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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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 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”.

James Brimhall
Keynote Speaker
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.
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 #alwayssmiling :)

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 Villareal Lomei
Arizona Western College – San Luis and Somerton Learning Center
Major: Elementary Education
Villareal 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 Reteguin
Central Arizona College – Maricopa Campus
Major: Administration of Justice
Reteguin 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

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.

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

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
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 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 Strokes 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.
**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

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**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

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**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.

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**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
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

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

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!

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
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 MCCCD 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

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?

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

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
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

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

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

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.
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

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

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

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
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! #everythingsokay

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

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

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.
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.

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!

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.
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.

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

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
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

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'm Creative#Entrepreneur#Outgoing#Dedicated#Insightful#Resourceful#Hard-Working#Leader#Observant#Driven#Reliable#Diligent#Organized#Savvy#

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.
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

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 Honor 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.

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
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

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

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!
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

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.

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.
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!

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.

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.
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

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: Women’s 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.

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

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


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.

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

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.

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!

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

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!
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

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

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

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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