn a bachelor's degree in biology at Arizona State University and pursue a master's degree with the hopes of becoming a wildlife biologist or field researcher. He has a special interest in aquatic environments and a strong conviction to better understand and preserve the natural world.

College/Community Activities: Mohave County Library volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa officer, Honors in Action participant and math tutor

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: "If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right." – Henry Ford



Ashley Laflamme

Mohave Community College, Bullhead City

Major: Psychology

Laflamme plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University online to earn a bachelor's in psychology. She is utilizing her education at MCC to gain employment through WestCare, a family oriented social and behavioral health program for youth in Bullhead City, Arizona. She will also continue to volunteer her time in other organizations with which she is involved.

College/Community Activities: Vice President of the Alpha Chi Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, participant in the Boom Box Christmas Parade, volunteer at MCC Pumpkinfest and member of Narcotics Anonymous

College Honors: Dean's List

Personal Quote: "Improvise, adapt, and overcome all of life's obstacles." – Ashley Laflamme

NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE



Northland Pioneer College



Cuitlahuac Aguilar

Northland Pioneer College, Show Low-White Mountain Campus

Major: Business Administration

Aguilar transferring to Arizona State University's Polytechnic Campus. His career goal is to run a successful business or to start his own business and lead it to profitability. Aguilar wants to excel so that he can make as much money as possible, because that will allow him to reach his ultimate goal: to give back, to become a philanthropist.

College/Community Activities: Student Government Association (SGA) President, SGA interim vice-president and SGA member

College Honors: President's List and PTK member

Personal Quote: "It's never too late to attend college, because it's never too late to do something that's worthwhile."



Chelsey Anchondo

Northland Pioneer College, Winslow-Little Colorado Campus

Major: Elementary Education

Anchondo will transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and hopefully start teaching 3rd or 4th grade. She doesn't plan on stopping there, hoping to continue onto her master's so that she can become a superintendent which will allow her to make a greater impact on education for her community.

College/Community Activities: Member of Student Government, vice president of NPC's PTK Chapter, Little League softball coach and local food bank helper

College Honors: President's and Dean's Lists

Personal Quote: "No matter what your circumstances are, have faith, smile, and never stop the pursuit to build a stronger, better you." – Chelsey Anchondo



Tiana Begay

Northland Pioneer College, Holbrook – Painted Desert Campus

Major: Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

Begay would like to transfer to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. Her career goal is to work in the elementary education field as a Navajo language teacher on the Navajo reservation.

College/Community Activities: NPC Early Childhood Education Club, NPC Early Childhood Education Fair, NPC Early Childhood Education Ice Cream Social and Holbrook Unified School District – Hulet Family Fun Night

College Honors: Navajo Nation Chief Manuelito Scholarship, NPC President's List and NPC Dean's List

Personal Quote: "T'11 hw7 1j7t'47go (It is up to yourself to be self-determined). As a strong Navajo woman, you must wake up each morning before the sun rises, greet the sun and the holy deities. They will bless you with strength, dignity and courage."



Rosalia Burr

Northland Pioneer College, Springerville-Eagar Center

Major: Business

Burr will be transferring to Arizona State University to get a bachelor's degree in business management. The career she desires relates to her passion for business as a Human Resources manager. Since her career choice requires years of experience, she will start out as an intern for a company then get a job and work her way up.

College/Community Activities: Front desk help at Summit Healthcare, community blood drive sign in desk, knitted purple beanies for shaken baby syndrome and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) local chapter president.

College Honors: President's List, College Bound Scholarship, dual enrollment Business Student of the Year and Rotary Club's October Student of the Month.

Personal Quote: "We should all find the entrepreneur in ourselves. Be innovative, be creative, and be something the world doesn't expect coming. You can change the world in any way you want, but you have to start somewhere."



Amanda Hatch

Northland Pioneer College, Campus: Snowflake/Taylor – Silver Creek Campus

Major: Nursing

Hatch plans to complete her Bachelor's degree in nursing at Northern Arizona University. Her long-term goal is to obtain a Doctor of nursing practice (DNP)/Anesthetist. She hopes to join the United States Public Health Service and work with Doctors Without Borders in underserved communities.

College/Community Activities: 2017/2018 PTK President, Vice President and President of Student Government Association

College Honors: President's 2016 - 2018

Personal Quote: "Leadership is not about personal gain or simply furthering one's own ambitions. Leadership is sharing the knowledge graciously given to me by predecessors to fulfill the needs of those around me. The world would benefit from the quote "Love is when I have met all of your needs, then and only then, will I consider mine." I heard this nearly 20 years ago and it has impacted many of my decisions since. Leadership is taking the initiative to love."



Breanna Jakary

Northland Pioneer College, Show Low – White Mountain Campus

Major: Business Management

Jakary will transfer to Northern Arizona University in the fall of 2018. Her goals are to gain experience managing a large company or working for a company as an accountant.

College/Community Activities: Appeared in *The Constant Wife* and *Treasure Island* NPC Theatre Department Productions.

College Honors: President's List and Outstanding Associate of Arts Graduate for 2016.

Personal Quote: "Everyone is capable of something great. Life is about figuring out what that is."



Ashley Jaramillo

Northland Pioneer College, St. Johns Center

Major: Corporate Accounting

Beginning this summer, Jaramillo will be attending ASU online and studying Corporate Accounting. After she gets an accounting degree, she plans on becoming a successful accountant and moving up the ladder to become a controller. Jaramillo would love to become a Chief Financial Officer of a corporation.

College/Community Activities: PTK member, Little League softball coach, community runs organizer and community floats

Personal Quote: "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure."
– Colin Powell



Tirzah Jessop

Northland Pioneer College, Holbrook – Painted Desert Campus

Major: Elementary Education

Jessop will be transferring to Northern Arizona University to gain her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her goal is to become a teacher at Concho Elementary School.

College/Community Activities: Student Government Association Secretary, booth at EagleFest community event in Holbrook, volunteered food & time to Concho Soup Kitchen and volunteer at Concho Elementary School

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa SGA member and NPC laptop scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved." – Helen Keller



Robyn Krise

Northland Pioneer College, Winslow-Little Colorado Campus

Major: Accountancy

Krise will transfer to Northern Arizona University. For the past few years, she had aimed to study biology, but recent events and her knack for numbers and money handling have inspired her to pursue a financially-related career instead.

College/Community Activities: Employment while attending college

College Honors: President's List and Dean's List

Personal Quote: "The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge." – Bertrand Russell



Tracy Reidhead

Northland Pioneer College, Springerville-Eagar Center

Major: Business

Reidhead will be transferring to Arizona State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in business to pursue her career goal as a Chief Financial Officer.

College/Community Activities: SkillsUSA and 2015/2016 Fire Science Class President

College Honors: Fire Science Arizona SkillsUSA Gold Medalist

Personal Quote: "Risk more than others think is safe. Dream more than others think is practical." – Howard Schultz



Madison St. Hilaire

Northland Pioneer College, Snowflake/Taylor – Silver Creek Campus

Major: Visual, Fine and Performing Arts with a minor in Business

St. Hilaire plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to obtain her bachelor's degree. Her career goals stem from entrepreneurial endeavors. She plans to begin by opening a line of coffee trailers with a vintage and homey twist to create a unique mobile coffee buying experience for customers. By studying fine arts and business she hopes to utilize her interests and incorporate them in to a successful career.

College/Community Activities: Performed at NPC & community memorial events, helped organize and give a local soup kitchen a complete facelift, assisted local business improve social media presence and community involvement

College Honors: President's Scholars, College Bound Scholarship, Performing Arts Scholarship, Dean's and President's lists

Personal Quote: "If the axe is blunt, and one doesn't sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength; but skill brings success." – Ecclesiastes 10:10



Jeffrey Whiting

Northland Pioneer College, St. Johns Center

Major: Exercise Science

Whiting will be transferring to Northern Arizona University to study exercise science, with a long-term goal of obtaining his doctorate in physical therapy.

College/Community Activities: Eagle Scout, Sunday School teacher and church adult class leader

Personal Quote: "If you get tired of walking, start running" – Mary Owens

PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Christopher Figueroa

Paradise Valley Community College

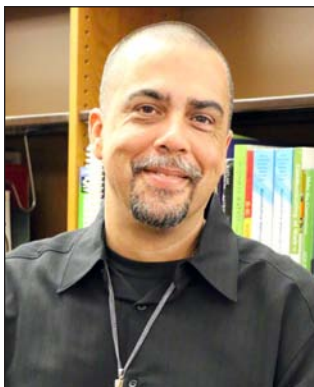
Major: Social Behavioral Sciences

Figueroa plans to earn a master's degree in counseling at Arizona State University and become a Guidance Counselor while he continues working toward founding a non-profit designed to serve at-risk youth and encourage them to pursue higher education.

College/Community Activities: Celebrating Paradise Fundraiser Speaker, Heroes of Education Fundraiser Speaker, Lead Peer Mentor for the Peer Mentor Program and President of Club Zeitgeist

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Honors Achievement Scholarship recipient and Chancellor's Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own." – Cesar Chavez



Michael Guzman

Paradise Valley Community College

Major: Elementary Education/Special Education

Guzman plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University and complete a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education. He will continue with a higher education Master's Degree and his career goals are to pursue a career in Special Education at the Elementary grade levels, and eventually seek employment at a Higher Education Institution as a Community College Counselor.

College/Community Activities: Adults Who Are Returning to Education Club President (two years), Education Leadership Club Board Member (six semesters) and created twelve baskets for homeless outreach ministry through Desert Valley Church

College Honors: Presidents list, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, PVCC Honors, Puma Awards to include Club Officer of the year and Inclusiveness Award

Personal Quote: "For me there is only the traveling on paths that have heart, on any path that may have heart, and the only worthwhile challenge is to traverse its full length--and there I travel looking, looking breathlessly." – Don Juan



John Dreyfus

Phoenix College

Major: Philosophy (Morality, Politics, and Law)

Dreyfus is transferring to the Arizona State University Tempe campus to earn a bachelor's degree and then attend the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. His career goal is to practice civil rights law and to provide a lower-cost alternative for people who suffer at the hands of government agencies through micro-aggressions and discrimination. He also wants to be an attorney who can help people navigate the tangled processes of family and traffic courts.

College/Community Activities: Attended Phi Theta Kappa convention, volunteered for events hosted by the Social Justice Organization and the PTK Rho Pi chapter, participated in OXFAM-style Hunger Banquet, BIO 108 class food waste hunger presentation, International Club member

College Honors: Member of Rho Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Phoenix College Honors Program, Barrett College of Honors at Arizona State University

Personal Quote: "In its majestic equality, the law forbids rich and poor alike to sleep under bridges, beg in the streets and steal loaves of bread." – Anatole France



Nina Herz

Phoenix College

Major: Biology

Herz plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Science to earn a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Her career goal is to work for the World Health Organization to improve health practices for women and girls worldwide.

College/Community Activities: Arizona Regional President Phi Theta Kappa, Phoenix College Social Justice Organization member, Honors College President's Scholar, AZDHS Epidemiology Intern

College Honors: Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Alba McKee Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "Let us pick up our books and our pens, they are the most powerful weapons." – Malala Yousafzai



Ardine Balili

Pima Community College, Community Campus

Major: Nursing

Balili's academic goal is to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing at University of Arizona and become a registered nurse. She ultimately wants to become a nurse practitioner and work for clinics geared toward low income and homeless communities. She currently volunteers her time at the Veterans Affairs Hospital W-2 Lockdown Unit and El Rio Pediatrics Center.

College/Community Activities: Student Senator Secretary, Honors Club Lead and Student Advisory Board Member

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors and Pima Honors Club

Personal Quote: "Just do it." – Nike



Justin Quinn

Pima Community College, Community Campus

Major: Double Major in History and Film & Television

Quinn will be attending the University of Arizona where he will pursue degrees in history as well as film and television. His goal is to direct and produce historical documentaries and drama.

College/Community Activities: Co-President of Student Advisory Board, Vice President of Diversity Club, Honors Officer and Campus Liaison Phi Theta Kappa

College Honors: Jack Kent Cooke Semi-finalist (2017-2018), Chancellor's Service Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa's Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship and Mary Bartol Memorial Scholarship

Personal Quote: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade . . . not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win . . ." – John F. Kennedy

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Desert Vista Campus*



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John Dickey

Pima Community College, Desert Vista Campus

Major: Creative Writing

Dickey plans to earn a bachelor's degree in creative writing at University of Arizona and then earn a master's degree in the same field. John's career goal is to become a college writing professor and an advocate for higher education.

College/Community Activities: Pima Bridge Program, New Student Orientations, Goodwill Metro and Connect U

College Honors: Honors Officer, Phi Theta Kappa Vice President, Desert Vista Honors Lead and Exemplary Campus Leadership

Personal Quote: "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." – Albert Einstein



Christopher Loudon

Pima Community College, Desert Vista Campus

Major: Physiology

Loudon's plan is to earn a bachelor's degree in physiology at the University of Arizona in order to prepare for medical school. During this time, he plans to continue volunteering with Clinica Amistad and will pursue opportunities for more volunteer medical positions.

College/Community Activities: Washington D.C. advocate and student representative, Hiring Committee student representative, Non-profit clinic aid and chemistry workshop student teacher

College Honors: Chemistry Excellence Scholarship and Francis Frye Scholarship

Personal Quote: "Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value." – Albert Einstein



Lauren Easter

Pima Community College, Downtown Campus

Major: Law and Philosophy: Ethics Emphasis

Lauren plans to earn a bachelor's degree in philosophy and law at the University of Arizona. Her career goal is to become an attorney and victims' advocate while continuing to volunteer for organizations such as Goodwill-Metro and POW WOW. Lauren intends to expand her career as a paralegal during her academic career at the University of Arizona.

College/Community Activities: President of Phi Theta Kappa ABX Chapter, Honors Club Officer, Goodwill-Metro Volunteer Coordinator and Tucson Paralegal Association

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Honors Program, Dean's List and Honors Colloquium

Personal Quote: "Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain." – Vivian Greene



Nathan Toy

Pima Community College, Downtown Campus

Major: Pre-Medicine

Toy will be transferring to the University of Arizona but is keeping his eye on the Ivy League universities. At one time Toy's studies were to become a lawyer, however being a doctor and caring for others became his ultimate goal.

College/Community Activities: RISE for the Homeless, Tucson Chinese Cultural Center, Global PEERS and POWWOW

College Honors: Student Senator for the Downtown Campus, All College Council Representative, Honors Officer, Phi Theta Kappa Officer.

Personal Quote: "I'm a misunderstood genius." "What's misunderstood?" "Nobody thinks I'm a genius."
– Bill Watterson, Calvin & Hobbes



Gabrielle Encinas

Pima Community College, East Campus

Major: Family Studies and Human Development

Encinas will earn a bachelor's degree in family studies and human development at the University of Arizona. She plans to become an executive administrator for higher education and will continue her efforts in creating an all-inclusive college by making a platform where students can be heard while continuing to volunteer for organizations like the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona and Pima Community College.

College/Community Activities: Student Advisory Board Co-Chair, Student Facilitator for Emerging Leaders and Justice, Advocacy, Dialogue, and Empowerment (JADE) Retreat and Pima Student Leadership Summit Co-Founder

College Honors: Pima Merit Scholar, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society Officer and Honors Club Officer

Personal Quote: "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!" – Audrey Hepburn



Karen Kuciver

Pima Community College, East Campus

Major: Human Services

Kuciver will pursue a bachelor's degree in human services at the University of Arizona South. She plans to become a community outreach representative as well as an advocate for veterans. Kuciver continues to volunteer for organizations such as Women Warriors, Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans and the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System.

College/Community Activities: Veteran Interaction Safety Awareness Program, Disability Service Liaison for Veterans, PCC/VA Hospital Lead Liaison and Himmel Park

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Pima Honors Club

Personal Quote: "No matter how far you have fallen or have hit rock bottom, you are capable of rising to great accomplishments." – Karen Kuciver

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Northwest Campus*



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Michele Fisher

Pima Community College, Northwest Campus

Major: Political Science

Fisher plans to earn both a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in secondary education at the University of Arizona to become a middle school civics teacher while continuing advocacy projects for education, victims of domestic violence and homeless veterans.

College/Community Activities: Student Senator, All-College Council Student Representative and Honors Club Officer.

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Academic Excellence Award, Exemplary Project Leadership Award and American Association of University Womens' Virginia Palmer Memorial Scholarship.

Personal Quote: "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." – Mahatma Gandhi



Jolinda Nuñez Christenson

Pima Community College, Northwest Campus

Major: Nursing

Nuñez Christenson plans to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing at Northern Arizona University. She will then work toward her master's in nursing to become a CRNA while continuing to volunteer for Pima Animal Care Center and Himmel Park.

College/Community Activities: Pima Animal Care Center, Finding Nirvana, Himmel Park and Habitat for Humanity

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Honors Colloquium I and Pima Honors Club Officer

Personal Quote: "When you talk, you are repeating what you know; when you listen, you learn something new."
– The 14th Dalai Lama



Zian Wagenberg

Pima Community College, West Campus

Major: Special Education & Rehabilitation with a concentration in Deaf Studies and Educational Interpreting Emphasis

Wagenberg is transferring to the University of Arizona College of Education in the fall of 2018 to earn a bachelor's degree in Special Education and Rehabilitation. She would like to become an educational interpreter for Deaf children with continued involvement in the Deaf Community of Tucson.

College/Community Activities: Pima Leadership Institute Programs: Emerging Leaders, Justice, Advocacy, Dialogue, and Empowerment (JADE) Retreat, Aztec Gold and Center for Community Dialogue

Personal Quote: "It is up to us to be the full expressions of ourselves and to be true to who we are because the world needs us now more than ever." – Zian Wagenberg



Ashley Zambos

Pima Community College, West Campus

Major: Anthropology and Economics

Zambos plans to attend the University of Arizona where she will earn a bachelor's degree, with a double major in anthropology and economics, as well a master's of education through the Teach Arizona program. She plans to continue her education at Arizona State University where she will work to complete a Ph.D. in sociocultural anthropology. Her career goals are to become a high school economics teacher and a college professor of anthropology.

College/Community Activities: President of Diversity Club, Co-President of Student Advisory Board, Vice President of Pima Pride (LGBTQ+ club), Student mentor to middle school students, international students and incoming college freshmen

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Frances Frye Memorial Scholarship and Pima Leadership Institute program completion

Personal Quote: "I'm not superstitious, but I am a little stitious." – Michael Scott



Jamie Peredo

Rio Salado College

Major: Dental Hygiene

Peredo plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University and ultimately earn a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership. Her career goal is to teach dental hygiene in a community college.

College/Community Activities: The Arizona Dental Foundation's Give Kids a Smile volunteer, TeamSmile with the Arizona Cardinals volunteer, CADS Arizona Mission of Mercy volunteer and Feed My Starving Children volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Rio Salado College Honors Achievement Award

Personal Quote: "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." – Audrey Hepburn



Crystal Roberto

Rio Salado College

Major: Communication

Roberto plans to transfer to Arizona State University to complete her Bachelor of Science in Communications with a minor in Non-Profit Leadership and Management, ultimately earning a Doctor of Educational Leadership and Innovation degree. Her career goal is to own a non-profit organization that partners with the Maricopa County Community College District to educate and reintegrate formerly incarcerated individuals back into their communities with the necessary tools to become examples to others within their communities.

College/Community Activities: Rio Salado All-Faculty Meeting student speaker to present scholarship innovations, Phi Theta Kappa Fundraising member, Feed My Starving Children Volunteer and dedicated Admissions representative for Rio Salado College

College Honors: National Society of Leadership and Success Student Vice President, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and College Project Chair, Maricopa County Community College District Honors Foundation Scholarship recipient and Honors Student

Personal Quote: "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." – Dr. Viktor Frankl

SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Sana Toma

Scottsdale Community College

Major: Global Business Management

Toma plans on transferring to Arizona State University to earn a bachelor's degree in Global Business Management. She currently works part time as an administrator and a bookkeeper at an accounting firm.

College/Community Activities: Vice President of Service of Psi Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Scottsdale Community College and Feed My Starving Children volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: "Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than the one with all the facts." – H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Scott VanDiepenbos

Scottsdale Community College

Major: Computer Science

VanDiepenbos plans to transfer to Arizona State University ultimately earning a Bachelor of Computer Science with a software engineering concentration. His career goal is to work in the development of electric vehicles as an environmentally conscience and sustainable transportation option.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa chapter president, Feed My Starving Children volunteer, McDowell Sonoran Preserve volunteer and Genocide Awareness Week volunteer

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Outstanding Math Student award and Overall Academic Excellence award

Personal Quote: "Beware of bugs in the above code; I have only proved it correct, not tried it." – Donald Knuth



Isabel Alcazar

South Mountain Community College

Major: Biology, Pre-med

Alcazar plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn her bachelor's in molecular biosciences and biotechnology. Her career goal is to continue to medical school and become a doctor.

College/Community Activities: Chapter president of Phi Theta Kappa, volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital, special ed mentor and English tutor

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Achievement Award, Intel Latina Outreach and Community Advisory Scholarships

Personal Quote: "The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."
– Albert Schweitzer



Jazmin Joerger

South Mountain Community College

Major: Business

Joerger plans to transfer to Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business. She is currently undecided as far as a specialty, but she hopes to someday be an entrepreneur.

College/Community Activities: Women's Volleyball and St. Mary's Food Bank volunteer

College Honors: President's List, Honor Student and Academic All-American

Personal Quote: "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." – William Shakespeare



Casey Barr

Yavapai College, Career and Technical Education Center

Major: Materials Science and Engineering

Barr plans to earn a bachelor's degree in materials science and engineering from the University of Arizona to become a materials scientist with a focus in energy materials and renewable energy. His goal is to aid in the evolution of those processes that will soon replace fossil fuels completely.

College/Community Activities: Yavapai College Food Pantry volunteer, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, Officer and Vice President of the Yavapai College Robotics Team

College Honors: Academic Honors, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and College Honors Program member

Personal Quote: "Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought."
– Albert Szent-Gyorgyi



Jimena Canchis

Yavapai College, Prescott Campus

Major: Biology with emphasis in Pre-Medicine

Canchis plans to earn a bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Arizona to later apply to Medical School in Harvard University and become an infectious disease doctor while traveling to countries with scarce resources providing medical care. She plans on partnering with other doctors interested in missionary work to create a non-profit organization.

College/Community Activities: Yavapai Honors Program student and volunteer, Yavapai Regional Medical Center volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa active member and a mathematics and biology tutor at the Yavapai College Learning Center/Student Support Services TRIO

College Honors: Yavapai College Academic Honors, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Yavapai College Honors Program scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "Discipline is the bridge between who you are and what you desire to be." – David Fischman



Nichole Carabin

Yavapai College, Verde Valley Campus

Major: Elementary Education, Special Education

Carabin plans to earn Bachelor of Science in Education from Northern Arizona University and teach fourth grade or special education in the Verde Valley. She does not have a specific school of choice, but want to be a special education or 4th grade teacher. She is passionate about teaching parents about the education process and connecting them with services and support, especially families with unique education needs. Her goals include raising awareness of educate mental health issues faced by elementary students. She wants to inspire students to have a love of learning and to be the best person they can be.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa member and Special Olympics of Arizona Swim Team Coach and volunteer/chaperone across multiple sports

College Honors: Honor Roll and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: "Communities are only as strong as the weakest family. It's up to the communities to strengthen the family. It's all good." – Nichole Carabin



Spencer Coffin

Yavapai College, Career and Technical Education Center

Major: Aeronautical Management Technology (Unmanned Aerial Systems)

Coffin plans to earn a bachelor's degree in aviation technology of unmanned aircraft systems at Arizona State University to become a drone operation manager while continuing to volunteer for the I am YC group at the college, his church and his high school.

College/Community Activities: Yavapai College flight club leader, Yavapai College men's soccer team member, church outreach member and I am YC charity member

College Honors: President's List, NJCAA Academic All-American and 3x Athletic Directors list

Personal Quote: "Don't aim at success. The more you aim at it and make it a target, the more you are going to miss it. For success, like happiness, cannot be pursued; it must ensue, and it only does so as the unintended side effect of one's personal dedication to a cause greater than oneself or as the by-product of one's surrender to a person other than oneself." – Viktor E. Frankl



Megan Pickrel

Yavapai College, Prescott Campus

Major: English

Pickrel plans to earn a bachelor's degree in English from Arizona State University and become a children's book writer and college administrator.

College/Community Activities: : I AM YC Treasurer, Yavapai College Food Pantry Production Manager, College Honors Program debate presenter and Phi Theta Kappa officer

College Honors: College Honors Program and Buckey O'Neill Society alumnus

Personal Quote: "The Road goes ever on and on down from the door where it began. Now far ahead the Road has gone, and I must follow, if I can, pursuing it with weary feet, until it joins some larger way, where many paths and errands meet. And whither then? I cannot say." – J.R.R. Tolkien



Terri Schuett

Yavapai College, Agribusiness & Science Technology Center

Major: Bachelor of Science, Sustainability

Schuett will study sustainable ecosystems at Arizona State University and plans to earn a Ph.D. and certification to become a Sustainable Agriculture and Floriculture Instructor. She will continue to be an advocate for and grower of specialty cut flowers in Arizona with sustainability and responsible stewardship of the land at the forefront of her farming endeavors. She plans to expand her volunteerism in the Floriculture Division of Future Farmers of America and dreams of creating floral related curriculums and florist/farmer coalitions throughout the state.

College/Community Activities: Judge for Future Farmers of America Floriculture Division Career Development Day, SSS Trio Student Leadership panel and Agricultural Internship mentee

College Honors: Vice President's Award for Academic Excellence and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: "I hope my achievements in life shall be these: that I will have fought for what is right and fair, that I will have risked for what matters, that I will have given help to those in need, and that I will have left this earth a better place for what I've done and who I've been." – Charles Hopi



Savannah Windes

Yavapai College, Verde Valley Campus

Major: Electrical Engineering

Windes plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a bachelor's and later, master's degree in electrical engineering and hopes to use it overseas to further the STEM fields in developing countries.

College/Community Activities: Yavapai College Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa, and Chalk for Change organizer

College Honors: Jack Kent Cooke scholarship semi-finalist, YC Honors Program, Academic Honors and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: "Ice cream is the key to happiness and friends are the key to sanity, but you are the key to success" – Savannah Windes

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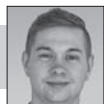
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