

All-Arizona Academic Team

Recognition Ceremony

February 27, 2019



**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 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 Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for judging. This year we honor 77 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 educational 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

All-Arizona Academic Team members are eligible to be selected as one of 20 to be named to the All-USA Community College Academic Team, receiving an additional \$5,000 scholarship, medallion, obelisk and a certificate during the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Annual Convention.

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 be receiving between \$1,250 - \$2,250 in additional scholarship funds. These programs annually recognize 100 scholars nation-wide. New Century Workforce Pathway Scholars receive special recognition by the Association of Community College Trustees Congress and New Century Transfer Pathway Scholars are recognized during an AACC Convention.

Applicants are also considered for the **Coca-Cola Academic Team Scholarship Program** with 50 students to be named Gold Scholars, receiving \$1,500 each; 50 students to be named Silver Scholars, receiving \$1,250 each; and 50 students to 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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Lunch and Program

Welcome

Colleen Smith, President, Coconino Community College

Phi Theta Kappa

Lynn Tincher Ladner, President & Chief Executive Officer

Governor's Proclamation

Dawn Wallace, Special Assistant to the Governor

Emcee

Grant Woods, Attorney at Law and former Arizona Attorney General

Keynote Speaker

Nathaniel Bush, Primary Therapist at a Fountain Hills Recovery Center
and Central Arizona College First Team Scholar, 2015

Arizona Board of Regents

Larry Penley Ph.D., Regent

Recognition of Academic Scholars

Larry Penley Ph.D. and Grant Woods



Nathaniel Bush

Nathaniel Bush graduated with honors from Central Arizona College in 2015. His dedication to his collegiate pursuits, fellow students and Phi Theta Kappa membership contributed to his being named to the All-Arizona Academic Team, and recognized as a Silver Scholar through the Coca-Cola Foundation and his earning a Hites Transfer Scholarship.

All-Arizona Team Rankings

First Team

KATHERINE ALCAZAR
South Mountain Community College

SAMANTHA BARR
Glendale Community College
North Campus

KENNETH BOXBERGER
Eastern Arizona College
Thatcher Campus

JOHN BYRD
Coconino Community College
Lone Tree Campus

AINSLEY CHAPMAN
South Mountain Community College

ELIZABETH EDWARDS
Pima Community College
Northwest Campus

JOSEPHINE EMCH
Paradise Valley Community College

YASSINE FOUCAL
Cochise College
Sierra Vista Campus

GREGORY FRANK
Pima Community College
Downtown Campus

ILSE GRIJALVA
Pima Community College
West Campus

CHRISTOPHER HUNT
Mesa Community College
Southern and Dobson Campus

PAULETTE INIGUEZ
Cochise College
Douglas Campus

VICTORIA JOHNSTON
Mesa Community College
Red Mountain Campus

RACHEAL MANGINI
Mesa Community College
Southern and Dobson Campus

ASHLEY MAZARIEGOS
Glendale Community College

BILL NKUNZUMWAMI
Estrella Mountain Community College

LINDA VERONICA RODRIGUEZ
Estrella Mountain Community College

YARA SALTZBERRY
Pima Community College
Community Campus

BROOKE SHERMAN
Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Pecos Campus

ROCHELLE WALKER
Pima Community College
Desert Vista Campus

HANNAH WILLES
Paradise Valley Community College

SARAH WILSON
Pima Community College
Community Campus

RENEA WOLFRUM
Gateway Community College

ANGELICA YSLAS
Eastern Arizona College
Thatcher Campus

ZACHARY ZAPATA
Mesa Community College
Red Mountain Campus

Second Team

ARVIN ARASTEH
Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Pecos Campus

UNEK ARMENTA
Pima Community College
Desert Vista Campus

JUSTIN BENNETT
Glendale Community College

ASHLYNN BICE
Yavapai College Prescott Campus

KAREN BRADLEY
Rio Salado College

KAREN CASTELO
Arizona Western College
San Luis Learning & Somerton Centers

BRENTON CHASE
Phoenix College

CHANTEL COON
Pima Community College
Downtown Campus

GUILLERMO GAMEZ CORDOVA
Cochise College
Douglas Campus

LEILANI DELACRUZ
Arizona Western College
San Luis Learning & Somerton Centers

MOHAMED ENJAI
Pima Community College
East Campus

GUILLERMO GAMEZ CORDOVA
Cochise College
Douglas Campus

ASHLEY HOWELL
Scottsdale Community College

KIVA KEITH
Yavapai College
Prescott Campus

BAO QUOC LE
Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Williams Campus

TIFFANI MARTIN
Northland Pioneer College
Holbrook - Painted Desert Campus

ANDREA MARTINEZ
Rio Salado College

NICOLE MCCONNELL
Northland Pioneer College
Holbrook - Painted Desert Campus

ANDRES MENDOZA-MADA
Pima Community College
Northwest Campus

JAYDEN RIEDEL
Central Arizona College
Superstition Mountain Campus

NOEL ROJAS
Glendale Community College
North Campus

MCKENNA SARGENT
Northland Pioneer College
Show Low - White Mountain Campus

ELINOR SKINNER
Pima Community College
East Campus

MARTIKA TALLMAN
Coconino Community College
Lone Tree Campus

Third Team

JANET ARMOUR
Chandler-Gilbert Community College
Williams Campus

ARCELIA AVECHUCO-LOPEZ
Central Arizona College
Aravaipa Campus

SUNSHINE BOYLAN
Mohave Community College
Lake Havasu Campus

ALEX CHADSEY
Mohave Community College
Neal Campus - Kingman

ASHLEY DEMARIA
Northland Pioneer College
Winslow - Little Colorado Campus

CASSIE DOWS
Northland Pioneer College
Springerville-Eagar Center

NOHEMI ESCOBEDO
Arizona Western College
Yuma Campus

ELIANA GOMEZ RODRIGUEZ
Scottsdale Community College

ERIKA HIESTAND
Mohave Community College
Bullhead City Campus

SYLVESTER HOWARD III
Central Arizona College
San Tan Campus

MICHAELA KORGES
Central Arizona College
Signal Peak Campus

RHONDA KROUSE
Northland Pioneer College
Snowflake - Taylor-Silver Creek Campus

JOSHUA LENNEN
Mohave Community College
Neal Campus - Kingman

ASHLEY MAXWELL
Mohave Community College
Lake Havasu City Campus

AMANDA MCCLOUD
Yavapai College
Verde Valley Campus

LORI MOORE
Northland Pioneer College
St. Johns Center

KELLY L MYSZEWSKI
Central Arizona College
Maricopa Campus

JOSHUA NOVINGER
Cochise College
Sierra Vista Campus

LARRILYNN OSO
Northland Pioneer College
Winslow - Little Colorado Campus

HANNAH PARR
Pima Community College
West Campus

RANEY PATE
Northland Pioneer College
Springerville-Eagar Center

ERASMO PABLO ROCHA
Phoenix College

SARA SIMPSON
Gateway Community College

AUSTIN STANISLAWSKI
Northland Pioneer College
Snowflake - Taylor-Silver Creek Campus

SHANANDOAH STERLING
Yavapai College
Verde Valley Campus

BAILEE TAYLOR
Eastern Arizona College
Payson Campus

SUSAN THOMPSON
Northland Pioneer College
St. Johns Center

JENNIFER VERA
Arizona Western College
Yuma Campus

JADEN WILLIS
Northland Pioneer College
Show Low - White Mountain Campus



Karen Castelo

Arizona Western College, San Luis Learning and Somerton Centers

Major: Psychology

Castelo plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a Doctorate of Psychology degree. After completion, she strives to successfully aid her community by filling the gap for mental health providers in her hometown. Her ultimate goal is to be able to assist her community by providing affordable mental health services.

College/Community Activities: Dia del Campesino, Relay for Life, Arizona Western College Somerton/San Luis Rotaract President

College Honors: Dean's List, Student of the Month Nominee April 2017

Personal Quote: "Education is key for change. Only with the power of knowledge will change come about." – Karen Castelo



Leilani Delacruz

Arizona Western College - San Luis Learning and Somerton Centers

Major: Nursing

Delacruz plans to transfer to the Northern Arizona University College of Nursing ultimately earning a Bachelors degree. Her career goal is to work at Yuma Regional Medical Center to focus on the care of individuals, families, and communities so they may attain, maintain, or recover optimal health and quality of life.

College/Community Activities: Gadsden School District Marching Band Percussion Aid, Stage assistant for a rock band, Saddles of Joy Volunteer, and Fight Against Domestic Violence March volunteer

College Honors: Dean's Academic List

Personal Quote: "Lo que hoy no se pudo, mañana tendrá otra oportunidad" – mi mama
"What could not be done today, tomorrow will have another chance" – my mom



Nohemi Escobedo

Arizona Western College, Yuma Campus

Major: Social Work

Escobedo plans to transfer to the Northern Arizona University and earn a bachelor's degree in social work. Her career goal is to work with children who have been victims of abuse to ensure their well-being and safety.

College/Community Activities: Volunteer at Chicanos Por La Causa

Personal Quote:

"When you focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that you are always blessed in abundance." – Joel Osteen



Jennifer Vera

Arizona Western College, Yuma Campus

Major: Global Studies/Chinese Studies

Vera plans to transfer to the University of Arizona Colleges of Letters, Arts & Science to earn global studies and Chinese studies degrees. Her career goal is to work as a translator or in the cultural department overseas.

College/Community Activities: Student Government executive, math tutor with the CAMP program, Trio Keys Program

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, CAMP scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "There is no shortcut to perfection. All it takes is hard work and more hard work." – Kim Jonghyun



Arcelia Avechuco Lopez

Central Arizona College, Aravaipa Campus

Major: Communications

Lopez plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to earn a communications degree. Her career goal is to create her own traveling tour of artists from around the world.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa officer, Student Government officer, organized highway cleanups

College Honors: Dean's List, President's list, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, 2018 Saddle Notes Book Scholarship

Personal Quote: "Know this: you can start over, each morning." – Tyler Joseph



Sylvester Howard III

Central Arizona College, San Tan Campus

Major: Business

Howard seeks to obtain his master's in sports business at the Arizona State University W.P. Carey School of Business. His career goal is to start a sports academy for young athletes.

College/Community Activities: United Food Bank volunteer, Welcome to America volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa officer, assistant basketball coach

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

Personal Quote: "The only person who can control your life is you." – Sylvester Howard III



Michaela Korges

Central Arizona College, Signal Peak Campus

Major: Humanities

Korges plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn her bachelor's in humanities and on to the University of Arizona for a master's in library sciences. She plans to become a lead librarian.

College/Community Activities: SLO officer, food shelf volunteer, Venturing and Phi Theta Kappa officer

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

Personal Quote:

"Imagination embraces the entire world, stimulating progress, giving birth to evolution." – Albert Einstein



Kelly Myszewski

Central Arizona College, Maricopa Campus

Major: Nutrition Science

Myszewski plans to transfer to Arizona State University School of Nutrition and Health Promotion to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science (Dietetics) and pursue a master's degree in counseling. Her career goal is to aid in disease management and health maintenance as a Registered Dietitian.

College/Community Activities: SEEDs Program peer advocate, National Advocacy & Training Network mentor, MDS Wellness Committee volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: "I truly have a passion for preventing unnecessary physical suffering because of how much making dietary and lifestyle changes have freed me from my own. I look forward to a future in which I can help more people obtain similar results." – Kelly Myszewski



Jayden Riedel

Central Arizona College, Superstition Mountain Campus

Major: Chemical Engineering

Riedel plans to transfer to Arizona State University, College of the Ira Fulton Schools of Engineering for a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree. His career goal is to work at an environmentally forward company that strives to create environmentally friendly fuel, resolve the effects of pollution and design alternative means of powering the world's grid.

College/Community Activities: Student Government vice president, National Leadership Society, STEM program and Phi Theta Kappa Officer

College Honors: Honors Colloquium and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

Personal Quote: "What things may come no man knows. The only limit is the imagination and the will to perceive in times of fear and struggle." – Jayden Riedel

CHANDLER-GILBERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Arvin Arasteh

Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Pecos Campus

Major: Computer Science

Arasteh plans to transfer to the Arizona State University Fulton Schools of Engineering for a Bachelor of Computer Science degree. His career goal is to work as software developer in the medical field.

College/Community Activities: Vice president of Student Government, Phi Theta Kappa's Honors in Action Project, Into the Streets Program, Peer Mentor Program

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Scholarship, Horizon Rotary Scholarship and Volunteerism/Service College Recognition

Personal Quote: "In the most negative situations in your life, always think about the most positive aspect you can learn from it. Move on, grow and help others to succeed." – Arvin Arasteh



Janet Armour

Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Williams Campus

Major: Nursing

Armour plans to attend Northern Arizona University for her Bachelor in Nursing degree. Her goal is to become a Certified Diabetes Educator and create community programs that teach lifestyle management of Type 2 Diabetes with the goal of reducing the complications often suffered by those in low-income communities due to lack of resources.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa community service officer, volunteer with Feed My Starving Children

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation Scholarship

Personal Quote: "Your life is shaped by the thoughts you think. Change your thoughts and you change your life." – adaptation of Proverbs 4:23



Bao Quoc Le

Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Williams Campus

Major: Nursing

Le plans to transfer to Arizona State University School of Nursing to earn a doctorate degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner. His career goal is to work as a nurse practitioner in the East Valley of Arizona.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa vice president, Intercultural Exchange Club treasurer, Asian Pacific Islander Club, Feed My Starving Children volunteer

College Honors: President's List, Asian Pacific Islander District Scholarship, CGCC Retirement Endowment Scholarship, CGCC Champagne-Chocolate & Jazz Natural Science Department Scholarship

Personal Quote: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." – Lao Tzu



Brooke Sherman

Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Pecos Campus

Major: Psychology

Sherman plans to transfer to the Arizona State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology. Her career goal is to fight for public policy and legislative reform surrounding drugs and drug offenders, while providing compassionate counseling and treatment options for trauma victims and substance-dependent patients.

College/Community Activities: Crisis counselor with Crisis Text Line, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Honors in Action officer and president and Student Public Policy Program participant

College Honors: Honors Program, President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and All-Arizona Academic Team

Personal Quote: *"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."* – Eleanor Roosevelt

COCHISE COLLEGE



Yassine Fouchal

Cochise College, Sierra Vista Campus

Major: Engineering

Fouchal plans to transfer to the University of Arizona and pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering. His career goal is to become an astronaut.

College/Community Activities: Honor in Action committee chair, Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Mu Zeta Chapter vice president

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: *"You're already stuck with yourself for a lifetime. Why not improve this relationship?"* – Vironika Tugaleva



Guillermo Gamez Cordova

Cochise College, Douglas Campus

Major: Business Management

Cordova plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to earn a Bachelor of Applied Science with an emphasis in regional commerce. His career goal is to become an entrepreneur and grow his family business. Also, he plans to help local businesses and start a marketing agency.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa vice president, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce intern, International Business Expo volunteer and Relay for Life team captain

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: *"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve."* – Napoleon Hill



Paulette Iniguez

Cochise College, Douglas Campus

Major: Engineering

Iniguez plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to earn a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering with a focus in biomaterials. Her future goal is to pursue a medical doctorate degree.

College/Community Activities: Relay for Life volunteer, blood drive volunteer, highway cleanup volunteer and food drive volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: *"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny."* – C.S. Lewis



Joshua Novinger

Cochise College, Sierra Vista Campus

Major: English

Novinger plans to transfer to the Arizona State University to earn a master's in English. His career goal is to become a community college instructor and pursue a Ph.D. in English.

College/Community Activities: Student Government secretary spring 2018, Student Government president fall 2018 and peer tutor at the Sierra Vista Learning Center

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: *"If you don't like your life, if you don't like where it's going... you have got to stand up and you have got to change that. You want a better life? Go take a better life. Everyone deserves a chance to be happy."* – Dan "Soupy" Campbell

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



John Byrd

Coconino Community College, Lone Tree Campus

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Byrd plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. His career goal is to design prosthetics to improve the lives of those who have lost limbs.

College/Community Activities: Science Club president, Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation ambassador, Flagstaff Festival of Science volunteer and Grand Canyon volunteer

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

Personal Quote: *"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."* – J.R.R. Tolkien



Martika Tallman

Coconino Community College, Lone Tree Campus

Major: Dental Hygiene

Tallman plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to study dental hygiene. Her career goal is to work as a dental hygienist on the Navajo Reservation.

College/Community Activities: Volunteer for the Coconino Humane Society, Flagstaff Food Bank and Page National Park Services

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

Personal Quote: *"Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway."* – Earl Nightingale



Kenneth Boxberger

Eastern Arizona College, Thatcher Campus

Major: Pre-Medical Science

Boxberger plans to transfer to Arizona State University or Northern Arizona University to pursue a degree in microbiology with a minor in Spanish. From there, he hopes to continue his education and become a surgeon or biomedical researcher with the aim to pioneer innovative ways to alleviate illnesses.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Fall Food Drive, Eastern Arizona College Day of Champions, Arizona Scitech Gila Valley Health & Science Festival demonstrator and The Advance Team - Beehive Drive Project

College Honors: President's List, Student of the Year 2017: Biology and Chemistry, Student of the Year 2018: Physics and PTK vice president of fellowship

Personal Quote: *"I never expect a perfect work from an imperfect man."* – Alexander Hamilton



Bailee Taylor

Eastern Arizona College, Payson Campus

Major: Psychology

Taylor plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University ultimately earning a Doctorate of Psychology degree and specialize in holistic therapy. Her career goal is to open her own practice.

College/Community Activities: NAMI organization member, Freedom of Expression committee, and organizes community fundraisers.

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

Personal Quote: *"What you think, you become. What you feel, you attract. What you imagine, you create."* – Buddha



Angelica Yslas

Eastern Arizona College, Thatcher Campus

Major: Administration of Justice

Yslas plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Social and Behavioral Sciences in pursuit of a Bachelor in Criminal Justice Studies. Her career goal is to become a police officer and ultimately an FBI detective.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society president, Future Business Leaders of America- Phi Beta Lambda vice president and Give Joy Food Drive coordinator

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda national qualifier

Personal Quote: *"We don't develop courage by being happy every day. We develop it by surviving difficult times and challenging adversity."* – Barbara De Angelis



Bill Nkunuzumwami

Estrella Mountain Community College

Major: Computer Science

Nkunuzumwami plans to transfer to the Ira M. Fulton School of Engineering at Arizona State University to pursue a Master's degree in Data Science. His career goal is to use data to help solve social justice challenges, especially those which intersect with poverty and climate change.

College/Community Activities: 2017-2018 secretary of Estrella Mountain Student Government, Next Gen data captain and EPICS team member

College Honors: 2017 Beta Alpha Xi Chapter Distinguished Member, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: *"If a flower can flourish in the desert, you can flourish anywhere"* – Matshona Dhlwayo



Linda Veronica Rodriguez

Estrella Mountain Community College

Major: Psychology

Rodriguez plans to transfer to Arizona State University, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences and earn a Doctorate in Psychology. Her career goal is to open a safe haven home for children who have suffered abuse or trauma.

College/Community Activities: Student Government president, Phi Theta Kappa officer, Prescott Three-Day Leadership workshop presenter and Benevilla volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Psi Beta Honor Society, Chancellor Scholarship recipient and Excel 2 Excel scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: *"Lead with integrity, people are listening and watching,"* – Linda V. Rodriguez



Sara Simpson

Gateway Community College

Major: Nuclear Medicine

Simpson is transferring to Northern Arizona University to earn a Bachelor of Health Science degree in diagnostic medical imaging and therapy. Her career goal is to be a radiation safety officer overseeing the materials and machines used in Nuclear Medicine.

College/Community Activities: Deer Valley High School marching band, U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps commander of the Unarmed Drill Team

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Dean's List, Honors Projects

Personal Quote: *"Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity."* – Hippocrates



Renea Wolfrum

Gateway Community College

Major: Public Health – Environmental & Occupational Health Emphasis with an Industrial Hygiene Focus

Wolfrum plans to transfer to the University of Arizona Zuckerman College of Public Health Honors Program to earn a Bachelor of Science and then a Master of Public Health Degree in Environmental & Occupational Health with a focus on Industrial Hygiene. Her long-term goal is to earn an Executive Master of Business Administration and a Ph.D. in environmental and resource management.

College/Community Activities: Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals Student Chapter president, Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Alpha Epsilon president, Phoenix Fire Team Smoke Alarm Installation Event and the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Triennial Full Scale Emergency Exercise

College Honors: Gateway's Math and Science Service-Learning Award, President's Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Chancellor's Scholarship and Foundation Honor's Scholarship

Personal Quote: "I never dreamed how my Honors Projects and community service hours would significantly affect my learning and my plans of becoming a Certified Safety Professional." – Renea Wolfrum

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Samantha Barr

Glendale Community College, North Campus

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Barr plans to transfer to the Arizona State University to earn a doctorate in Biomedical Engineering. Her career goal is work in research and development of medical equipment and to have her own company.

College/Community Activities: President of Phi Theta Kappa, president of Student Honors Organization, Honor Health volunteer and Girls in STEM mentor at Arizona Science Center

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Outstanding Student Achievement, International Distinguished Phi Theta Kappa Officer

Personal Quote: "Minds are like parachutes, they only function when they are open." – James Dewar



Justin Bennett

Glendale Community College

Major: Mathematics

Bennett plans to transfer to Stanford University's School of Humanities and Sciences for a Doctor of Statistics degree. His career goal is to work at Amazon to research and develop ways to improve artificial intelligence.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa officer, Mathematics Department tutor, Hope Kids Arizona charity athlete and Convocation and President's Round Table speaker

College Honors: President's List, Honors Achievement award, Jack Kent Cooke semifinalist and Nina Mason Pulliam Legacy scholar

Personal Quote: "Nature is written in mathematical language." – Galileo Galilei



Ashley Mazariegos

Glendale Community College

Major: Public Service and Public Policy

Mazariegos plans to transfer to the Arizona State University School of Public Affairs to earn her Master of Public Administration. Her career goal is to develop strategies for sustainable environmental development within her community.

College/Community Activities: Glendale Community College student body president, children's ministry volunteer, Glendale Community College Completion Task Force student representative and Student Library Advisory Board

College Honors: President's List, Chancellor's Civic Medallion, Maricopa Student Public Policy Forum Graduate and Eloisa Diaz Scholar

Personal Quote: "Believe you can and you're halfway there." – Theodore Roosevelt



Noel Rojas

Glendale Community College, North Campus

Major: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Rojas plans to transfer to the Arizona State University Fulton Schools of Engineering to earn doctorates of engineering and computer science. His career goal is to run a company that creates augmented reality bio-implants, which will allow people to learn and work more efficiently.

College/Community Activities: President of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Club, team lead of SHPE's Microcontroller Automation Robotics Systems project, Girls in STEM volunteer and Engineer Your Future volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Salt-River Project Scholarship, Academic Success and Professional Development Scholarship and NASA Space Grant Scholar

Personal Quote: "Do what it takes to get what you want." – Norman Tech

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Christopher Hunt

Mesa Community College, Southern and Dobson Campus

Major: Education

Hunt will be transferring to Northern Arizona University with a goal to initially teach elementary school students and to eventually expand responsibilities by becoming a principal, serving on a school board or being a superintendent.

College/Community Activities: Revived the MCC Future Educators Club, established a chapter of Educators Rising (EdRising) on campus, spearheaded a Future Educators Conference, International Officer Candidate PTK Catalyst 2018, Mesa Arts Academy volunteer

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Distinguished PTK Chapter Member Award, Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar, Distinguished PTK Chapter Officer nominee, Distinguished PTK Chapter Officer Team member

Personal Quote: "There are no extra pieces in the universe. Everyone is here because he or she has a place to fill, and every piece must fit itself into the big jigsaw puzzle." – Deepak Chopra



Victoria Johnston

Mesa Community College, Red Mountain Campus

Major: Nursing

Johnston plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing with an eye to a career as a nurse practitioner. With a strong love of learning, she plans to continue her education, pursuing advanced nursing degrees in pediatrics or neurology.

College/Community Activities: Lead coordinator for the Mesa Community College Immersive Total Patient Management Experience; volunteer for the MCC Net Impact team supporting EMT students in simulations, on the Banner Gateway oncology floor, works with the Autism Society of Greater Phoenix as the team co-lead and parent liaison for the LEGO Club at the MCC Red Mountain Campus

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, President's List and recognized for volunteerism by MCC

Personal Quote: *"A hundred struggle and drown in the breakers. One discovers the new world. But rather, ten times rather, die in the surf, heralding the way to that new world, than stand idly on the shore."* – Florence Nightingale



Racheal Mangini

Mesa Community College, Southern and Dobson Campus

Major: Business/Strategic Leadership

Mangini plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University and intern at a nonprofit organization to gain experience in the field. Her goal is to run a nonprofit committed to improving the lives of low-income people.

College/Community Activities: Longtime food bank volunteer, founded the nonprofit Move the World Forward organization, MCC Community Engagement Advisory Board, MCC Engagement Team

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: *"It is what it is, and it is for perfect purpose."* – Racheal Mangini



Zachary Zapata

Mesa Community College, Red Mountain Campus

Major: Health Professional

Zapata will be transferring to Arizona State University where, inspired by losing his father early in life to an illness, he will pursue a degree in preventative health care focusing on dentistry. His goal is to be a patient-centered practitioner and volunteer his skills to those in need.

College/Community Activities: Volunteered more than 11,600 hours building homes in Colombia with his church, MCC College Project Officer overseeing Go Fish Dynamic Scholarships to help students apply for financial aid; organized Boy Scouts of America food drive for Native American Connections

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

Personal Quote: *"One of the great ironies of life is this: he or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served."* – Gordon B. Hinkley



Sunshine Boylan

Mohave Community College, Lake Havasu City Campus

Major: Nursing

Boylan plans to transfer to Arizona State University to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and continue on to earn a master's degree in nursing and work around the world to provide medical intervention to those in need.

College/Community Activities: Mi Kid volunteer collecting gifts for autistic children, organized the development of campus Veterans Center, judge for Havasu Holiday of Lights and host for MCC Governing Board Candidates Forum

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Outstanding Leadership Award, Outstanding Student in Biology, Student Activities Council president

Personal Quote: *"If you've never felt like quitting, your dreams aren't big enough"* – June Weiss, MCC Nursing Director



Alex Chadsey

Mohave Community College, Neal Campus - Kingman

Major: Liberal Arts

Chadsey is transferring to Northern Arizona University to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration. Future plans include a master's degree in divinity at a Christian university. His goal is to create a ministry school that would prepare people to live a Jesus-centered life and spread the word of Christianity.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa chapter president, children's church teacher, youth leader and chemical addiction counselor

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

Personal Quote: *"I don't want to live in the kind of world where we don't look out for each other. Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand. I can't change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my bit."* – Charles de Lint



Erika Hiestand

Mohave Community College, Bullhead City Campus

Major: Physical Therapy Assisting

Hiestand is transferring to Arizona State University for a bachelor's degree in business administration, then continue on to doctoral degree in physical therapy with a career goal to open her own physical therapy outpatient clinic.

College/Community Activities: Vice president for the Physical Therapist Assistant Club and dance teacher/choreographer

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

Personal Quote: *"Whatever you are, be a good one."* – Abraham Lincoln



Josh Lennen

Mohave Community College, Neal Campus - Kingman

Major: Chemistry and Engineering

Lennen plans to transfer to either Arizona State University or the University of Arizona to finish his bachelor's degree in engineering or chemistry or both.

College/Community Activities: Vice president Engineering Club, HALT volunteer and chemistry department work study

College Honors: Dean's Lists, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, awards for Excellence in General Chemistry, Excellence in Organic Chemistry and Excellence in Mathematics



Ashley Maxwell

Mohave Community College, Lake Havasu City Campus

Major: Nursing

Maxwell plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her career goal is to specialize in wound care and provide quality health care to her patients.

College/Community Activities: Student Nurses Organization

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Klostermeier Scholarship recipient and Havasu Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: "Only you can control your future." – Dr. Seuss

NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE



Northland Pioneer College



Ashley DeMaria

Northland Pioneer College, Winslow - Little Colorado Campus

Major: Nursing

In her first year of NPC's 2-year Nursing Program, Ashley plans to concurrently enroll in the Northern Arizona University Bachelor of Science in Nursing program with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.

College/Community Activities: Girl Scouts of America parent volunteer

College Honors: Phi Th, recipient of scholarships from Summit Healthcare, Pres Winslow Memorial, Jeanne Swarthout, Ph.D., Presidential Excellence

Personal Quote: "My success was hardly an individual effort. It was rather the result of a few very special people who believed in me so much, that I started to believe in myself." – Ashley DeMaria



Cassie Dows

Northland Pioneer College, Springerville - Eagar Center

Major: English/Literature

Dows' love of literature and learning is fueling her dream of becoming a college English or literature professor. She is deciding on whether to continue her studies at Arizona State University or Northern Arizona University.

College/Community Activities: Covers for Cuties for preemie babies, church womens ministry leader, small business owner

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

Personal Quote: "Follow your heart, never surrender your dreams. Always believe in yourself and let God do the rest." – Unknown



Rhonda Krouse

Northland Pioneer College, Snowflake/Taylor - Silver Creek Campus

Major: Fire Service Administration

Already a certified firefighter and paramedic, Krouse plans to enroll at Northern Arizona University to pursue her career goal of becoming a Fire Service administrator.

College/Community Activities: CPR and "Stop the Bleed" instructor, car seat technician, serves as treasurer of local credit union, firefighter/EMT

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, President's List, Dean's List, VAL 152 Scholarship

Personal Quote: "Failure is not an option. In the Fire Service, I commit to always make it home; in the EMS field I do my best to save lives; and my family is number 1 on my priority list." – Rhonda Krouse



Tiffani Martin

Northland Pioneer College, Holbrook - Painted Desert Campus

Major: Political Science

Martin will transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a degree and career in political science.

College/Community Activities: Head Start Parent Association president, NPC Eagle Club advisor, College & Career Preparation instructional aide

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, student government president, Dean's List

Personal Quote: *"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change."* – Albert Einstein



Nicole McConnell

Northland Pioneer College, Holbrook – Painted Desert Campus

Major: Microbiology

McConnell transferred to ASU in the spring semester to continue her studies in microbiology. Her goal is to earn a doctorate and travel the world as a field research mycologist studying fungi.

College/Community Activities: SAFE House advocate for domestic violence victims, created mural for AZ Game & Fish herbarium, workshop leader for Lodestar Gardens

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, President's List, Dean's List, Student Government Association



Lori Moore

Northland Pioneer College, St. Johns Center

Major: Business Management – Finance

Moore is enrolling at Northern Arizona University to pursue her business management degree with an emphasis on finance and a minor in psychology.

College/Community Activities: Represents retail industry on NPC Business Advisory Committee, Boy Scouts of America den mother

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

Personal Quote: *"Nine tenths of education is encouragement."* – Anatole France.



Larrilynn Oso

Northland Pioneer College, Winslow - Little Colorado Campus

Major: Psychology

Oso is transferring to Northern Arizona University on the pathway to a doctorate in psychology, with plans to work in a clinical setting or within the criminal justice system as a forensic psychologist.

College/Community Activities: Member Winslow Arts Council, Phenomenal Woman Art Show, #SupportYourLocalTheatre Film Project, Winslow Cinema Festival 2019 Planning Committee

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Finish Line Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: *"Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them."* – Marcus Aurelius



Raney Pate

Northland Pioneer College, Springville-Eagar Center

Major: Aerospace Engineering

Pate is still deciding about studying aerospace engineering at Arizona State University. Her career goal is to develop technology that makes our lives safer, more convenient and affordable.

College/Community Activities: Organized Type 1 diabetes fundraiser, horse riding lessons for kids, animal rescue, church activities

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa

Personal Quote: *"She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future."* – Proverbs 31:25



McKenna Sargent

Northland Pioneer College, Show Low - White Mountain Campus

Major: Nursing

Sargent will be concurrently enrolled in Northland's and Arizona State University's Nursing programs, with a career goal of becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

College/Community Activities: Church leadership activities

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, 2016 Woodland Scholarship

Personal Quote: *"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."* – Helen Keller



Austin Stanislawski

Northland Pioneer College, Snowflake/Taylor - Silver Creek Campus

Major: Behavioral Health

Stanislawski is transferring to Arizona State University on the pathway to becoming an influential psychiatrist in his rural community.

College/Community Activities: Assisting at local senior center and Ronald McDonald House, "My Fair Lady" cast member, Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, President's List, Dean's List, Performing Arts Scholarship recipient

Personal Quote: *"If you keep pushing yourself to thrive you will never fail."* – Austin Stanislawski



Susan Thompson

Northland Pioneer College, St. Johns Center

Major: Global Health

Thompson will be using her tuition waiver at Arizona State University studying for a career as a healthy lifestyle coach.

College/Community Activities: Project Blue. United States Air Force veteran

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

Personal Quote: *"You were never created to live depressed, defeated, guilty, condemned, ashamed or unworthy. We were created to be victorious."* – Joel Osteen



Jaden Willis

Northland Pioneer College, Show Low – White Mountain Campus

Major: Nursing

Willis plans to use his tuition waiver to concurrently enroll in Arizona State University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. His career goal is to become a nurse practitioner.

College/Community Activities: Sunday school teacher

College Honors: Nursing scholarship

Personal Quote: *"I am beyond grateful for this opportunity to represent my school and all of Arizona, and to expand my nursing knowledge and go on to achieve my bachelor's degree."* – Jaden Willis

PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Josephine Emch

Paradise Valley Community College

Major: Elementary and Special Education

Emch is attending Northern Arizona University to earn her bachelor's degree in elementary and special education. Her career goal is to earn her master's degree in education and work with children in the elementary school setting.

College/Community Activities: Leadership board member of Club Ed, mentor in the Peer Mentor Program, volunteer for the Paradise College Corps

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and graduate of the Honors program

Personal Quote: *"One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world."* – Malala Yousafzai



Hannah Willes

Paradise Valley Community College

Major: Philosophy

Willess plans to transfer to Arizona State University Barrett's Honors College and then on to Sandra Day O'Connor's School of Law in pursuit of a Human Rights Law Degree. Her career goal is to fight for human rights on a global scale in the United Nations.

College/Community Activities: PVCC Bright Star, Nextgen fellow, Club Z president and campus voter registration advocate

College Honors: Club Z Achievement Award, President's List and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: *"I am not throwing away my shot."* – Lin Manuel Miranda from "Hamilton"



Brenton Chase

Phoenix College

Major: Forensic Psychology

Chase plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a master's in forensic psychology. His goal is to become a research assistant and return to school for a doctorate to become a forensic psychologist.

College/Community Activities: Student Government, Athletic Department equipment/systems manager, Psyche Inspired intern

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society chapter member award nominee, Bear Volunteer Award

Personal Quote: *"There is a difference between living and existing."* – Harold Chase



Erasmo Pablo Rocha

Phoenix College

Major: Biology

Pablo plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. His career goal is to earn a graduate degree in natural resources management and conduct research.

College/Community Activities: Site Steward volunteer and National Parks volunteer

College Honors: President's list, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, S-STEM Scholarship and ASAP STEM Scholarship

Personal Quote: *"What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another."* – Chris Maser



Yara Saltzberry

Pima Community College, Community Campus

Major: Pharmaceutical Science

Saltzberry plans to become a pharmacist by earning a bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical science and a doctorate in pharmacy at the University of Arizona while continuing to be involved in community nonprofit and STEM education activities.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa president, Honors Club member, STEM education volunteer, mentors projects for children and adolescents

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Emerging Leader Summit Certificate, University of Arizona STEM RISE AZ Certificate of Professional Development

Personal Quote: *"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."* – Winston S. Churchill



Sarah Wilson

Pima Community College, Community Campus

Major: Marketing

Wilson plans to transfer to the University of Arizona in the spring to attend the Eller College of Management. Her aspiration is to achieve a bachelor's and a master's degree in marketing, minoring in biology. She would like to work in the medical field to help regulate medical devices and continue working with animals and veterans.

College/Community Activities: Business Club external outreach director, Phi Theta Kappa membership recruitment officer, Pima Animal Care center leader and Women's Warriors veteran care assistant

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Academic Excellence Award

Personal Quote: *"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."* – Eleanor Roosevelt

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Desert Vista Campus*



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Uneek Armenta

Pima Community College, Desert Vista Campus

Major: Retailing and Consumer Science

Armenta's plan is to earn a bachelor's degree in retailing and consumer science and a minor in fashion at the University of Arizona and then work in the fashion industry as a stylist or merchandiser. Her goal is to tackle social issues in her community including body image, sexualization of women and children and the unrealistic standards set for men and women by the fashion industry.

College/Community Activities: Honors Council for Pima Honors, Honors Club, student representative, mentor for at-risk youth

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Exemplary Academic Performance Award, Exemplary Project Leadership Award and Developing Leadership Award

Personal Quote: *"No one is you and that is your power."* – Dave Grohl



Rochelle Walker

Pima Community College, Desert Vista Campus

Major: Law

Walker plans to transfer to the University of Arizona in the 3+3 BA/JD program, which offers the opportunity to achieve a four-year bachelor's and a law degree (Juris Doctor) in six years. Her goal is to become the next Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

College/Community Activities: Chair of the Desert Vista Campus Student Senate, honors council for Pima Honors, president of the Food Pantry Club, Student Senate liaison for the Desert Vista Food Pantry

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Exemplary Academic Performance Award

Personal Quote: *"Compromise where you can. Where you can't, don't. Even if everyone is telling you that something wrong is something right. Even if the whole world is telling you to move, it is your duty to plant yourself like a tree, look them in the eye, and say 'No, you move'."* – Sharon Carter, *"Captain America: Civil War"*



Chantel Coon

Pima Community College, Downtown Campus

Major: Finance and Economics

Coon plans to earn a bachelor's degree in economics and finance from the Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Officer, AZ Rise Mentoring, Hospice Family Care volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Honors Program, Leaders of Promise Award, Chancellor's Scholarship

Personal Quote: *"You are essentially who you create yourself to be, and all that occurs in your life is the result of your own making."* – Mahatma Gandhi



Gregory Frank

Pima Community College, Downtown Campus

Major: Aerospace Engineering.

Frank plans to earn a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering at Arizona State University and become an engineer involved in propulsion systems development. His short term goal is to work in a major aerospace company involved in rocket technology and then become an entrepreneur to contribute to the colonization of Mars.

College/Community Activities: Honors officer, vice president of the Engineering Club, created nonprofit Golingo to promote cultural and global awareness in the community

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: *"What does not kill you, makes you stronger."* – Friedrich Nietzsche



Mohamed Enjai

Pima Community College, East Campus

Major: Computer Information Systems/Networking and Cyber Security

Enjai plans to earn a bachelor's degree in computer information systems/networking and cyber security and a master's degree in cyber security and digital forensics at Arizona State University. His goal is to become an IT expert while continuing to help fight cybercrimes and educate the public about cyber security awareness.

College/Community Activities: Student senator, All-College Council student representative, Board of Governors student representative, Pima IT Club vice president and treasurer

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



Elinor Skinner

Pima Community College, East Campus

Major: Animation and Architecture

Skinner plans to earn a bachelor's degree in animation and architecture to become an animated movie director in Japan to inspire others through her storytelling. As an architect, she wants to build people's dream homes and businesses with continued dedication to projects related to mental health, cultural events and to those who have difficulty making ends meet.

College/Community Activities: Founder and president of the Comic and Anime Social Club, Student Advisory Board, Honors Club, Digital Arts Club, Phi Theta Kappa officer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Rising Student Leader Award, Aztec Gold - Advanced Leadership Award, Honors Club Community Service Award

Personal Quote: "You can't leave footprints in the sands of time, if you're sitting on your butt... And who wants to leave buttprints in the sands of time?" – Bob Moawad

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Northwest Campus



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Elizabeth Edwards

Pima Community College, Northwest Campus

Major: Psychology and French

Edwards plans to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology at Arizona State University to become a research psychologist while continuing advocacy projects for mental health awareness and support for victims of domestic violence.

College/Community Activities: Honors Club officer, Honors Club campus representative, Golingo event coordinator.

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Academic Excellence Award, Exemplary Leadership Award and Honors Program Certificate

Personal Quote: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill



Andres Mendoza-Mada

Pima Community College, Northwest Campus

Major: Special Education

Mendoza-Mada plans to earn a bachelor's degree in special education and a master's degree in administration at Arizona State University to become a special education teacher while continuing projects to help students with special needs succeed in and out of the classroom.

College/Community Activities: Student senator, Honors Club officer, Phi Theta Kappa campus liaison, Ronald McDonald House event volunteer lead

College Honors: Pima Merit Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Exemplary Volunteer Work Award

Personal Quote: "Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." – Maya Angelou



Ilse Grijalva

Pima Community College, West Campus

Major: Nursing

Grijalva's career goal is to become a Registered Nurse by earning Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Nursing at Arizona State University. She believes it is important to take action in caring for people, whether it is in a hospital, college or in the community.

College/Community Activities: Student Advisory Board president, vice president and secretary for Pima Community College, participated in activities such as Tucson Clean and Beautiful and Chef for a Day at the Ronald McDonald House

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, certificates for leadership, community service and recognition

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



Hannah Parr

Pima Community College, West Campus

Major: Law

Parr plans to earn a bachelor's degree in law and a Juris Doctorate degree at the University of Arizona to become a lawyer. After graduation, Parr would like to pursue a career in family law, is interested in helping those who have been wrongfully convicted and would like to help local communities with addicted youth.

College/Community Activities: Honors council, honors club, created campus workshops to help those who are addicted to drugs and led toy drives

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, won Most Informative for her honors project

Personal Quote: "You are the only problem you will ever have and the only solution." – Bob Proctor



Karen Bradley

Rio Salado College

Major: Family Life Education

Bradley plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a bachelor's degree in Public Administration. Her career goal is to start a family resource center to provide education and services to at-risk families in the community.

College/Community Activities: Founder of the nonprofit The House of Timothy, volunteer with San Tan Valley Compassion Care Center and champion for young children with First Things First

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and National Society of Leadership and Success

Personal Quote: "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis



Andrea Martinez

Rio Salado College

Major: General Studies - Liberal Arts

Martinez plans to transfer to the Northern Arizona University online program earning a degree in Humanities - Interdisciplinary Studies. Her career goal is to work in public administration at the state level as an executive assistant in public policy.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, volunteer Be A Leader Foundation, Maricopa Community Colleges Global Leadership Retreat and co-leader of High School Leadership Program

College Honors: Honors Achievement Award, scholarship recipient Be A Leader Foundation

Personal Quote: *"Finding joy in all things even amid difficulties and challenges."* – Andrea Martinez

SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Eliana Gomez Rodriguez

Scottsdale Community College

Major: Education

Rodriguez is transferring to Arizona State University in the fall of 2019 to pursue a doctorate in Spanish with a goal to teach at universities.

College/Community Activities: Volunteer at Andre House, Duet, Feed My Starving Children and also SCC Phi Theta Kappa vice president of membership

College Honors: Scottsdale Community College Honors Program and recipient of a Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Scholarship

Personal Quote: *"In order to achieve something meaningful, one must learn to embrace the toughest times as an opportunity to grow emotionally and/or professionally."* – Eliana Gomez Rodriguez



Ashley Howell

Scottsdale Community College

Major: Elementary Education

Howell plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Eventually pursuing a master's degree, for now she wants to get into the classroom and teach as soon as possible. Her career goal is to teach kindness, compassion and a growth mindset. She's also set a goal to become a National Teacher of the Year.

College/Community Activities: Volunteer at Redfield Elementary and Phi Theta Kappa recording officer

College Honors: President's List, Scottsdale Community College Honors program, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and All-AZ State 2018 winner

Personal Quotes: *"The best way to learn is to teach."* – Ashley Howell



Katie Alcazar

South Mountain Community College

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Alcazar plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn her bachelor's in biomedical engineering. Future goals include graduate school and then a doctorate in biomedical engineering to pursue a career in biomedical research.

College/Community: Phi Theta Kappa vice president of scholarship, volunteer at Project C.U.R.E., St. Mary's Food Bank and UMOM

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Honors Achievement Award and Chicanos Por La Causa Scholarship

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



Ainsley Chapman

South Mountain Community College

Major: Biology and Mathematics

Chapman plans to transfer to Arizona State University, continuing her education to earn a doctorate. Her career goal is to become a research scientist.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa fellowship officer, NASA ASCEND programmer and Robotics Club

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Fannin Leadership Award recipient

Personal Quote: *"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."* – Albert Einstein



Ashlynn Bice

Yavapai College, Prescott Campus

Major: Biology/Pre-Medical Studies

Bice plans to transfer to the University of Arizona with a major in biology to earn her doctoral degree. Her career goal is to work as a pediatric trauma doctor at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

College/Community Activities: Emergency medical technician for Life Line Ambulance, yoga Instructor, Teen Maze volunteer and Peer Mentor

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa and President's List

Personal Quote: *"What an interesting, challenging, painful and yet beautiful and exciting chapter of life. I'm excited for what the universe has in store for me. I am growing and I am grateful."* – Ariana Grande



Kiva Keith

Yavapai College, Prescott

Major: Associate of Arts

Keith plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture to earn a Bachelor of Sustainable Built Environments and then a master's degree in sustainable design or architecture. Her career goal is to work as an architect or city planner in Washington, D.C.

College/Community Activities: Campus organizer of Warm for Winter and a Yavapai College Food Pantry volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and recipient of an Academic Honors Award

Personal Quote: *"Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in."* – Bill Bradley



Amanda McCloud

Yavapai College, Verde Valley Campus

Major: History

McCloud is transferring to the University of Arizona College of Social and Behavioral Sciences to earn her Bachelor of Arts in history and linguistics. Her career goal is to become a history professor.

College/Community Activities: Carpe Adventum marketing officer and treasurer, writing and history tutor at the Verde Valley Campus Learning Center and Yavapai College Christmas Parade Committee

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Outstanding Student awards in history and humanities

Personal Quote: *"Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy."* – Dale Carnegie



Shanandoah Sterling

Yavapai College, Verde Valley Campus

Major: English

Sterling plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a master's degree in English and certification to teach English as a Second Language. Her career goal is to teach English to children and adults in the United States and internationally.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Verde Valley Campus vice president, English Club Verde Valley Campus vice president, Yavapai College President Search Committee and Sedona Public Library volunteer teaching English as a Second Language

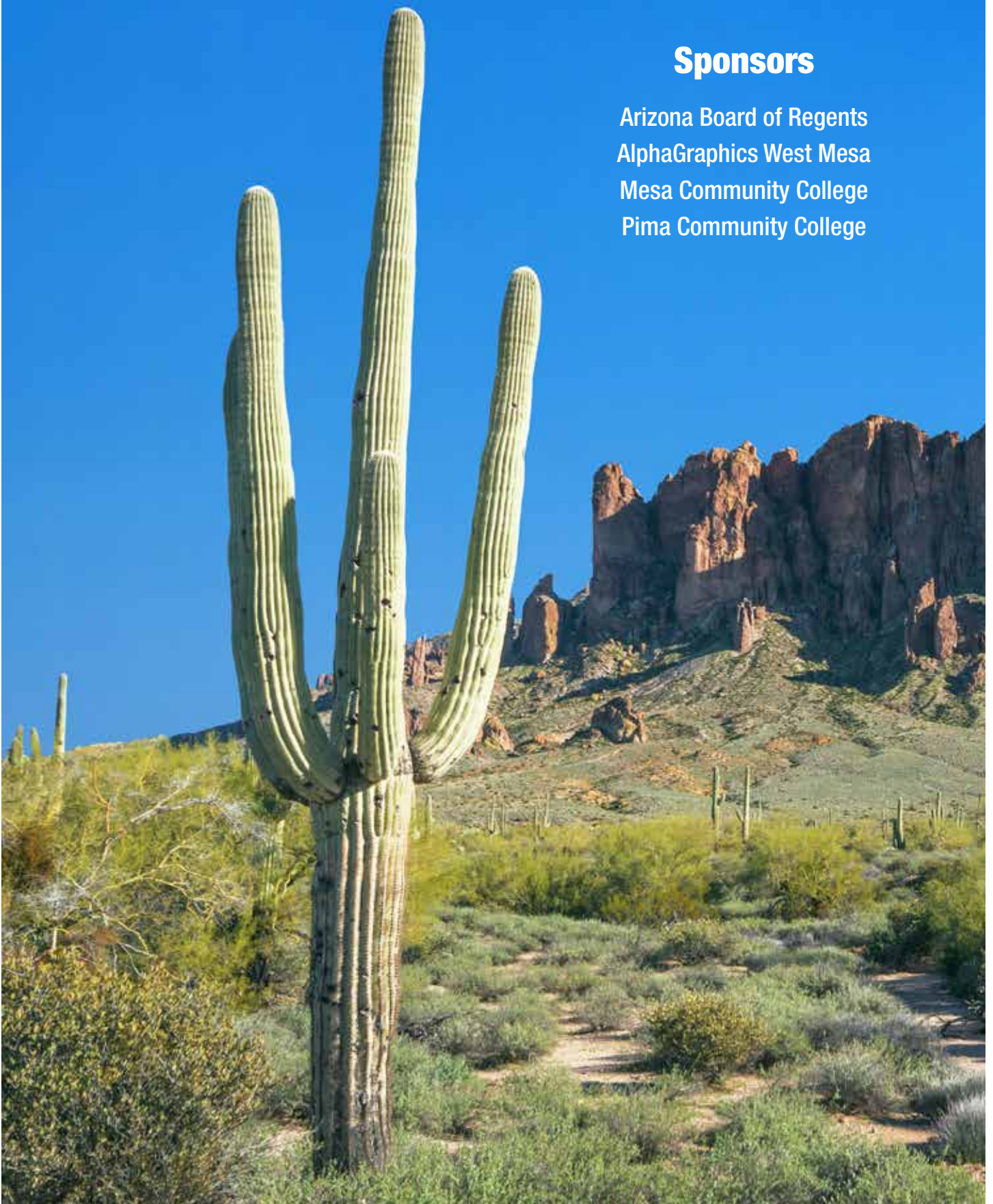
College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Personal Quote: *"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."* – Eleanor Roosevelt

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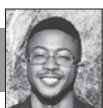
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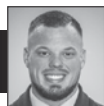
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