

# All-Arizona Academic Team

Recognition Ceremony

February 27, 2020



**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 89 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 22 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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~ FEBRUARY 27, 2020 ~

**ASU West**

**Lunch and Program**

**Welcome:**

Daniel Corr, President, AZ Western College

**Emcees:**

Grand Woods, Attorney at Law and Shareholder, Gallagher & Kennedy Law Firm  
Ian Schwartz, AZ Family TV Meteorologist & Reporter

**Governor's Proclamation:**

Katlin Harrier, Policy Advisor, Education

**Keynote Speaker:**

James Brimhall, Subcontract Professional, Sandia National Laboratories,  
Northland Pioneer College 3rd Team Scholar (2013)

**Arizona Board of Regents:**

Larry Penley, Chair Elect of the Board

**Recognition of Academic Scholars:**

Ian and Grant



**James Brimhall**  
Keynote Speaker

James grew up in Snowflake, Arizona where he attended Northland Pioneer College and received the All-Arizona Academic Team Scholarship, third team placement. James attended Northern Arizona University and completed an internship with Arizona Public Service at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. Soon after he accepted a job with Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He obtained his Masters of Business Administration from the University of New Mexico and now lives in Pinetop, AZ with his wife Rebecca and two kids Austin and Jane. James is involved in his local church, community, and has recently started a group that promotes and supports virtual employees of the White Mountains which allows people to do important work from home while encouraging economic development of the White Mountains. His personal quote is, "When all the doors close, find the windows and his speaking topic is "Becoming All-Arizona".



# 2020 ALL-ARIZONA ACADEMIC TEAM

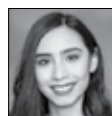
## ARIZONA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES PRESENT



**Abigail Emmons**  
Central Arizona College



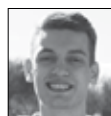
**Pamela Valtierra**  
Arizona Western College



**Patricia Villarreal Lomeli**  
Arizona Western College



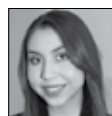
**Aileen Zavala Ramirez**  
Arizona Western College



**John Chapman**  
Central Arizona College



**Shea Lee E Gray**  
Central Arizona College



**Julianna Juarez**  
Central Arizona College



**Byron Kouris II**  
Central Arizona College



**Kimberly Retequin**  
Central Arizona College



**Laryssa Torrez**  
Central Arizona College



**Skyler Wylly**  
Central Arizona College



**Natalie Brockman**  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



**Colombe Feutrier**  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



**Griffin Lynch**  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



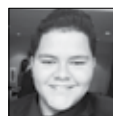
**Garrison Smith**  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



**Richard Jones**  
Cochise College



**Erica Lindemann**  
Cochise College



**Carlos Valdez**  
Cochise College



**Larry White**  
Cochise College



**Keren-Ha Chavez**  
Cocconino Community College



**Shawna Greyyes**  
Cocconino Community College



**Shari Burnett**  
Eastern Arizona College



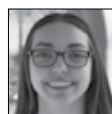
**Connor Christensen**  
Eastern Arizona College



**Nicholas Clement**  
Eastern Arizona College



**Brianna Griffin**  
Eastern Arizona College



**Shadai Garcia**  
Estrella Mountain Community College



**Luke Kilduff**  
Estrella Mountain Community College



**Matthew Berkes**  
GateWay Community College



**Andrew Denardo**  
GateWay Community College



**Cameron Aquino**  
Glendale Community College



**Alexandra Miller**  
Glendale Community College



**Madison Potts**  
Glendale Community College



**David Rodriguez**  
Glendale Community College



**Kyle Kane**  
Mesa Community College



**Shelby Lynch**  
Mesa Community College



**Preston Peterson**  
Mesa Community College



**Abigaly Rodriguez**  
Mesa Community College



**Kristyn Anderson**  
Mohave Community College



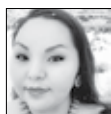
**Jimi Hammond**  
Mohave Community College



**Christina Henslee**  
Mohave Community College



**Jennifer James Gomez**  
Mohave Community College



**Danielle Manygoat**  
Mohave Community College



**Selma Richter**  
Mohave Community College



**Taschia Salas**  
Mohave Community College



**Kyran Soriano**  
Mohave Community College



**Tabitha Adams**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Kaylen Benito**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Derek Flake**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Jeffrey Hamilton**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Rosalee Jones**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Paige Murray**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Brealyn Nielsen**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Thomas Parada**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Samantha Roberts**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Samuel Rosales II**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Reuben Williams**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Amanda McCloud**  
Paradise Valley Community College



**Natalie McKnight**  
Paradise Valley Community College



**Maricruz Chavez-Tinoco**  
Phoenix College



**Amanda Morrison**  
Phoenix College



**Reyad Al Fauturi**  
Pima Community College



**Danielle Anderson**  
Pima Community College



**Charles Archuleta**  
Pima Community College



**Cecilia Bogle**  
Pima Community College



**April Enslin**  
Pima Community College



**Ashley Gomez**  
Pima Community College



**Lowell Hobson**  
Pima Community College



**Dani McCartney**  
Pima Community College



**Sierra Ornelas**  
Pima Community College



**Nayeli Ramirez Varelas**  
Pima Community College



**Callene Ross**  
Pima Community College



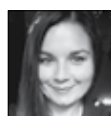
**Tamara Rinck**  
Rio Salado College



**Ashanti Ruiz**  
Rio Salado College



**Maria Apud De La Fuente**  
Scottsdale Community College



**Sarah Drennon**  
Scottsdale Community College



**Pamela Mancilla**  
South Mountain Community College



**Catherine Miller**  
South Mountain Community College



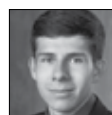
**Isabella Adams**  
Yavapai College



**Zachary Chamberlin**  
Yavapai College



**Madeleine Cherry**  
Yavapai College



**Alex Daniels**  
Yavapai College



**Andre Etien Jr.**  
Yavapai College



**Kenneth Froessel**  
Yavapai College



**Kellsie Guinn**  
Yavapai College



**Hannah Hovelsrud**  
Yavapai College



**Celeena Johnson**  
Yavapai College



**Gia Noelle**  
Yavapai College



**Makenna Snyder**  
Yavapai College



**Brittany Thomas**  
Yavapai College

These Community College Students are selected for their academic achievement, leadership and service to the community. All receive scholarships from Arizona's community colleges, as well as Arizona Board of Regents tuition waivers for any Arizona public university. Students are eligible for selection to the All-USA Academic Team.

For information, contact the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa national honorary society at any Arizona community college.

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## Abigail Emmons

Arizona Western College – Yuma Campus

**Major:** Biology

Emmons will transfer to Northern Arizona University – Yuma and earn a bachelor's degree in biological and natural resource sciences. Afterwards, she plans to attend medical school and ultimately become a plastic surgeon. Her career goal is to be a craniofacial surgeon and be involved with overseas mission trips.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa chapter president, Presidential Leadership Society, AWC-NAU science club member and children's church volunteer

**College Honors:** Dean's List, Phi AWC Honors Scholarship recipient, Dean's List, AWC Honors Program member and Phi Theta Kappa member

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Usually bubbly & sarcastic. Biologically Chinese & culturally American. #tennis #youngerthanuthink #sleepisfortheweak #always smiling :)



## Pamela Valtierra

Arizona Western College – Yuma Campus

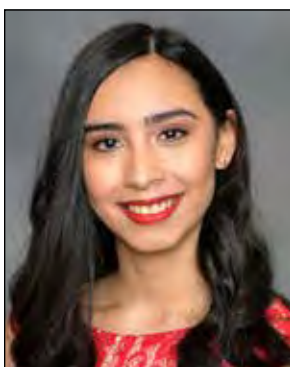
**Major:** Nursing

Valtierra plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to ultimately earn a bachelor's degree in nursing. Her career goal is to work as a registered nurse in a clinical setting to aid individuals.

**College/Community Activities:** Vice president of Rotaract club, Midnight at the Oasis volunteer, Certified Mental Health First Aider, Mujeres de Exito volunteer speaker

**College Honors:** Ambassador of excellence recipient, Rotary scholarship for community service recognition,

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am my own biggest critic, I am at times more of a dreamer than a realist, but above all, I make sure to be persistent and diligent in everything I do in life.



## Patricia Villarreal Lomei

Arizona Western College – San Luis and Somerton Learning Center

**Major:** Elementary Education

Villarreal Lomei plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to pursue a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Her career goal is to teach young minds.

**College/Community Activities:** A21 Community Organization Event Photographer, Cesar Chavez Elementary School volunteer

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Strong woman who does not wait for change to happen but makes it happen. #TeachThemYoung



## Aileen Zavala Ramirez

Arizona Western College – Yuma Campus

**Major:** Nursing

Zavala Ramirez plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Nursing ultimately earning a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. After a couple of years of working as a Registered Nurse at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, she plans to continue her education to become a Nurse Practitioner. As a Nurse Practitioner, she plans to work in a clinic then eventually own her own NP-lead clinic.

**College/Community Activities:** Palm View Rehabilitation & Care volunteer, Yuma Community Food Bank volunteer, Kids at Hope concert volunteer and Phi Theta Kappa activities volunteer

**College Honors:** Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, Honors Academic Scholarship recipient, and Arizona Community Foundation Scholarship recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a confident, intelligent, trustworthy, organized, caring, and hard-working person. I will always try to do better.





## John Chapman

**Central Arizona College – San Tan Campus**

**Major:** Hotel and Restaurant Management

Chapman plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management and ultimately a master's in business administration. His career goal is to open and cook in his own restaurant.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Chapter, Student Government Association, Skills USA Competitor for Restaurant Service, and Vice President of HIA for Phi Theta Kappa

**College Honors:** Dean's List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Living life to the fullest lately. My colleagues now know that I'm a hard-working and kind-hearted individual. #Leadership #YOLO



## Shea Lee Gray

**Central Arizona College – Aravaipa Campus**

**Major:** Computer Forensics

Gray plans to transfer to the University of Arizona and pursue a degree in computer science. She hopes to work as a computer forensics specialist for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or as a game developer.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Member, National Honors Institute, Math tutor

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa President at Aravaipa, Award for Excellence in English, Dean's List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** An outgoing lady with a passion for success. Chase those goals. #highGPA #Reptilemom



## Julianna Juarez

**Central Arizona College – Signal Peak Campus**

**Major:** Social Psychology

Juarez plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Psychology to eventually earn a Master's of Psychology degree. Her career goal is to study different behavioral systems around the world and conduct research pertaining to this concept.

**College/Community Activities:** Annual PTK Blood Drive Volunteer, CAC College Fair Volunteer, CAC Ask Me Table Volunteer, Active Phi Theta Kappa member

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** The more passionate, the more successful. #LearningIsLife



## Byron Kouris II

**Central Arizona College – San Tan Campus**

**Major:** Business Administration

Although Kouris is unsure of his immediate plans, he is considering transferring to the University of Arizona to complete a degree in business administration and eventually complete graduate work in the education field. He hopes to earn a doctorate degree in education and ultimately become the president of a community college.

**College/Community Activities:** Student Government Association District President, National Society of Leadership and Success inductee, CAC Honors Program and President of the Phi Theta Kappa at the San Tan Campus

**College Honors:** Outstanding First Year Student, Academic Excellence in English Award and Completion of 2/3 Honors Seminars and 2/2 Honors Colloquia segments.

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Hello! My name is Byron Kouris! This is my Twitter account, and my platform for public thought! I am an avid servant, student, and dreamer.





## Kimberly Reteguín

**Central Arizona College – Maricopa Campus**

**Major:** Administration of Justice

Reteguín plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue her Bachelor's of Science in criminology and criminal justice. Her career goal is to work in the forensic field to help solve criminal cases and bring justice.

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I want to help those in need. The horrible things I went through are for a purpose. I want to make it right with the time I do have, now. I advocate for Domestic Violence, Mental Health Awareness, which I battle myself, and Infertility awareness, I am a warrior as well. #survive



## Laryssa Torrez

**Central Arizona College – Aravaipa Campus**

**Major:** Nursing

Torrez plans to transfer to the University of Arizona and complete a bachelor's degree in the science of nursing and ultimately plans to further her education to become a nurse practitioner.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa, 2nd Grade Science Fair and Elderly Community Service

**College Honors:** Anatomy and Physiology Student of the Year, Biology Student of the Year, Phi Theta Kappa

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Throughout the struggles in my life the one thing that has stayed consistent was my drive to reach my goal.



## Skyler Wyly

**Central Arizona College – Signal Peak Campus**

**Major:** Neuroscience & Cognitive Psychology

Wyly plans to transfer to the University of Arizona in pursuit of a doctoral degree in cognitive psychology. He aims to build upon current research of a growth mindset to provide a method for the practical application of a growth mindset.

**College/Community Activities:** Student researcher studying the application of a growth mindset in an academic setting, Casa Grande Mayor's Reading Club volunteer, Academic tutor, and Boys & Girls Club volunteer tutor

**College Honors:** Excellence in English & Literature award, Dean's List, Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Perceptive application of empathy gives me the ability to understand, serve, and support others exceptionally.







## Natalie Brockman

**Chandler Gilbert Community College – Williams Campus**

**Major:** Exercise Science

Brockman plans to earn her bachelor's degree in exercise science from Northern Arizona University, transitioning to NAU's Doctorate of Physical Therapy program.

**College/Community Activities:** Assistant Teen Ministry Coordinator, St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Mesa, AZ, AZCEND food bank volunteer, and Phi Theta Kappa officer,

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Knights of Columbus Scholarship Recipient – 2017, 2018, and 2019

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I'm high energy, witty, open-minded, and love my family. Laughing and crying through life trying to survive the best I can. #BlessedLife



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## Colombe Feutrier

**Chandler-Gilbert Community College – Pecos Campus**

**Major:** Business Management

Feutrier plans to earn a bachelor's degree in business management at Arizona State University, however, she plans to become a motivational speaker. She found a love for public speaking while running for Phi Theta Kappa International Vice-president. She wants to reach and help as many people as possible through the use of her voice.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa chapter Public Relations officer, Phi Theta Kappa chapter Vice-president, Phi Theta Kappa International Vice-president of Division IV finalist and Phi Theta Kappa chapter President

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, President's Honors student and Honors Achievement Student

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** A list of me – immigrant from France, LGBTQ+, abuse and rape survivor, passionate, PTK, Wiccan, nature lover, equitable, stubborn, PTSD and depression.



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## Griffin Lynch

**Chandler-Gilbert Community College – Pecos Campus**

**Major:** Communications

Lynch plans to earn a bachelor's degree in communications at Arizona State University. He is still unsure of what career to pursue but would like the opportunity to advocate for people with physical disabilities.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Officer and Peer Mentor for Student Success

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, and President's Honors Scholarship recipient.

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I'm an immensely motivated student who always strives for my best. A disability doesn't define me. #mylimitationsaremymotivations



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## Garrison Smith

**Chandler-Gilbert Community College – Williams Campus**

**Major:** Software Engineering

Smith will seek out an undergraduate degree in computational mathematics before ultimately earning a master's degree in software engineering. Following university Smith plans to work within the field of artificial intelligence while advocating for the ethical use of emerging technologies.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa officer, Peer mentor and tutor

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Honors program participant

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I aim high. If I miss I just readjust my aim. I aim high. #IAMPTK #CGCC



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## Richard Jones

**Cochise College – Sierra Vista Campus**

**Major:** Education

Jones plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to earn a bachelor's of science degree in elementary education. His goal is to guide students through life in hopes they are prepared with all the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.

**College/Community Activities:** Coach middle school cross country five years, middle school track/field coach two years, high school cross country coach one year and volunteer at various community events

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Richard is a #hardworking dedicated inspirational coach who likes working with kids.



## Erica Lindemann

**Cochise College – Douglas Campus**

**Major:** Biology with an emphasis in Biomedical Sciences

Lindemann plans to transfer to the University of Arizona's College of Science and eventually to the University of Arizona's College of Medicine. Her career goal is to become a pediatrician and work in a pediatric/newborn intensive care unit.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa officer, Disaster Relief Club member, Research Club member and Club TriO Member

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** A small town girl turning disadvantages into strengths and low points into motivation to succeed. #changeyourperspectivechangetheworld



## Carlos Valdez

**Cochise College – Douglas Campus**

**Major:** Business Administration

Valdez will graduate with an associate's degree in business administration. He plans to transfer to Arizona State University where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration. His ultimate goal is to obtain a master's degree in business administration. After that, he will use the skills acquired in school to become a successful businessman.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa president, Feed My Starving Children volunteer, Intern to the Mayor of Douglas and Habitat for Humanity San Diego volunteer

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, IME Becas Scholarship Recipient, chosen to be a Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities lobbyist

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a leader. I am a hard worker. I am driven. I am a scholar. I am respectful. I am responsible. I am reliable. I am trustworthy. I am #ME



## Larry White Jr.

**Cochise College – Sierra Vista Campus**

**Major:** Computer Science

White plans to transfer to the University of Arizona and complete a bachelor's degree in computer science. Then he wants to earn a master's degree in statistics. His career goal is to work and develop artificial intelligence and machine learning systems to be used to improve the public education system.

**College/Community Activities:** Cochise College Student Government president, student representative during capitol visit, Phi Theta Kappa member and president of the Student Leadership Academy (PSLA)

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** True leadership is service for others. One life or a thousand, my goal is to help others reach their goal. #TheOneTheOnly #IamPTK





## Keren-Ha Chavez

**Coconino Community College – Lone Tree Campus**

**Major:** Biomedical Science

Chavez plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a Bachelor in Biomedical Science to then go to medical school and become a physician. Her ultimate goal is to work in developing communities to help improve their lifestyle through medicine, hygiene and health education.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa blood drive, Shadows Foundation volunteer, Flagstaff Christian Fellowship volunteer and Coconino Humane Society volunteer

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Pursuing knowledge & skills in healthcare & education to improve the lives of those with few opportunities. #4theleastofthese #seek2serve



## Shawna Greyeyes

**Coconino Community College – Lone Tree Campus**

**Major:** Associates of Arts General Education

Greyeyes plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Environmental Science ultimately earning a Doctor of Environmental Science degree. Her career goal is to conduct research in her community, the Navajo Nation.

**College/Community Activities:** Vice President of Leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, student researcher for Bridges to Baccalaureate, research assistant at Northern Arizona University, student speaker at the 2019 Coconino Community College Foundation Awards

**College Honors:** President's Honor Roll, Dean's Honor Roll, Foundation President's Award, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participants (LSAMP)

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Future Ph.D. grad with a love for the outdoors. Life goal to conserve natural resources and protect the environment. #self-driven #scientist







## Shari Burnett

**Eastern Arizona College – Thatcher Campus**

**Major:** General Studies

Burnett plans to transfer to Arizona State University where she will complete a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership. Her career goal is to work in human resources.

**College/Community Activities:** Volunteer cleaning of her church building, volunteer at SEACUS (South Eastern Arizona Community Unique Services), ten-year volunteer with the Boy Scouts, Parent Teacher Organization President

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and United Way Scholarship recipient, Eastern Arizona College Faculty Association scholarship recipient and invited guest speaker at Achieve60Arizona Convention

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Meet Shari Burnett, 4.0, first-generation college grad pursuing degree in Org Leadership. Loves volunteering, motherhood & learning! #nontrad



## Connor Christensen

**Eastern Arizona College – Gila Pueblo Campus**

**Major:** Pre-Medical Science

Christensen's ultimate collegiate goal is to attend the University of Arizona School of Medicine. His ultimate career goal is to become an emergency medical physician to aid and help others in their time of need.

**College Community Activities:** President of the Health Professions Club, academic coach for Eastern Arizona College, guest speaker for the Student Success Resource Group of Eastern Arizona College and EMT training volunteer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, John Mickelson Endowed Scholarship and PSS OSS Scholarship award

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I believe it's best to surround yourself with family and friends, to work hard and be humble, and to live a life of selfless service.



## Nicholas Clement

**Eastern Arizona College – Thatcher Campus**

**Major:** Biology

Clement plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to pursue a geology degree with an emphasis in paleontology. His career goal is to become a paleontologist who works hand-in-hand with colleges and universities to reveal mysteries of the past.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa officer and participated in Eastern Arizona College's undergrad research program

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, Biology Student of the Year designee

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I'm a geek from a small town with a knack for academics. My hobbies are what you would expect: gaming, writing, reading. #geeksarecool #INTJ



## Brianna Griffin

**Eastern Arizona College – Gila Pueblo Campus**

**Major:** General Studies

Griffin plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University where she will complete a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders. Her career goal is to work as a speech language pathologist.

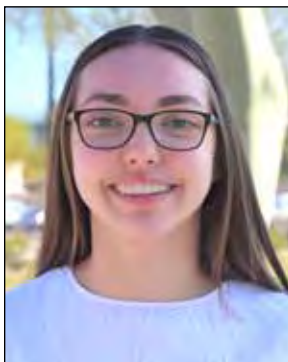
**College/Community Activities:** Volunteer at PMFHE (Pinal Mountain Foundation for Higher Education), volunteer at church youth group, three-year volunteer at local STEMfest

**College Honors:** Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society two-year PMFHE scholarship recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Meet Brianna Griffin, pursuing her dream job of speech pathology. Values faith, family, education & community.



## ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Shadai Garcia

**Estrella Mountain Community College**

**Major:** Business

Upon graduation, Garcia will attend Arizona State University and complete a bachelor's degree in business sustainability. Garcia's main goal is to own a sustainability consulting firm and family bakery.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa College Project officer, STEM club member, EMCC's Student of Sustainability and Animal Ambassador

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Service Learning Recognition

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** From her humility came excellence. From her dedication came a manifestation. Motivated to make a difference. #engage4change #sustainableimpact



**ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Luke Kilduff

**Estrella Mountain Community College**

**Major:** Kinesiology and Exercise Science

Kilduff is deciding to transfer to either the Arizona State University College of Health Solutions or the Northern Arizona University CEFNS (College of the Environment, Forestry and Natural Sciences). He plans to ultimately earn a doctorate in physical therapy (DPT) to attain his career goal of becoming a clinical physical therapist.

**College/Community Activities:** ACE Program Success coach, Summit Community Church student ministry volunteer leader, Feed My Starving Children volunteer and Phi Theta Kappa member/volunteer

**College Honors:** President's Honors List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and President's Honors Scholarship recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Servant-leader taking time to truly connect. ACE coach, future PT, twin, composer. Choosing grace+mercy. Always learning #BeADetective



**ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Matthew Berkes

**GateWay Community College**

**Major:** Math

Berkes plans to transfer to the Arizona State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to earn a Bachelor in Mathematics degree. His career goal is to work with students to make learning about STEM easier and more fun.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Member TRIO Program Participant Math and Science Tutor Volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul

**College Honors:** President's List Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Leadership Award Recipient and TRIO SSS Scholastic Dedication Award

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am as good as anyone else and everybody else is as good as me.



**GATEWAY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Andrew De Nardo

**GateWay Community College**

**Major:** Nuclear Medicine Technologies

De Nardo plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University ultimately earning a Bachelor of Science with an emphasis in diagnostic imaging and therapy. His career goal is to further his education to medical school and study to become a surgeon with a concentration in neuro or cardio.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Alpha Epsilon chapter president, anatomy and chemistry tutor, regional honors institute representative and Phi Theta Kappa information representative

**College Honors:** President's Honor Roll, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Maricopa Community Colleges Honors

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Dependable, ambitious, motivated, and bold. Exactly what the future needs. #StriveForGreatness



**GATEWAY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE





## Cameron Aquino

Glendale Community College

**Major:** Electrical Engineering

Aquino plans to transfer to the electrical engineering program at Arizona State University with the goal to attain a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering. His career goal is to find a career in the field of engineering to do work he will find pride in.

**College/Community Activities:** GCC Engineering Club officer, Roger Ranch School volunteer and Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden volunteer

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Working hard and it will pay off. Success doesn't come easy. #ElectricalEngineering #GCCEngineeringClub #ASU-Bound #Hawai'iBornAndRaised



GLENDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Alexandra Miller

Glendale Community College

**Major:** Marketing

Miller plans to transfer to the University of Arizona for the Eller College of Management to pursue her Bachelor's of Science degree. Her career goal is to open her own marketing firm so she can lead a company that epitomizes equality among her employees.

**College/Community Activities:** Marketing Director of the food pantry, Phi Theta Kappa officer and Feed My Starving Children volunteer

**College Honors:** Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and President honors scholar

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Creating happiness through laughter today; Female CEO advocating for equality tomorrow #reinventingmyself #launchingmyfuture



GLENDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Madison Potts

Glendale Community College – North Campus

**Major:** Astrophysics and Software Engineering

Potts plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a bachelor's in both astrophysics and software engineering. Her career goal is to someday work at NASA in data science.

**College/Community Activities:** Animal Care Specialist at Halo Animal Rescue and Dinner Service Volunteer at André House

**College Honors:** President's Honors List and member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Jack of all trades! Sharp observer, quintessential learner, inquisitive, ambitious. Yet, the 3 best words to describe me: Veni Vidi Vici!



GLENDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## David Rodriguez

Glendale Community College – North Campus

**Major:** Biomedical Engineering

Rodriguez plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a bachelor's in biomedical engineering. His career goal or plan is to enlist in the Navy or Air Force. When he is in the military he can either further his education, practice medicine, or design medical devices for active-duty or retired service-men and women. Regardless of the path that he chooses, he wants to help our veterans. When he retires from the military, he wants to become a professor or teacher.

**College/Community Activities:** GCC Engineering Club president and general volunteer

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a nerdy and motivated engineering major that loves to plan ahead and be organized. #nerd #planner



GLENDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Kyle Kane

### Mesa Community College – Red Mountain Campus

**Major:** Biological and Biomedical Sciences

Kane plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a bachelor's in biological and biomedical sciences. He plans to attend medical school to become a surgeon specializing in pediatric neurology. While attending ASU Kane aims to earn a degree in Paramedicine from MCCC and launch a career in emergency medicine as a firefighter in his local community.

**College/Community Activities:** MCC Red Mountain Campus Community Garden Club founder, "Be Prepared for Everything" emergency preparedness event planner, Mesa United Way "12 Books" donation campus leader and MCC Red Mountain Adventure Club member

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa, MCC Service Scholar, Psi Beta and President's Honor List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Everyday is a new opportunity to live not only your best life, but to help those around you live their best life as well. #BeTheChangeYouWantToSee



**MESA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Shelby Lynch

### Mesa Community College – Southern and Dobson Campus

**Major:** Digital Marketing

Lynch plans to transfer to the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University to pursue a Master of Business, Digital Marketing. Her career goal is to utilize social media to promote non-profit organizations.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Beta Chapter vice president, Phi Theta Kappa (International) social media ambassador, Up to Us team leader and Mesa United Way social media marketing intern

**College Honors:** MCC President's Honors Scholarship recipient, Maricopa Community Colleges Chancellor's Scholarship recipient, Mesa Community College Service Scholar and Maricopa Community Colleges Sustainability in Leadership Award recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** You know Shelby Lynch as the "Oh Yeah" girl at #PhiThetaKappa events, but did you know she LOVES the violin, social media, and service?



**MESA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Preston Peterson

### Mesa Community College – Red Mountain Campus

**Major:** Health-Related Professions

Peterson plans to transfer to Arizona State University to obtain a bachelor's in health care business, following which he will pursue a doctorate in Physical Therapy. His goal is to open a health and wellness clinic focused on spine care and research.

**College/Community Activities:** Mesa United Way literacy tutor, Nick and Kelly Heart Foundation camp counselor, Hospice At Home of Arizona volunteer and Campus Engagement Project Voter Registration advocate

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Beta Chapter vice president, MCC President's Honors List, Excellence in Service Award and Whitehouse presidential service recognition

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Committed husband and future father. Sports fanatic providing exhilarating piano music to my peers since 1996. #ICanGoTheDistance



**MESA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Abigaly Atonal Rodriguez

### Mesa Community College – Southern and Dobson Campus

**Major:** Sociology

Rodriguez plans to transfer to the University of Michigan to pursue a Ph.D. in sociology. Her career goal is to work for the Arizona Department of Education and further student success for marginalized communities.

**College/Community Activities:** Arizona regional officer for Phi Theta Kappa, chapter president of Omicron Beta Phi Theta Kappa, Eisenhower Center for Innovation volunteer and Mesa Market volunteer

**College Honors:** United States President's Volunteer Service Award, Mesa Community College Cultural and Global Engagement Award recipient, Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Officer-Hall of Honor and MCC President's Honors List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am the daughter of the past and the holder of my future. #IAmPTK



**MESA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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## Kristyn Anderson

**Mohave Community College – Lake Havasu City Campus**

**Major:** RN Nursing

Anderson plans to work on her Bachelor of Science in Nursing through Arizona State University concurrently with her nursing program at Mohave Community College. Her career goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner.

**College/Community Activities:** Vice president of Student Nurses' Association

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a Coffee addict, wife, mother & future RN...WOOT! I am always smiling and humor is my go-to! #notalkiebeforecoffee #smilingismyfavorite



## Jimi Hammond

**Mohave Community College – Neal Campus – Kingman**

**Major:** Social and Behavioral Science

Hammond plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology. Her career goal is to work in higher education in order to help others achieve a college degree or certificate.

**College/Community Activities:** Veterans Club advisor, AVPA vice president and Phi Theta Kappa Club member

**College Honors:** Graduated with honors, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Dougherty Foundation Scholarship recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** By night - a unicorn, by day - a life changing, community improving and mountain moving go-getter! #workhardplayharderandneverforgettacotuesday



## Christina Henslee

**Mohave Community College – Bullhead City Campus**

**Major:** General Studies

Henslee plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue Biochemistry and ultimately earn a Doctor of Biological Design degree. Her career goal is to work together with multiple scientific disciplines to lead and, more importantly, contribute to scientific medical research.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Peer Mentor and CaringHearts Ministry/WOW Mobile Produce Pantry volunteer, Tri-State Youth Leadership & Internship Program Associate Board Member and Phi Theta Kappa Vice President

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



## Jennifer Jaimes Gomez

**Mohave Community College – Bullhead City Campus**

**Major:** Education

Gomez plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University ultimately earning a Bachelor of Education. Her career goal is to teach third grade to give back to the community and help the next generation of students reach their full potential.

**College/Community Activities:** Student Activities Council president, Phi Theta Kappa Public Relations officer and AmeriCorps – AdviseAZ member

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





## Danielle Manygoat

**Mohave Community College – North Mohave Campus**

**Major:** Nursing

Manygoat plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to pursue an advanced nursing degree. She plans to ultimately pursue a Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant degree. Her goal is to return to the Navajo Reservation to assist in the increasing demand for health care physicians on the reservation.

**College/Community activities:** Patient Experience Champion, Preceptor trainer and Student Nurse Organization member

**College Honors:** Student Nurses organization member – North Mohave Campus

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** From the beautiful lands of #navajonation is where Danielle Manygoat is from. Living a life full of #Hozho and #blessings. #Healing is her passion and #NurseRN is her goal

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Community  
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## Selma Richter

**Mohave Community College – North Mohave Campus**

**Major:** Veterinarian Medicine

Richter plans to transfer to Washington State University to complete her bachelor's degree in animal science, and then gain admission to vet school and graduate to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Her career goal is to work in an emergency hospital or with an animal conservation group.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa officer, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary volunteer and RSQ Dogs+ volunteer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Future Doctor of Veterinary Medicine #phithetakappa #passion #artist #runner #animallover #volunteer #greenplanet #leadership

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Community  
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## Taschia Salas

**Mohave Community College – Lake Havasu City Campus**

**Major:** Nursing

Salas plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University where she will pursue her Bachelor of Nursing degree. Her career goal is to work as a travel nurse in Hospice Care.

**College/Community Activities:** Honors Award recipient; Women's Network Exchange of Arizona member, Starline Elementary School volunteer and Salvation Army volunteer and Community LGBTQ advocate

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

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## Kyran Soriano

**Mohave Community College – Neal Campus – Kingman**

**Major:** Chemistry and Engineering

Soriano plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to pursue a degree in physics. His career goal is to work as a physics professor or educator.

**College/Community Activities:** Student Activities Council secretary, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter president and regional officer

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

**Self-descriptive tweet:** Kai is a physics student working on becoming the teacher. People say he's hilarious, and his mom thinks he's cool, but secretly he's Batman.

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## Tabitha Adams

**Northland Pioneer College – Snowflake, Silver Creek Campus**

**Major:** Psychological Sciences

Adams is on her way to becoming an influential member of our community as a behavioral health consultant. She will continue her education at Northern Arizona University.

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa and NPC President's & Dean's Lists

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am determined not to let my circumstances define me or my success. #perspectiveiseverything



**Northland Pioneer College**



## Kaylen Benito

**Northland Pioneer College – Winslow, Little Colorado Campus**

**Major:** Sociology/Social Sciences

Benito will be transferring to Northern Arizona University to pursue a career helping children as a social worker.

**College/Community Activities:** Student Government Association

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa and NPC President's & Dean's Lists

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Here is an update guys.... college is fun and my attitude is great!! Spending my time volunteering and helping my community!! #NPC#CollegeKid



**Northland Pioneer College**



## Derek Flake

**Northland Pioneer College – St. Johns Center**

**Major:** Education

Flake will be utilizing his tuition waiver to attend Arizona State University and become a teacher.

**College/Community Activities:** Operation Underground Railroad, Coalition to Stop Violence against Native Women, Pedal the Petrified and Eagle Fest volunteer

**College Honors:** Vice President of NPC's Student Government Association (prior 2yrs) and current Phi Theta Kappa Vice President

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I've learned that anything in life worth having comes from patience and hard work – Greg Behrendt #MakingItHappen #HardWork #SGAVP #PTKVP



**Northland Pioneer College**



## Jeffrey Hamilton

**Northland Pioneer College – Holbrook, Painted Desert Campus**

**Major:** Accounting

Hamilton will be pursuing a career as an accountant. He will continue his studies at Northern Arizona University.

**College/Community Activities:** Student Government Association, fundraising activity for the Safe-House "Packages from Home" project and library aide

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa and NPC President's List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a twenty-eight-year-old male that currently attends #NPC getting my major in Accounting then continuing at #NAU



**Northland Pioneer College**





## Rosalee Jones

**Northland Pioneer College – Springerville – Eagar Center**

**Major:** English/Literature

Jones' love of literature is fueling her goal to pursue a career in professional writing and editing. She will continue her studies at Northern Arizona University.

**College/Community Activities:** Volunteer work with Operation Christmas Child and Living Hope banquets

**College Honors:** NPC President's List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I'm a hopeless romantic still finding myself and determined to better myself every day. I love poetry and crave adventure! #everythingsookay



**Northland Pioneer College**



## Paige Murray

**Northland Pioneer College – Winslow on Little Colorado Campus**

**Major:** Education

Murray plans to earn her bachelor's degree at Northern Arizona University and pursue a career in elementary education.

**College/Community Activities:** Holbrook High School Show Choir choreographer, Passion Dance Company owner, choreographer and instructor

**College Honors:** NPC President's List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Your dreams and aspirations are guided by the beat of your heart which breathes the air of passion. #live#learn#dance#teach#inspire



**Northland Pioneer College**



## Brealyn Nielsen

**Northland Pioneer College – St. Johns Center**

**Major:** Business Management, Accounting

Nielsen will be attending Arizona State University to pursue a career in accounting.

**College/Community Activities:** NPC's Student Government Association

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa, NPC President's & Dean's List and President's Scholar

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a family girl who enjoys a good movie, any dog, and traveling. I am so ready for the next chapter in life. #smalltowngirldreaminbig



**Northland Pioneer College**



## Thomas Parada

**Northland Pioneer College – Holbrook, Painted Desert Campus**

**Major:** History

Parada will be transferring to Northern Arizona University to continue his studies in history.

**College/Community Activities:** Library volunteer and advocate of reading

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Midterm papers coming soon. Studying to make sure I do well like the British at Malta 1940-42. #history repeats in details.



**Northland Pioneer College**



## Samantha Roberts

**Northland Pioneer College – Show Low, White Mountain Campus**

**Major:** Psychology

Roberts will transfer to Northern Arizona University to pursue a career in marriage and family law.

**College/Community Activities:** Member of the White Mountain Symphony Orchestra

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa, NPC President's scholar and NPC's President's & Dean's List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I'm an avid reader, I find different cultures fascinating, and I am a pro TV-show binger. I'm an all-around nerd and expert game player.



**Northland Pioneer College**



## Samuel Rosales II

**Northland Pioneer College – Snowflake, Silver Creek Campus**

**Major:** Business Management

Rosales will be pursuing a career in Business at Arizona State University.

**College/Community Activities:** Laundry volunteer for the LDS Temple in Snowflake

**College Honors:** NPC President's List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** #seeYa@theTop!



**Northland Pioneer College**



## Reuben Williams

**Northland Pioneer College – Show Low, White Mountain Campus**

**Major:** Nursing

Williams plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University and pursue his bachelor's degree in nursing.

**College/Community Activities:** Volunteering in Phi Theta Kappa fundraisers and with NPC's Student Government Association's food drive

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa, NPC's Dean's List and NPC's Spotlight Scholarship scholar

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I jump out of bed every day to live my dream. Benevolent, guiding, and a noble leader. Love for all.



**Northland Pioneer College**

## PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Amanda McCloud

#### Paradise Valley Community College

**Major:** Psychology

McCloud plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a masters in psychology. Her career goals are to become a psychologist specializing in helping children and eventually becoming a social worker.

**College/Community Activities:** Acting president of the PRIDE Club, co-director of Club Z, Phi Theta Kappa officer and creator of The Fridge (PVCC's Moving Art Gallery)

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Amanda has come out of her shell to become a leader at PVCC. She's in numerous leadership roles on campus and plans to major in psychology.



PARADISE VALLEY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### Natalie McKnight

#### Paradise Valley Community College

**Major:** Exercise Science – Pre-Physical Therapy

McKnight plans to transfer to Arizona State University to finish out her bachelors in kinesiology, ultimately ending with a doctorate from physical therapy school. Her career goal is to work as a physical therapist and eventually open up her own practice.

**College/Community Activities:** SHAC Leader, full-time worker, church volunteer and health coach

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Just a girl who is driven, creative, hardworking and cares so much about the success of others. I may not be scary being 5'1 but I'm #swole



PARADISE VALLEY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## PHOENIX COLLEGE



### Maricruz Chavez-Tinoco

#### Phoenix College

**Major:** Nursing

Chavez-Tinoco plans to transfer to Arizona State University ultimately earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. She then wishes to pursue a DNP degree. Her prospective career is working as a traveling nurse anesthetist.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa officer, participant of Maricopa's Global Leadership Retreat, participant of Honors Institute and Chicanos Por La Causa volunteer

**College Honors:** President's Honors List, Phi Theta Kappa officer and President's Honors Scholarship recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I like to watch things grow and prosper; whether it be petunias or people. I'm an old soul with a new vision. #TheNextGen



PHOENIX COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE





## Amanda Morrison

### Phoenix College

**Major:** Environmental Science

Morrison plans to transfer to Arizona State University to study Environmental Science. She also plans to earn a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Sustainability. Her career goal is to work as a research scientist to help the government and corporations to preserve nature and the environment.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa chapter officer, Phi Theta Kappa regional officer, TRAIN Scholar, STEAM Club officer and Honors student

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, URSA Student Leadership Award and 1st place research project poster at the Spring 2019 Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science meeting

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Mother. Wife. Woman in science. Tree hugger. Bookworm. STEAM lover. Sustainability student. PTK. My passion is to create a sustainable world to support all life. #Environment



PHOENIX COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Community Campus*



## Danielle Anderson

### Pima Community College – Community Campus

**Major:** Business Management

Anderson plans to transfer to the University of Arizona South earning a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership & international and regional commerce. Her career goal is to work for a global company as an international project manager, traveling to various locations.

**College/Community Activities:** Business Club member, Phi Theta Kappa member, Honors Club member and VA Hospital volunteer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Emerging Leader Summit Certificate, Certificate of Appreciation and Exemplary Academic Performance

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I'mCreative#Entrepreneur#Outgoing#Dedicated#Insightful#Resourceful#Hard-Working#Leader#Observant#Driven##Reliable#Diligent#Organized#Savvy#



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## PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Desert Vista Campus*



## Nayeli Ramirez Vareles

### Pima Community College – Desert Vista Campus

**Major:** Nursing

Vareles plans to transfer to the Northern Arizona University College of Health and Human Services ultimately earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Her career goal is to work at Tucson Medical Center Hospital as a Registered Nurse to assist patients with various health issues.

**College/Community Activities:** Food Pantry volunteer and Casa Maria volunteer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and All-USA Scholarship recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a friendly, intelligent, and dedicated person, full of determination and persistence. I'm always eager to expand my knowledge.



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## Callene Ross

**Pima Community College – Desert Vista Campus**

**Major:** Dual degree in English and Creative Writing

Ross plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to earn a dual degree in English and Creative Writing. Her career goal is to work in the publishing industry.

**College/Community Activities:** Human trafficking awareness advocate, UIM Aviation volunteer and co-establisher of Wings of the Way

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, 2019 “Speaking Out” Creative Writing Contest Scholarship recipient and John B. Gabusi Memorial Scholarship recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Ambitious #writer seeks education to change the world, one inspiring story at a time. #enditmovement

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## PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Downtown Campus*

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## Ashley Gomez

**Pima Community College – Downtown Campus**

**Major:** Environmental Engineering

Gomez plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University eventually earning a Masters in Environmental Engineering. Her career goals are to work in the public sector waste water management and have a positive effect on environmental policy.

**College/Community Activities:** Pima Community College Honors club officer, Butterfield Elementary STEM Club coordinator, presenter at the Western Regional Honors Council and Chairman of the Honors in Action project for Alpha Beta Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and Pima Honors Service and Leadership award

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** This tweet has taken me an hour to write. I am going to do math homework now and maybe have a snack.

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## Sierra Ornelas

**Pima Community College – Downtown Campus**

**Major:** Family Studies & Human Development

Ornelas plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Science, eventually earning her master's in psychology, with hopes to later transfer to Florida State University to receive her Sports Doctoral Degree. Her career goal is to become a Sports Psychologist.

**College/Community Activities:** Goodwill Metro Liaison, Honors Council Executive Team officer, International Kids Kamp Counselor and Vice President for NW Casas Adobes Toastmasters

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Emerging Leader Summit Certificate and Community Service Certificate

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Sierra strives to make a difference within her community and empower other individuals to do the same. #TakeAction

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**PimaCommunityCollege**



### Reyad Alfaituri

**Pima Community College – East Campus**

**Major:** Information Technology & Business

Alfaituri plans to transfer to Arizona State University, W.P. Carey School of Business ultimately earning a Doctorate degree in Management Information Systems (MIS). His career goal is to become an Information Technology (IT) expert in one of the Big Five (technology companies) while continuing to be involved in community nonprofit organizations and IT education activities.

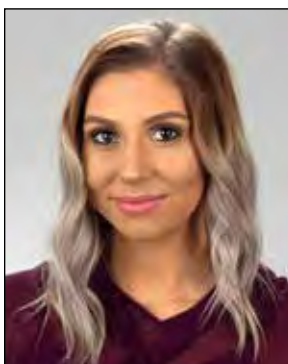
**College/Community Activities:** Founder & Former President of Pima IT Club, Phi Theta Kappa officer, AZCWR IT Education volunteer and member of PCC IT Advisory Board, Joint Technical Education District-Information Technologies Tucson, ASAB and Pima Business Club

**College Honors:** Exemplary Student Leader of The Year 2018, Chancellor Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Emerging Leader Summit Certificate and Community Service Certificate

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** An ambitious leader who combines knowledge and real-life experience to challenge our existing reality and create a bright future for all. Hashtags: #Bright\_Future\_For\_All



**PimaCommunityCollege**



### Dani McCartney

**Pima Community College – East Campus**

**Major:** Psychology

McCartney plans to become a clinical psychologist by earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and a doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Arizona. She hopes to one day open her own private practice.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Member, Autism Society Involvement and Echoing Hope Ranch volunteer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Strong, determined, motivated & passionate – what I strive to be each day to reach my goals & passion of helping people in my community. #optimistic



**PimaCommunityCollege**



### Cecilia Bogle

**Pima Community College – Northwest Campus**

**Major:** Nursing

Bogle plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn her bachelor's degree in Nursing. Her career goal is to become a research nurse working in oncology, while continuing to advocate in public health.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Honors Club, STEM education volunteer, Southern Arizona Veteran Affairs Hospital volunteer and public health advocate safe medical devices

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a #determined, thriving student at #PCC and a member of the #PTK Honor Society. I am a wife and mother & grandmother and future #BSN!



**PimaCommunityCollege**





## April Enslen

**Pima Community College – Northwest Campus**

**Major:** Undecided

Enslen plans to transfer to the University of Arizona and pursue a bachelor's degree. Her career goal is to find something that makes her happy and positively impacts the community.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa president, Honors Executive Team member and J.A.D.E. Certificate, V.A. of Southern Arizona volunteer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Coca-Cola Leader of Promise Scholarship recipient 2019, Pima Rising Student Leader nominee 2019 and Emerging Leader Summit Certificate

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** "I am large, I contain multitudes." *Walt Whitman*

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**PimaCommunityCollege**

## PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *West Campus*

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## Charles Archuleta

**Pima Community College – West Campus**

**Major:** History

Archuleta plans to transfer to the Northern Arizona University's College of Arts and Letters where he will earn a Bachelor's in History. His career goal is to work in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

**College/Community Activities:** College Project Chair, Himmel Park clean-up Co-lead, Alpha Beta Chi Chapter Secretary and Phi Theta Kappa Arizona Regional Vice President

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Believer. Son, brother, and loyal friend. Also, baseball aficionado, overcomer and passionate about life. Proud to be an autism advocate.

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## Lowell Hobson

**Pima Community College – West Campus**

**Major:** Social Services

Hobson plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University's School of Social Work to earn a bachelor's degree in social work. His career goal is to continue on to earn a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW). Then go on to help his community of the Navajo Nation and work in the social work field to help his Diné people.

**College/Community Activities:** Social Services Student Organization president, Phi Theta Kappa - vice-president, Honors Club member and Aztec Resource Center food pantry volunteer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Emerging Leader Summit Certificate, Justice Advocacy Dialogue Empowerment (JADE) retreat, Social Service Advisory Committee, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute – Honors Scholar and All-USA Scholarship nominee

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** @lhobson2013 here, and I am an honors student at Pima Community College and studying to further my education in the field of social work.

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## RIO SALADO COLLEGE



### Tamara Rinck

#### Rio Salado College

**Major:** Public Administration

Rinck plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University and complete a bachelors and masters in higher education. Tamara would like to give back what support she has received and become a PTK Advisor and teacher at the college level.

**College/Community Activities:** Volunteer at Kitt's Kittens animal rescue and well as Follow your Heart dog rescue, President Council speaker, Phi Theta Kappa travel coordinator, Saguaro High School PTO volunteer and Eclipse Volleyball Club team mom

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and National Society of Leadership and Success

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a strong, confident, and determined mother. I am emotionally supported by my three spunky, fun-loving, fabulous children. I hope I make them forever proud to have me as their mom. My cup runneth over!



**RIO SALADO COLLEGE**

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### Ashanti Ruiz

#### Rio Salado College

**Major:** Behavioral Health-Addictions and Substance Use Disorders

Ruiz plans to transfer to the University of Arizona ultimately earning a master's degree in clinical psychology. Her career goal is to work with the Maryvale community helping those with substance abuse.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Induction speaker, Phi Theta Kappa officer, Psi Beta officer and Woman Rising president

**College Honors:** President's List, Rio Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and EXCEL Scholarship recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I'm a 21-year-old multicultural college student who's ready to combat stigma in mental illness. My community is the gas that fuels my passion.



**RIO SALADO COLLEGE**

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## SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Maria Apud de la Fuente

#### Scottsdale Community College

**Major:** Journalism and Mass Communications

Apud de la Fuente's plan is to transfer to Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Communications at Arizona State University, ultimately earning a Bachelor of Arts in her specific field within journalism, which will be photojournalism. Her career goal is to work at the New York Times or National Geographic as a photojournalist in order to inform the world with powerful stories.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa officer, intern at Green Living Magazine, Editorial Board Member of Northeast Valley News, Coyotes Skating Club of Arizona member, volunteer, and officer

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Different is beautiful. Different helps you learn, grow and expand your horizons. Don't let yourself fit in the mold; create your own.



**SCOTTSDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Sarah Drennon

### Scottsdale Community College

**Major:** Biology Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Drennon plans to transfer to Arizona State University ultimately earning a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Her life's mission is to help others, become a veterinarian and heal as many wild and domestic animals as possible. Her dream is to have her own wildlife rescue to save endangered species and make the planet more sustainable.

**College/Community Activities:** Vice chair on the Council of Student Leaders, Liberty Wildlife volunteer, Women Rising president, Center for Native and Urban Wildlife volunteer

**College Honors:** Spirit of Service Award, Dean's List, Outstanding Leadership Award and Women's Philanthropy Circle Scholarship recipient

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** My #1 goal is to use my education to bring my vision of a world with less suffering, where nature is thriving, into reality. #SaveThePlanet



## SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Pamela Mancilla

### South Mountain Community College

**Major:** Fine Arts/ Art Education

Mancilla plans to transfer to Prescott College to earn a bachelor of fine arts/visual arts and a Bachelor of Arts with certification in elementary education. Her career goal is to enrich the lives of youth and her community by cultivating creativity through her role as an art teacher.

**College/Community Activities:** Various art institutions volunteer, Free Arts of Arizona volunteer, St. Matthew Catholic School volunteer and Phi Theta Kappa officer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am Pamela Mancilla, a first generation college student with dreams, commitment to my community, and passion. #iamptk #dreamer dreaming



## Catherine Miller

### South Mountain Community College

**Major:** Global Health

Miller was admitted to and plans to transfer to the University of Arizona's Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health in Fall 2020 to ultimately earn a Master of Public Health. Her career goal is to work as an international humanitarian aid health worker for a non-governmental organization.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa officer, South Mountain Equine Club officer, English composition embedded tutor and Arizona Quarter Horse Association volunteer

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** #southmountain student, #study obsessed, #frenchspeaker. using my potential as an intellectual to help change the world, one patient at a time.







## Isabella Adams

**Yavapai College – Career & Technical Education Center**

**Major:** Biomedical Engineer

Adams is transferring to Arizona State University to pursue a degree as a biomedical engineer.

**College/Community Activities:** Womens' shelter, meal volunteer and honors program

**College Honors:** Teen maze, Stepping Stones and Achieve AZ – 60 speaker

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I take pride in more than just the hours spent studying and my contagious grit. I am ready, arms open, for any adventure life throws my way.

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## Zachary Chamberlin

**Yavapai College – Career & Technical Education Center**

**Major:** Aerospace – Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Chamberlin wants to earn a Bachelor's of Science in Aeronautical Management Technology (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) with a minor in safety.

**College/Community Activities:** Youth Hockey coach

**College Honors:** Dean's List and Embry Riddle Honor's Program

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** #Flyboy #Zulu #Alpha #Charlie #Kilo

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## Madeleine Cherry

**Yavapai College – Prescott Campus**

**Major:** Nursing

Cherry will be transferring to the University of Arizona to pursue a career as a nurse.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Beta Gamma Pi chapter officer, I AM YC Club president, Philosophy and Religion Club vice president and Yavapai County Big Brothers Big Sisters – Big Sister

**College Honors:** College Honors Program Scholarship, second year

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Musical. Aspiring. Dedicated. Efficient. Logical. Encouraging. Intelligent. Neat. Empathetic. Calm. Hardworking. Elegant. Resourceful. Respected. Yowza!

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COLLEGE



## Alex Daniels

**Yavapai College – Prescott Campus**

**Major:** Computer Networking Technologies

Daniels will be transferring to Northern Arizona University. He wants to work in the IT industry in cybersecurity at a small to medium corporation or government.

**College/Community Activities:** Roughrider Ambassador at Yavapai College, Hungry Kids Project of Chino Valley, Chino Valley Food Neighbors Project and Yavapai College Food Pantry

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

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Tech Lvr. IT Network Student. 13k Runner. Dog Trainer. SpongeBob Expert. Future CyberSecurity Admin. Brother Like No Other. #feedhungrykids

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## Andre Etien Jr.

**Yavapai College – Sedona Center for Arts & Technology**

**Major:** Hotel and Restaurant Management

Etien is transferring to Northern Arizona University. His career goal is to become a consultant in hospitality.

**College/Community Activities:** Helped raise money for a Christian school in India, conducting a canned food drive for the holidays and hosts monthly luncheon at his church for fellowship

**College Honors:** 2020 All-Arizona Academic Team

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Everyday I choose to live! I won't allow my spirit to be softened nor let my happiness be limited by a day I can't have or that doesn't exist.

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COLLEGE



## Kenneth Froessel

**Yavapai College – Sedona Center for Arts & Technology**

**Major:** Applied Human Behavior

Froessel is transferring to Northern Arizona University with a career goal in mental health counseling and social work.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa member (Beta Gamma Pi chapter), Arizona Crisis Team (ACT) and Verde Valley Homeless Coalition

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa member (Beta Gamma Pi chapter)

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a someone who doesn't tweet #nevertweeted. I am re-imagining life for the next thirty years that I can truly call #itsawonderfullife!

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COLLEGE



## Kellsie Guinn

**Yavapai College – Verde Valley Campus**

**Major:** Fine Art

Guinn is transferring to the University of Arizona to pursue a bachelor's in psychology and then a medical degree to become a psychiatrist.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa and Students of Leadership

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa, Academic Honors and Students of Leadership

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** A passionate and adventurous goofball who works hard to overcome her mental illnesses every day. #EndTheStigma

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COLLEGE



## Hannah Hovelsrud

**Yavapai College – Prescott Valley Campus**

**Major:** Associate of Arts

Hovelsrud is transferring to Arizona State University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in political science and then go on to law school.

**College/Community Activities:** Secretary of Law Club, Phi Theta Kappa member and volunteer at the Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I am a positive, motivated individual who wants to make a difference in the world!

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COLLEGE



## Celeena Johnson

**Yavapai College – Verde Valley Campus**

**Major:** Bachelor's of Science in Education

Johnson is transferring to Northern Arizona University to become an elementary school teacher – first grade.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa vice president Verde Valley Campus, Students of Leadership and student ambassador

**College Honors:** Yavapai College Honors Programs – 2nd year, President's List

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** Who are you? I am Selfless, Passionate, Gentle, Righteous, and Sensitive. #Sunshine #VerdeGrown #KeepSmiling #LoveWhoYouAre

*Yavapai*  
COLLEGE



## Gia Noelle

**Yavapai College – Prescott Valley Campus**

**Major:** Nutrition

Noelle is transferring to Arizona State University to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in nutrition (dietetics) and attain a Master of Science (nutrition) with registered dietician accreditation.

**College/Community Activities:** President and Founder of Yavapai College Poetry club, president of Yavapai College Health and Prevention Club and Marketing chair of Yavapai College English Club

**College Honors:** PKT Member

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** I'm the person everyone comes to for caring guidance, innovative ideas, sincere support and delicious food. #momfriend

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## MaKenna Snyder

**Yavapai College – Agribusiness & Science Technology Center**

**Major:** Agricultural Technology Management

Snyder is transferring to the University of Arizona. Her goal is to own or manage a greenhouse that focuses on sustainability.

**College/Community Activities:** Yavapalooza plant sale, FFA (Future Farmers of America) District competition and Career Days at CTEC (Career and Technical Education Center) campus,

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** FFA for life. 7 time AZ champion shooter. Dune lover. #agrigodess #dedicated #gr8tworker #girlmechanic #fisharefriendsnotfood #Ispeakforthetrees

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## Brittany Thomas

**Yavapai College – Agribusiness & Science Technology Center**

**Major:** Political Science

Thomas hasn't decided which university she plans on transferring to. Her immediate career goal is to become an aide to a legislator and work on animal welfare and environmental issues.

**College/Community Activities:** Volunteering at the Solid Rock Church soup kitchen, participating in Yavapai College's Chalk for Change event, taking part in Yavapai College's homecoming parade, student representative for the Equine Care and Management program at Yavapai College's harvest festival

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Yavapai College's College Honors Program, Yavapai College's Career and Technical Education Division Most Outstanding Student Award for the Equine Care and Management Program for the 2018-2019 academic year

**Self-Descriptive tweet:** To me, my education is not about the degree. It is about the "degree" to which I can use it to help people and animals. #educationisadvocacy

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