

All-Arizona Academic Team

Virtual Recognition Ceremony
Thursday, March 4, 2021



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

All-Arizona Academic Team for Community Colleges

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

– Governor Doug Ducey

Recognition Ceremony

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

Process

Each college may send two student nominations per campus to the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for judging. This year we honor 77 students who were evaluated on academic performance and service to the college and community. Criteria for selection are:

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

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

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

National Recognition

All-Arizona Academic Team members are eligible to be selected as one of 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.



All-Arizona Academic Team Celebration

March 4, 2021

Welcome:

Dr. J.D. Rottweiler, President, Cochise Community College

Emcee:

Grant Woods, Attorney at Law and Shareholder

Keynote Speaker:

Ashley Knister

All-Arizona Academic Team recipient from Yavapai College, December 2014

Arizona Board of Regents:

Larry Penley, Chair of the Board

Recognition of Academic Scholars:

Grant Woods



Ashley Knister
Keynote Speaker

Ashley Knister currently works as an Office Assistant for AZTV Channel 7, operating alongside Arizona legends such as Pat McMahon and Brad Perry. Ashley grew up in Cottonwood, Arizona finding a job right out of high school at the local radio station, Yavapai Broadcasting. After a few months of office work, they promoted her to “Co-Host” of her own morning radio show, “Bryan and Ashley in the Morning” on “The Q 102.9”. Ashley made connections with local Northern Arizona businesses and residents while traveling around the state for the radio station. For four years, she worked part-time at Yavapai Broadcasting and full time as a student at Yavapai College.

In 2014, Ashley graduated with her associate’s degree and moved to Flagstaff to attend Northern Arizona University. While at NAU, she studied abroad in Ireland for a semester, and also wandered through Italy (where she saw The Godfather for the first time). She learned how to operate broadcasting equipment through a part-time job in NAU’s Marketing Department, while also balancing a full-time job off campus. Ashley was cast in two student films produced by UTV Studios, which later went on to win awards at the

2018 NAU Student Film Festival. Ashley graduated Northern Arizona University in 2018 with her bachelor’s degree in Strategic Communication with an Emphasis in Advertising.

She’s now employed at AZTV Channel 7, where she works with various Chambers of Commerce across Arizona in support of local businesses. She builds and maintains relationships with clients who are interested in doing interviews on AZTV’s morning show “Arizona Daily Mix”. Ashley also sustains the station’s contracts with large Syndicators such as Disney, CBS, and NBCUniversal. She currently lives in Chandler with her boyfriend CJ, her cat Maximus and her dog Samson. Ashley plans to continue learning and growing on a daily basis, in her career, in her community outreach, and in herself.



2021 ALL-ARIZONA ACADEMIC TEAM

ARIZONA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES PRESENT



Wendy Hidalgo
AZ Western College



Maria Perez
AZ Western College



Jakelline Rodriguez
AZ Western College



Demetria Carter
Central Arizona College



Shaniya Deo
Central Arizona College



Sesimphiwe Mbatha
Central Arizona College



Alexsandra Nathan
Central Arizona College



Garrett Betlaf
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



Miranda Heard
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



Kathryn Hunter
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



Jennifer Strong
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



Luis Carlos Estrada
Cochise College



Jay Melzer
Cochise College



Chris Odette
Cochise College



Alicia Raber
Cochise College



Lee Hartwig
Coconino Community College



Jake Zimmerman
Coconino Community College



Noe Cepeda-Gallegos
Eastern Arizona College



Benjamin Fisher
Eastern Arizona College



Dylan Olson
Eastern Arizona College



Charlotte Peterson
Eastern Arizona College



Ethan Kilduff
Estrella Mountain Community College



Taina Rodriguez
Estrella Mountain Community College



Jennifer Blake
GateWay Community College



Marina Castañeda
Glendale Community College



Genevieve Cooper
Glendale Community College



Abel Haddis
Glendale Community College



Frank Nguyen
Glendale Community College



Mia Haas
Mesa Community College



Vicente Ortiz
Mesa Community College



Savannah Sandoe
Mesa Community College



Michelle Drwal
Mohave Community College



Trina Fowler
Mohave Community College



Trevor Irvin
Mohave Community College



Maria Jeffs
Mohave Community College



Carole Jessop
Mohave Community College



Misty Knight
Mohave Community College



Delaney Remp
Mohave Community College



Tyler Allen
Northland Pioneer College



Jessica Austin
Northland Pioneer College



Layton Bauer
Northland Pioneer College



Angela Colwell
Northland Pioneer College



Emmalee Hall
Northland Pioneer College



Trace Hancock
Northland Pioneer College



Jocilyn McCleve
Northland Pioneer College



John McGaughey
Northland Pioneer College



Kiarra Yazzie
Northland Pioneer College



Anabel Santos
Paradise Valley Community College



Charlotte Scaccia
Paradise Valley Community College



Peter Tometi
Paradise Valley Community College



Olga Fritz-Pulford
Phoenix College



David Ortiz-Leon
Phoenix College



Ariana Bootier
Pima Community College



Quinn Chrisemer
Pima Community College



Josephine Gilley
Pima Community College



Luis Ku
Pima Community College



Raphael Lepercq
Pima Community College



Gabriella Parra
Pima Community College



Marisol Peralta
Pima Community College



Briana Pomales
Pima Community College



Kevin Romero
Pima Community College



Monique Trujillo
Pima Community College



Ana Soto Velazquez
Pima Community College



Angela White
Pima Community College



Bryce Cristiano
Rio Salado College



Jordan Herrera
Rio Salado College



Joseph Kemp
Scottsdale Community College



Ashlyn Senior
Scottsdale Community College



Tabitha Campos
South Mountain Community College



Citlali Trujillo
South Mountain Community College



Johnathon Damschroder
Yavapai College



Cassidy Farias
Yavapai College



Amy Heiling
Yavapai College



Hannah McGee
Yavapai College



Autumn Ré
Yavapai College



Serra Romero
Yavapai College



Kari Warne
Yavapai College

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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.



Wendy Hidalgo Chavez

Arizona Western College – Yuma Campus

Major: Nursing

Wendy plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University, ultimately earning a bachelor's degree in nursing. Her career goal is to work as a registered nurse at the Yuma Regional Medical Center as she helps her community and gives back to those in need.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa alumna, YES program, food bank volunteer and neighborhood cleanup participant

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: Ambitious, considerate, hardworking, thrives on challenges, sets goals and enjoys helping others. #mentor #nursing #healthcare



Maria Del Carmen Perez

Arizona Western College – Yuma Campus

Major: Veterinary Science

Maria Perez plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to ultimately earn a Veterinary Science Degree as well as an Animal and Biomedical Science Degree. Her career goal is to open animal sanctuaries all over the world and work with every species.

College/Community Activities: College Assistance Migrant Program Member, Arizona Western College Honors Officer and Supplemental Instructor

College Honors: Arizona Western College Dean's List 2019-2020, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society Member, The National Society of Leadership and Success Member, and Arizona Western College Honors Program

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am passionate about my career and want to make my parents proud as a way of thanking them for all the sacrifices they made. #Latina #DaughterofFarmworker #SiSePuede



Jakelline M. Rodriguez

Arizona Western College – Somerton and San Luis Campuses

Major: Applied Computing

Jakelline plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College in the College of Applied Science and Technology ultimately earning a Bachelors in Applied Computing with an emphasis in Software Development degree. Her career goal is to work in a bid software development company to finally; build my own.

College/Community Activities: AWC Student Government Association - President and Peer mentor for the Informatics Program

College Honors: Dean's List (4 consecutive semesters)

Self-Descriptive tweet: In the future, I want to create new scholarships for high school, college, and university students. #FirstCollegeGeneration





Demetria Carter

Central Arizona College – Aravaipa Campus

Major: Psychology

Demetria plans to transfer to an in-state University, most likely the University of Arizona. At the University she will pursue a Bachelor of Psychology before continuing her education to ultimately attain a Doctorate of Psychology. Demetria's goal is to become a licensed psychologist with specialties in the care of children or military vets transitioning into civilian life. She would like to aid in their mental healing and help provide guidance to make a difference in the lives of others.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa officer, National Society of Leadership and Success member, Student Government officer

College Honors: Theta Kappa Honor Society, Academic Achievement Scholarship recipient, Promise for the Future Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am proud to represent CAC and PTK. I am a student, a volunteer, and a future psychologist. Why wait to make a difference. #VictoriousVaquero



Shaniya Deo

Central Arizona College – San Tan Campus

Major: Biochemistry (Medicinal Chemistry), BS

Shaniya Deo plans to transfer to Arizona State University to complete a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry focusing on medicinal chemistry. Her ultimate goal is to earn a doctorate degree in organic chemistry. Her career goal is to work as an academic researcher.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa volunteer, The National Society of Leadership and Success volunteer

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am ambitious and driven, I'm always looking for an opportunity to do better and achieve greatness.



Sesimphiwe Mbatha

Central Arizona College – Signal Peak Campus

Major: Business

Sesimphiwe plans to transfer to the University of Arizona Eller College of Management ultimately majoring in finance. Her career goal is to solve Africa's salient problem, unemployment, by creating jobs in the agricultural and green building sectors. She is also passionate about identifying and assisting upcoming startups through venture capitalism. Outside of the academia and business career, Sesimphiwe plans to pursue and establish her acting and writing career.

College/Community Activities: Academic Tutor, Resident Assistant, 2019/20 Track & Field Captain and Phi Theta Kappa member.

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: Born and bred in Msinga, South Africa, I am currently pursuing my higher education in the U.S. I am a public speaker, writer and leader at heart. As a student researcher, my honors program project examines South Africa's energy crisis, seeking innovative solutions. #wakanda #ubuntu



Alexsandra Nathan

Central Arizona College – San Tan Campus

Major: Elementary Education

Alexsandra plans to transfer to Arizona State University's Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College to earn a bachelor's degree. Her career goal is to work as an elementary teacher, and she hopes to one day become a principal.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Officer, The National Society of Leadership and Success, Equity Council, and Student Government officer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: Always see the glass half full. -Unknown





Garrett Betlaf

Chandler-Gilbert Community College — Williams Campus

Major: Electrical Engineering

Garrett is planning on transferring to Arizona State University, aiming for a BSE in Electrical Engineering. His ultimate goal is to work in robotics, designing and testing electric and robotics systems.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa officer, Feed My Starving Children

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: Garrett Betlaf was born and raised in North Dakota, moving to Arizona shortly before high school. Garrett discovered a love for electronics and creating after building simple motors and circuits with his dad at a young age.



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Miranda Heard

Chandler-Gilbert Community College — Williams Campus

Major: Pharmacy Microbiology

Miranda plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University, eventually earning her Master's of Science. Her career goal is to work in agricultural/environmental microbe research.

College/Community Activities: Humanities and Environmental Action Team treasurer, Feed My Starving Children volunteer and Japanese Friendship Garden volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, All-Arizona Academic Team nominee

Self-Descriptive tweet: Pond scum enthusiast, gardener, and baker. What do you get when you combine those things? A microbiology student. #dontsweatthenanostuff



**CHANDLER-GILBERT
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Kathryn Hunter

Chandler-Gilbert Community College — Pecos Campus

Major: Psychology

Kathryn plans to transfer to Arizona State University (Barrett Honors College) ultimately earning a Doctor of Psychology degree. Her career goal is to become a private practice clinical psychologist and research psychiatric disorders.

College/Community Activities: Into the Streets Ambassador, Latinx Student Organization, STEAM Day, Dance Program

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: Kathryn Hunter is an effervescent introvert who enjoys quality time with her besties and chonky cat. Coffee and books are a daily must have.



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Jennifer Strong

Chandler-Gilbert Community College — Pecos Campus

Major: Software-Engineering

Jennifer plans to transfer to Arizona State University ultimately earning a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering. Her career goals are to gain experience as a Software Engineer, to become a Project Manager, and finally become a Scrum Master and a successful Public Speaker.

College/Community Activities: Peer Mentor program, Hermanas volunteer, 3000 Flag Memorial volunteer, ICAN volunteer

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and Spirit of CGCC Scholarship for Outstanding Mathematics Achievement recipient, Pentagon Federal Credit Union Pilot Training Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: Ocean lover, plant-based diet advocate, thinker. I grew up in a small town in the countryside of France and accomplished my longtime dream by moving to the United States of America in 2016. Today, my time is spent between the #unitedstatesofamerica, #unitedkingdom, and #france. #DontStopBelievingInYourself



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Luis Carlos Estrada

Cochise College — Douglas Campus

Major: Double major in Business Administration and Communications at Cochise College, and he is pursuing a degree in Marketing at Northern Arizona University.

Estrada transferred to Northern Arizona University to earn a degree in business management or marketing. His career goal is to be a business owner and investor to help his community by improving the lives of many citizens of the world.

College/Community Activities: Personal and Professional development Podcast, Donations of toys to sick children in hospitals, Beach clean-up, Food Pantry fundraisings

College Honors: 2020 Sophomore of the Year award, PTK International Hallmark Award, PTK Arizona Region Distinguished Chapter Member Award, and selected and attended Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) 2019 in Chicago, IL

Self-Descriptive tweet: My name is Luis Carlos Estrada, and I am majoring in marketing. My mission in life is to support as many people as possible with my knowledge, experiences, and network



Jay Melzer

Cochise College — Sierra Vista Campus

Major: English & Literature

Melzer plans to transfer to the University of Arizona, ultimately earning a bachelor's degree in English Literature. He aims to further his education plans to pursue a master's or doctorate degree. His career goal is to work at the University of Arizona as a literature professor while continuing to write fiction and paint the inhabitants of the American Southwest.

College/Community Activities: Western Regional Honors Conference speaker, Cochise College Pride Club officer, Cochise College Writing Lab tutor and frequent Mirage Literary Arts Magazine contributor

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society recognition and Cochise College Creative Writing Celebration prose winner

Self-Descriptive tweet: Jay Melzer is an artist and writer in love with the American Southwest, with ambitions of a professorship teaching literature in Arizona.



Chris Odette

Cochise College — Sierra Vista Campus

Major: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Flight Operator

Odette began taking classes at the University of Arizona. He plans to earn a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Intelligence Operations with a special focus in Law Enforcement Intelligence. His career goal is to work for the Department of Homeland Security. He would potentially like to run for office in 2022 to represent his district for the U.S. House of Representatives and use his military leadership and civilian education skills.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter meetings Alpha Mu Zeta (Sierra Vista Chapter), Susan G Komen Race for a cure fundraising activities and Susan G Komen 3 day walking and fundraising activities

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Cochise College Foundation Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: From least likely to succeed, to GED, Combat Veteran, World Traveler, Political Activist, Husband, Father, College Graduate, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and Scholastic Scholarship Award Recipient. #InMemoryOfChristiaOdette.



Alicia Raber

Cochise College — Douglas Campus

Major: Media Production Arts

Raber will transfer to the University of Arizona to earn a bachelor's degree in film and television. Her career goal is to become a professional videographer and work for an entertainment studio.

College/Community Activities: Student Government Association Officer, Intern for the Bisbee Science Lab, Marketing Intern for the City of Douglas

College Honors: Cochise College - Digital Media Arts Outstanding Student Award, Cochise College - English Outstanding Student Award, Phi Theta Kappa

Self-Descriptive tweet: Hey, I'm Alicia Raber. My goal is to go into video production and become a professional video artist. Thanks to this scholarship, I'll be able to chase my dreams!





Lee Hartwig

Coconino Community College — Flagstaff Campus

Major: Pre-health Careers (Nursing)

Lee plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University of Arizona to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. His career goal is to work in emergency medicine and to later become either a Physician Assistant or a Nurse Practitioner.

College/Community Activities: Location photographer for Central Church Flagstaff, Central Church food pantry volunteer (200+ families fed per event, 3 events in 2020) and was an Emergency Foster Parent for three children

College Honors: Presidents/provost list x3, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Governing Board scholarship and CCC Veteran scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: Disabled veteran going to school to become a registered nurse so I can continue to #serveourcommunity. Helping people is my passion.



Jake Zimmerman

Coconino Community College — Lone Tree Campus

Major: Exercise Science

Jake Zimmerman plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University, College of the Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences to pursue a degree in Exercise Science. His career goal is to continue his higher education through NAU's Doctorate of Physical Therapy program to become a physical therapist.

College/Community Activities: President of the Beta Gamma Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: Recently moved to Flagstaff after living in Israel for 7 years while serving in the IDF. Loves skiing, hiking, playing guitar, and traveling





Noe Cepeda-Gallegos

Eastern Arizona College – Thatcher Campus

Major: Business Administration

Noe plans to transfer to Brigham Young University where he will complete a bachelor's degree in business administration. His career goal is to start his own profitable online business.

College/Community Activities: Active member of the LDS community, church activities committee member and food bank volunteer.

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Presidential scholarship

Self-Descriptive tweet: I strongly believe that the purpose of education is action, not only knowledge. I am a firm believer that education never ends.



Benjamin Fisher

Eastern Arizona College – Payson

Major: Nursing

Ben's ultimate collegiate goal is to attend Grand Canyon University's Nurse Practitioner program in pursuit of his Doctorate Nurse Practitioner (DNP) license and establish his own office in the small, rural town of Payson.

College/Community Activities: Volunteer at the Payson campus for the CNA and phlebotomy certification courses, collector at the Payson redistribution center for local resources to needy youth and families, licensed foster and respite parent

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: We owe it to ourselves, our families, and community to work hard and develop the talents and potential indwelling every one of us. Seize the day.



Dylan Olson

Eastern Arizona College – Gila Pueblo Campus

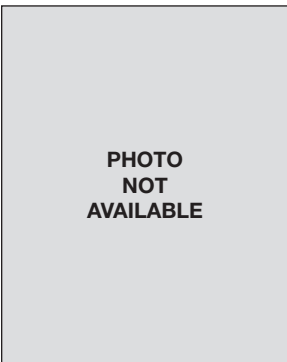
Major: Computer Information Specialist

Dylan's educational career plan is to attend the Ira A. Fulton School of engineering at Arizona State University. He plans to continue his formal education into technology by obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Computer Systems Engineering. In regards to his career, he hopes to become an integral part of designing and developing integrated computer systems.

College/Community Activities: Local Food Bank Volunteer, Arizona Governors Youth Commission Commissioner – Substance Abuse Workgroup, Church Food Drive Volunteer, Homes for the Impoverished Volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Pinal Mountain Foundation for Higher Education Scholarship, ASU President's Scholarship, Dean's List

Self-Descriptive tweet: Dylan is a 17 year old dual enrollment college / high school student who strives to exceed in every area of his life! From high school football to the Phi Theta Honors Society, he puts all of his effort into being the best that he can be!



Charlotte Peterson

Eastern Arizona College – Gila Pueblo Campus



ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Ethan Kilduff

Estrella Mountain Community College

Major: Kinesiology

Kilduff plans to transfer to the College of Health Solutions at Arizona State University to complete his Bachelor of Science in kinesiology degree. Following his undergraduate studies, he intends to complete a doctorate in physical therapy (DPT), ultimately aiming for his career goal of becoming a physical therapist.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action Project officer, ACE Student Success Coach, Summit Community Church student ministry volunteer and Feed My Starving Children volunteer

College Honors: 2020 Maricopa Diversity Advisory Council Awards of Excellence recipient (EMCC), Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and EMCC Presidents' Honors Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: You can't change the direction of the wind, but you can adjust your sails. Twin, aspiring PT, and ACE Coach driven to serve the next generation. #PayItForward



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Taina Rodriguez

Estrella Mountain Community College

Major: Biology (Pre-Veterinary)

Taina plans to transfer to Arizona State University College of Integrative Sciences and Arts to pursue a bachelor's in Pre-Veterinary Science. Her career goal is to be an ophthalmologist veterinarian while serving in the Army.

College/Community Activities: Lead Animal Ambassador, St. John Vianney volunteer, EXCEL member

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Honors Program, Presidential Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: Free spirit striving to make a positive impact on the world. #makeadifference #carpediem



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GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Jennifer Blake

GateWay Community College

Major: Marketing

Jen plans to transfer to the Arizona State University earning a Bachelor's degree in Marketing

College/Community Activities: Desert Mountain High School Swim Team, Volunteer

College Honors: Presidents list, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: #Achievetheimpossible



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Marina Castañeda

Glendale Community College – Main Campus

Major: Social Work

Marina plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University ultimately earning her Bachelor's degree in Social Work. Her career goal is to work at the Make-A-Wish Foundation as a Wish Granting Manager.

College/Community Activities: Associated Student Government Vice President's Aide, Women Rising President, Maricopa Student Senate

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: Leader for the students and future Social Worker. Passion to transform the lives of others living life the philanthropic way. #choosehappy



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Genevieve Cooper

Glendale Community College – North Campus

Major: Computer Science

Genevieve plans to transfer to the Arizona State University IRA School of Engineering to earn a Bachelors in Computer Science degree. Her career goal is to further sustainable practices and work at Tesla to develop green automotive technology.

College/Community Activities: Project manager for Engineering Club, team lead for ASCEND Special Projects, St. Mary's Food Bank volunteer, volunteer technical support at Minnesota Connect Aphasia Now

College Honors: Glendale Community College President's list for three years

Self-Descriptive tweet: I love teamwork, creating and implementing solutions and programming. I would describe myself as #dreamer #Trekkie #CSmajor



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Abel Haddis

Glendale Community College

Major: Computer Science with an emphasis in Software Engineering

Abel plans to transfer to Arizona State University Tempe's Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering ultimately earning a Doctor of Computer Science degree. His career goal is to work for renowned software development companies to create fun applications which combine video games and education to provide an interactive learning experience for children everywhere.

College/Community Activities: Glendale Community College Associated Student Government President, Glendale Community College Environmental Club President, Male Empowerment Network Vice President and Glendale Community College Student Leadership Food Distribution Volunteer

College Honors: President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, ASAP STEM Scholarship recipient and Maricopa-Grant STEM Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: Introvert-extrovert⁴ + 23Curious Nerd³ + 179Colorful Personality² + 517Gamer + 360Proud African = Abel



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Frank Nguyen

Glendale Community College – North Campus

Major: Chemical Engineer

Frank Nguyen plans to transfer to Arizona State University Tempe's Ira Fulton School of Engineering, ultimately earning a Master of Chemistry degree. His career goal is to work for the City of Phoenix and conduct experiments on water, and later, become a professor at a community college.

College/Community Activities: Glendale Community College Associated Student Government President, Women's Rising Secretary, Feed My Starving Children Volunteer, and Glendale Community College Associated Student Government Treasurer's Aid

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: Who is Frank? He is an outgoing ray of sunshine that tries to make everyone smile, and his laugh is contagious. #Asian #Gamer #Perfectionist



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Mia Haas

Mesa Community College — Red Mountain Campus

Major: Counseling

Mia plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn her degree in Counseling and Applied Psychological Science with the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts. Her career goal is to work as a licensed substance abuse, addiction and chemical dependency counselor for adolescents and women.

College/Community Activities: Paz De Christo volunteer, builder of houses for families in need in Mexico, Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Project essay writer, small-group leader of elementary aged girls and boys

College Honors: Presidents' Honors Scholarship recipient, Presidents' list student, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society member, and Summit Award winning student

Self-Descriptive tweet: There is a word in the Greek language that perfectly depicts my intentions of pursuing a college education; the word is meraki, and it is a verb that translates to putting a piece of yourself into your work and to do something with your soul. I am the oldest of six children, who received her high school education through being home schooled, who is inspired by dance and music, who loves people, who has a heart for the homeless and for young people. #meraki



**MESA
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Vicente Ortiz

Mesa Community College — Southern & Dobson Campus

Major: Business Administration

Vicente plans to transfer to the Arizona State W.P. Carey school of business ultimately earning a doctor of business administration. His career goal is to continue moving up the corporate ladder at his company to continue to learn how to run a successful corporation He will then apply the skills he learns into developing a small business.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Arizona Region Chief Recruitment and Development officer, 2020 Census Ambassador for the City of Mesa in partnership with Mesa Community College, Americorps member, 2021-2022 Newman Civic Fellow

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa honor society, President's List, presidential honor scholar, MCC service scholar

Self-Descriptive tweet: Vicente is a hard-working servant-leader looking to make positive change in his community and the world. He is always looking for an opportunity to serve others before himself and to improve everyday whether it be in work, school, or family. #Servant Leader #MesaCommunityCollege #CommunityParter



**MESA
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Savannah Sandoe

Mesa Community College — Southern and Dobson Campus

Major: Recreation Management

Savannah plans to transfer to Prescott College ultimately earning an Adventure Education Bachelor's degree. Her career goal is to work with national and state parks to increase accessibility options for disadvantaged populations.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa officer, 2020 Census Ambassador and Community Service Volunteer

College Honors: Honors Student, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, President's List and Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: Determined. Proud. Resilient. Servant Leader. #IAmPTK



**MESA
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Michelle Drwal

Mohave Community College — Neal & Kingman Campuses

Major: Nursing

Michelle Drwal plans to attend Northern Arizona University while completing her BSN. Her career goal is to be a Registered Nurse working with Alzheimer clients.

College/Community Activities: Vice President of Service Phi Theta Kappa, President of Student Nurses Association-Kingman, Secretary Student Activities Council-Kingman

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: #Wife, #mother and #grandmother working to complete her education.



Trina Fowler

Mohave Community College — Lake Havasu City Campus

Major: Nursing

I plan on transferring to Northern Arizona University ultimately earning my Master of Science for Nurse Practitioner. My career goal is to work for a medical office that thrives on putting their patients first.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa member, parent volunteer at school, cook meals to those in need

College Honors: Honors List, Math Award Recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: Any bad day can be turned into a good one. I live by this motto because we are in control of the doors we choose to open and close. Do what you love. Wife, mother, student, people pleaser, and lover of the outdoors that surrounds us. I want to make a difference in people's lives.



Trevor Irvin

Mohave Community College — Bullhead City Campus

Major: Computer Science and Engineering

Trevor plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a bachelor's in computer science. His goal is to find a career in cutting edge technologies such as quantum computing.

College/Community Activities: MCC Shines Volunteer, Pumpkinfest Volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Vice President of fellowship.

College Honors: Dean's List, Honor Roll, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and ASAP Engineering Scholarship Recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am committed, not only to receiving good grades, but to my own self-improvement. I pursue effective learning and to break my limitations.



Maria Jeffs

Mohave Community College — North Mohave Campus

Major: Nursing

Maria Jeffs plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and then continue to earn her Master of Science in Nursing degree. Her career goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner and a Nurse Educator to help other students become nurses too. She wants to rebuild her community by returning her strength, knowledge, and care to the citizens within her community.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Recording Officer, Food Bank Volunteer, PTK 4th of July Parade Organizer, and MCC Shines Volunteer

College Honors: Campus Dean's Award, Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement in Science and in Nursing, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Outstanding Service Award as Recording Officer, Honor's List for Academic Excellence

Self-Descriptive tweet: I have a passion for learning and education. I'm compassionate in caring for those in need. Love to help those around me succeed. #motivated #academicexcellence #persistent #positive #teampayer #leader





Carole Jessop

Mohave Community College – North Mohave Campus

Major: Nursing

Carole plans to transfer to the Northern Arizona University, ultimately earning a Bachelor's in nursing (BSN), then Doctor of Nursing practice (DNP) degree. Her career goal is to work at the local Creek Valley Health Clinic and eventually work at St. George Regional Hospital in intensive care.

College/Community Activities: Food Bank, PTK office ceremonies, MCC holidays, and July 4th parade

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society chapter vice president, Resident Faculty scholarship recipient, Klostermeier Family Nursing scholarship recipient, Mona Brazie Memorial scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: I have completed the nursing program as an RN at MCC. I am an #ambitious, #energetic #mother with determination to succeed, creating a path for my children to follow in life.



Misty Knight

Mohave Community College – Bullhead City Campus

Major: Liberal Arts

Misty Knight Plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Law. From there, she plans on furthering her education by pursuing a Juris Doctor degree and ultimately a Doctor of Juridical Science degree from the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of law. Her goal is to become a civil rights attorney so she can stand up on behalf of those whose liberties have been violated.

College/Community Activities: President of the Student Activities Council, Vice President of Leadership for the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, member of the Business Club

College Honors: 4-time Honors list award recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am passionate about learning and wish to use my education to make a positive impact in my community. #PTKproud #IAMPTK #MohaveCC #Bullhead



Delaney Remp

Mohave Community College – Lake Havasu City Campus

Major: Liberal Arts

Delaney is transferring to Northern Arizona University and will major in Psychology. While at the university, she will earn her Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology. Her career goal is to become a school psychologist, so she can help students who are struggling with their mental health.

College/Community Activities: Volunteer tutor for peers, Clean up Havasu volunteer (picking up trash around the city) and Volunteered at the local radio station

College Honors: Dean's List, Special Awards from professors: English 101 & English 102, Introduction to Sociology, Interpersonal Communication and Math 151

Self-Descriptive tweet: My name is Delaney, and my goal is to help children with my passion for psychology. I want to teach kids how to accept and love themselves.





Tyler Allen

Northland Pioneer College — Show Low, White Mountain Campus

Major: Nursing

Tyler is transferring to NAU where she plans to earn her master's degree in nursing education, a post-master's certificate as a nurse practitioner, and earn a doctorate in public health. She plans to work as a hospice nurse in a home health setting and develop a non-profit organization that will provide a pop-up, no cost/low-cost health clinic in the White Mountain area.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, Alzheimer's Association and Walk to End Alzheimer's community organizer/volunteer tech for Pet Allies Spay and Neuter Clinic.

College Honors: NPC President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor's Case Study 2020 Honorable Mention.

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am a change agent for the White Mountains of Arizona, leading with a purpose.
#PTKAZRegion #ShowMeHowYouPTK #NPCAllAzAcademicTeam



Northland Pioneer College



Jessica Austin

Northland Pioneer College — Kayenta Center

Major: Elementary and Special Education

Jessica is transferring to ASU where she plans to earn a Bachelor's in Elementary and Special Education and work as a teacher on the Navajo Nation to ensure children are receiving the educations they deserve.

College/Community Activities: Kayenta Unified School District volunteer, dedicated food service worker for Kayenta Unified School District.

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, NPC Dean's List, NPC Friends and Family Scholarship recipient (multiple awards).

Self-Descriptive tweet: #DreamBigWorkHardAchieveYourGoalsBELIEVEINYOURSELF #NPCAllAzAcademicTeam



Northland Pioneer College



Layton Bauer

Northland Pioneer College — Painted Desert Campus

Major: Science

Layton is transferring to ASU where he plans to earn his bachelor's degree and would ultimately like to work for the Arizona Game and Fish Department to help monitor and conduct studies on wildlife species.

College/Community Activities: Holbrook Youth Football League volunteer, member of NPC's Student Government Association.

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: #LovingtheWildLifeOutdoors #NPCAllAzAcademicTeam



Northland Pioneer College



Angela Colwell

Northland Pioneer College — Show Low, White Mountain Campus

Major: Nursing

Angela is transferring to NAU where she plans to earn her Bachelor of Science in nursing and become a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

College/Community Activities: Science and chemistry tutor, parent volunteer at Blue Ridge Unified School District, Director at Hunt for Hunger

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, NPC President's and Dean's Lists, NPC's 2019 outstanding graduate

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am passionate about mental health awareness and advocating for those suffering with mental illness. As a mental illness survivor, myself, I am a strong believer that breaking down the stigma of mental illness involves being proud of my battle, and being proud of my scars. #mentalillnessawareness #erasethestigma #proudoftmyscars #NPCAllAZAcademicTeam



Northland Pioneer College



Emmalee Hall

Northland Pioneer College — Whiteriver Center

Major: Allied Health

Emmalee is transferring to NAU where she will be pursuing her Bachelors of Applied Science in General Allied Health. She plans to work in the field of occupational therapy.

College/Community Activities: OJack Daley Primary School work-study/volunteer, Discovery Park keeper, Eastern Arizona College Marching Band, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Institute volunteer and member

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, NPC President's List, Kathryn Murphy-Spencer Kimball Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: My name is Emmalee Hall! I am 19 years old and I love music, family and friends. I hope to one day find a career that gives me an opportunity to help people, because that's what I love to do! #Lovehelpingothers #ChiricahuaLeopardFrogsRock #NPCAllAZAcademicTeam



Northland Pioneer College



Trace Hancock

Northland Pioneer College — Snowflake/Taylor, Silver Creek Campus

Major: Science

Trace is transferring to U of A where he plans to join the University of Arizona's Veterinary Medicine Program and earn his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Ultimately, he wants to operate his own veterinary clinic and primarily work with large animals.

College/Community Activities: Eagle Scout, Vice President of the Northern Arizona Vocational Institute of Technology (NAVIT) Welding Morning Class, officer in the Horse Sense 4-H Club

College Honors: President's Scholar Scholarship recipient, NPC President's and Dean's Lists

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am a hardworking, goal oriented, self-disciplined Arizona cowboy, willing to put in the hard work to achieve my goals. #NPCAllAZAcademicTeam



Northland Pioneer College



Jocilyn McCleve

Northland Pioneer College – Snowflake, Silver Creek Campus

Major: Visual, Fine & Performing Arts

Jocilyn is transferring to U of A where she plans to obtain her master's degree and wants to teach at the university level.

College/Community Activities: Music/costume assistant for productions, photography, tutoring

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, NPC President's List, Presidential Honors Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: I love to dance, sing, and photograph. I'm also passionate about science and the world of mathematics. #bestofbothworlds #artist #scientist #NPCAllAzAcademicTeam



Northland Pioneer College



John McGaughey

Northland Pioneer College – Springerville-Eager Campus

Major: Business

John is transferring to NAU where he plans to receive his Master's in Career and Technical Education and would like to teach at Northland Pioneer College in the business department.

College/Community Activities: NPC Student Government Association, Future Business Leaders of America advisor for the Round Valley Middle Division, Cultural Diversity Instructor, Little League baseball and softball manager and Boys and Girls Club basketball coach

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, NPC President's and Dean's Lists, recipient of the AZ Food Marketing Alliance Wayne Manning Scholarship

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am married to Christy McGaughey, and have three children Joseph 18, John 12, and Soshiana 8. I enjoy spending time with family, hunting, fishing, working in my yard, tending to my garden, and taking care of my animals. #NPCAllAZAcademicTeam



Northland Pioneer College



Kiarra Yazzie

Northland Pioneer College – St. Johns Center

Major: Business - International Affairs and Leadership

Kiarra is transferring to NAU and will pursue a master's degree and plans to work with a humanitarian or governmental agency helping with problems related to poverty or political unrest among different nations.

College/Community Activities: Volunteer for Concho Elementary School, Saint John's Food Bank and the International Language Program, Volunteer pianist for the White Mountain community

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: I'm a traveler who loves learning about different cultures. I Love my family and religion. #Pianist #GemMinerRockHunter #Cosmetologist #NPCAllAzAcademicTeam



Northland Pioneer College



Anabel Santos

Paradise Valley Community College

Major: Psychology

Anabel plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology. Her career goal is to work as an industrial organizational psychologist.

College/Community Activities: Emcee for Future Educator's Conference, Sustainability Coordinator, Structured Autism Volunteer, Farmer's Market Food Distributor

College Honors: All USA Scholarship recipient, President of Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Omicron Chi Honor Society, Chicanos Por La Causa Scholarship recipient



PARADISE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Charlotte Scaccia

Paradise Valley Community College – Black Mountain Campus

Major: Business Administration, Pre-Medical Studies

Charlotte plans to transfer to Arizona State University to finish her Bachelor's of Business Administration and ultimately earn her Doctor of Medicine degree. Her career goal is to become a physician in the medical aesthetic and dermatology industry and go into private practice.

College/Community Activities: Honors Program Leader, Socratic Med inc. (Mentors for Medicine) Director of Content, STEM & Business Peer Leader, Co-Owner of Sonoran Pet & House Sitting

College Honors: 3x President's Honors List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member, Kiwanis Club of Carefree 2-Year Scholarship Recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: Social rights activist. Avid reader. Hot chocolate enthusiast. Art museum lover. Striving to live an altruistic life one day at a time.



PARADISE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Peter Tometi

Paradise Valley Community College – Main Campus

Major: Nutrition/Dietetics

Peter Tometi plans to transfer to Arizona State University to major in Nutrition (Dietetics) in the College of Health Solutions, obtain an registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN) certification and ultimately a doctorate degree. Peter hopes to teach proper cooking and eating habits (in order to maintain a healthy disease-free, life style) for free to patrons of the Phoenix Impact Center which he co-founded.

College/Community Activities: President Club Z (PVCC), Volunteer Student Life (Farmer's Free market) PVCC, Co-founder Phoenix Impact Center, Former Volunteer Chaplain – Paradise Valley Hospital

College Honors: President's List / Honors student, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Chancellors Scholarship , Club Z Achievement Award

Self-Descriptive tweet: Peter Tometi is a Nigerian-American who immigrated to the U.S. Peter is an Honors student, member of Phi Theta Kappa, President of Club Z and All USA Scholar who formulated the Calm Talk process that brings together people of different perspectives. Peter Cofounded Phoenix Impact Center.



PARADISE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Olga Fritz-Pulford

Phoenix College

Major: Environmental Sciences BS

Olga plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University College of the Environment, Forestry and Natural Sciences, School of Earth and Sustainability. Her career goal is to advocate and move forward the efforts to preserve our natural environment.

College/Community Activities: Phoenix College Environmental Club, community beautification/cleanup, Black Canyon City Heritage Park restoration

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: Grateful Ukrainian orphanage survivor, she/her, on the autistic spectrum. Passionate environmentalist, excited to continue the learning journey at NAU!



PHOENIX COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



David Ortiz-Leon

Phoenix College

Major: Computer Science

David plans to transfer to Arizona State University ultimately earning a Doctor of Computer Science degree. His career goal is to work at NASA to develop robots for space missions.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter and Regional Officer, Model UN Delegate, President of Civic Engagement Group, Robotics Team Captain

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



PHOENIX COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Kevin Romero

Pima Community College — Desert Vista Campus

Major: Nursing

My plans are to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Nursing to earn my Bachelors in Science of Nursing degree. My career goal is to make a change and ensure a proper health in every patient I encounter while working at the hospital

College/Community Activities: Food Pantry volunteer, Student Senate, Student Trustee in Community College Legislative Summit, Desert Vista Student life volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: Kevin, a person who seeks success by surpassing any barrier put on his journey. Always creates friends in any given situation #care #health



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Monique Trujillo

Pima Community College — Desert Vista Campus

Major: Biochemistry and Molecular/Cellular Biology

Monique plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Science and pursue a Ph.D in Biochemistry and Molecular/Cellular Biology. Her career goal is to work in infectious disease research in a university setting where she can conduct research and nurture the next generation of researchers.

College/Community Activities: Himmel Park Clean-Up/Weeding Project Lead, Honors Club Officer and CRLA Certified Tutor

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: STEM student, tutor and future researcher. Driven and thirsty for learning. My love of indefinite integrals knows no bounds!



PimaCommunityCollege



Quinn Chrisemer

Pima Community College — Downtown Campus

Major: Business Administration

Quinn plans to transfer to Barrett, The Honors College at ASU to work towards a degree in Marketing. Her goal is to work as a marketing executive and eventually own a business.

College/Community Activities: Student Senator Parliamentarian, Honors Officer and member of Phi Theta Kappa

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: I'm a full time student working part time as a caregiver. I enjoy baking, doing activities outdoors and spending time with my family.



PimaCommunityCollege

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Downtown Campus*



Marisol Peralta

Pima Community College — Downtown Campus

Major: Social Services

Marisol plans to transfer to the Arizona State University ultimately earning a Bachelor's Degree in social work. Her career goal is to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker that specializes in children's wellbeing.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society honors member, Parent Teacher Association president

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Pima Chancellor Scholarship recipient, Emerging Leaders Summit Certificate, All USA scholarship nominee.

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am a woman of faith that never gives up. Dedicated and determined. Passionate about helping others and serving my community.



PimaCommunityCollege

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *East Campus*



Ariana Bootier

Pima Community College — East Campus

Major: Veterinary Medicine

I am transferring to the University of Arizona and my career goal is to become a veterinarian with a focus in large animals. My long term goal is to specialize in equine orthopedics

College/Community Activities: Pima Honors with PACC Liaison, Honors and Writing Embedded Mentor, Aztec Resource Center Volunteer, AmeriCorps Alumni

College Honors: Pima Honors Officer, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and All-USA Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: #ILOVEPTK #STRIVEHIGH #NEVERGIVEUP #ALWAYSFOSTERCONNECTIONS



PimaCommunityCollege



Briana Pomales

Pima Community College — East Campus

Major: Chemistry

Briana Pomales plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College to earn a Master's degree in chemistry. Her goal is to work at Cassava Sciences to develop new drugs for treatment of Alzheimer's.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa officer and Honors Club officer

College Honors: Pima Merit Scholarship recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: Dynamic, charismatic, and visionary. Briana is also adaptable, looking at life's situations as a way to grow as a person.



PimaCommunityCollege

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Northwest Campus*



Josephine Gilley

Pima Community College — Northwest Campus

Major: Elementary Education

Josephine Gilley plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to finish her dual degree in Elementary and Special Education. She then is going to pursue a master's degree in Disaster Management. Her career goal is to teach in areas affected by natural disasters and to educate about how to better prepare for a natural disaster.

College/Community Activities: Student Advisory Board Vice President, Honors club volunteer

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am a philanthropic outdoor enthusiast dedicated to giving back to communities. I am excited to educate the next generation. #giveback



PimaCommunityCollege



Angela White

Pima Community College — Northwest Campus

Major: Double Major in Psychological Science and Neuroscience and Cognitive Science (NSCS)

Angela plans to transfer to the University of Arizona, ultimately earning a PhD in Clinical Psychology with a focus on Cognitive Neuroscience. She intends to establish her own clinical psychology practice while also pursuing research and teaching work in the university setting.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa vice president, Honors Executive Team officer, founder of GROW Academy for Financial Literacy and coordinator of RISE for Homeless Veterans

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Chancellor's Success Scholarship recipient, Pima Honors Exemplary Service & Leadership Award recipient and Pima Honors Exemplary Academic Performance Award recipient

Self-Descriptive tweet: People are my true passion and freedom is my aim. We are so much stronger than we know and far more capable than we #believe!



PimaCommunityCollege

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *Online Campus*



Luis Ku

Pima Community College — Online Campus

Major: English

Luis plans to transfer to Arizona State University to get an English degree and certifications needed to teach. His career goal is to teach English in Japan.

College/Community Activities: Honors Officer, Phi Theta Kappa officer, Embedded Mentor in honors 101 class, and RISE for Homeless Veterans Coordinator

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am a proud father of two children who loves time with family, basketball, hiking, rock climbing, and watching The Office.



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Gabriella Parra

Pima Community College — Online Campus

Major: Science, Focusing on Environmental and Animal sciences

Gabriella plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to earn a degree in Animal Sciences. She aspires to be an Animal Conservationist to care for wildlife and educate the public on the importance of environmental health.

College/Community Activities: Pima Honors member, Arizona Sonora Desert Museum Volunteer, Diversity and Inclusivity club President and the 9th Annual Youth and Peace conference volunteer

College Honors: Pima Community College's 2020 Latinx Town Hall student panelist, Pima-University of Arizona Stem Bridge program cohort and scholarship recipient, Earn to Learn scholarship recipient and Phi Theta Kappa Membership Officer

Self-Descriptive tweet: Gabriella Parra is a Chicana student at Pima Community College graduating in May 2021 with an AA in Science. She will transfer to UArizona to study Animal Sciences. She is in Pima Honors and Phi Theta Kappa, and is passionate about civil rights issues. #Classof2021



PimaCommunityCollege

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE *West Campus*



Raphael Lepercq

Pima Community College — West Campus

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering

Raphael plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Engineering ultimately earning a Master's degree. His career goal is to start his own software engineering company to implement artificial intelligence technology in various industrial applications.

College/Community Activities: Veteran Hospital Christmas decorator, Goodwill Metro tutoring volunteer, Food Box distribution operator and Mankind Project group supporter

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Chancellor's Tuition Award recipient, All-USA Academic Team nominee and Graduation with Highest Honors receiver.

Self-Descriptive tweet: A seeker of dreams. A wanderer of worlds. A fighter for truth. An entrepreneur to challenge the possible. An engineer to solve the future.



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Ana Soto Velázquez

Pima Community College — West Campus

Major: Environmental Science

Ana plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Agriculture & Life Sciences for a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. Her career goal is to do research whether it is in the industry or academia.

College/Community Activities: Honors Club officer, Phi Theta Kappa officer, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Club president, J.A.D.E. student facilitator

Self-Descriptive tweet: Smart, easy-going, and passionate woman in STEM. Part-time baker and environmentalist. #womeninSTEM #foragreenerfuture



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Bryce Cristiano

Rio Salado College

Major: Film Production / History

Bryce Cristiano plans to transfer to City College of New York to complete a double major in Film Production and History. His career goal is to become a director, creating films that inspire and promote social change.

College/Community Activities: Maricopa County Student Public Policy Forum and Co-Lead of Phi Theta Kappa Honors-in-Action Project

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: Aspiring director tapping into lessons from history to inspire the future. 2021 marks the first step towards that dream with our first short film, #Outsideness.



RIO SALADO COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Jordan Nicole Herrera

Rio Salado College

Major: Neuroscience and Computer Science

Jordan has been accepted into the Honors College at University of Arizona where she hopes to study Neuroscience and Computer Science. Her career goal is to complete her undergraduate course work and then go to medical school. Jordan's dream is to be a doctor that practices both Eastern and Western medicine, in order to achieve the best patient outcome.

College/Community Activities: Governor's Youth Commission – Education Subcommittee, Rio Salado Swim Club – team record holder in 8 events, Girls Have IT Summer Camp Counselor and Feed My Starving Children volunteer

College Honors: All-Arizona Academic Team, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Hispanic Heritage Foundation scholarship recipient - gold medallion in the Technology category and selected for the Harvey Mudd Future Achievers Science and Technology (FAST) Program

Self-Descriptive tweet: Dedicated, hardworking, innovative & kind. #ScholarAthleteSwimmer. Passionate about promoting STEM careers for girls. #CloseTheGap #Tech4ALL



RIO SALADO COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Joseph Kemp

Scottsdale Community College

Major: General Business

Joseph's plans to transfer to Thunderbird School of Global Management now part of Arizona State University to earn a Global Business degree. His career goal is to encounter new experiences both personal and professional to help shape him into the best leader he can be for those around him.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa officer, Artie Has Heart volunteer, and Collegiate DECA member

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Chancellor's Award Scholarship recipient, Excellence Under the Stars Award Ceremony recipient, and Scottsdale Community College Honors Achievement Award for 4 consecutive semesters

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am a kind and determined leader who is willing to help others without a second thought, as I believe everyone has great potential.



SCOTTSDALE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Ashlyn Senior

Scottsdale Community College

Major: Nursing

Ashlyn plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Nursing ultimately earning a Nursing degree. Her career goal is to work at a Children's Hospital and then earn a Masters in Anesthesiology.

College/Community Activities: St. Mary's Food Bank Volunteer, Desert Shadows Middle School Volunteer, Helping the homeless, Daycare teacher

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: Future Nurse changing the lives around her! Finding happiness in the little things and overcoming challenges #love #care #determined



SCOTTSDALE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Tabitha Campos

South Mountain Community College – Main

Major: Behavioral Health Sciences 90/30 2NAU

Tabitha is transferring to Northern Arizona University's Criminal Justice Studies program. Once her undergraduate degree is complete, she plans on pursuing a Juris Doctorate. Her career goal is to eventually, have her own law practice where she can make a difference in her community.

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa Chapter President, Virtual Honors Institute co-host, Interview with Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Eta Delta Chapter President

Self-Descriptive tweet: People close to me call me #TABS, to me that stands for Totally, Awesome, Beautiful, and Smart. In today's world, words have a lot of power, especially in social media. I hope to use my words to inspire others and breakdown the barriers of communication with sincere conversations. #IAMPTK #ALPHAETADELTA shows up because showing up is half the battle



**SOUTH MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Citlali Trujillo

South Mountain Community College – Main

Major: AAS in Music Business, Associate in Art, Associate in General Studies

Citlali plans to transfer to the University of Arizona, Global Campus, College of Communication ultimately earning a Bachelor's in Communication Studies. Her career goal is to have her own non-profit organization to assist minorities who are in need of financial assistance.

College/Community Activities: Volunteer mentor for GBS233 course and Phi Theta Kappa member

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

Self-Descriptive tweet: Enthusiastic, caring, and curious with a bright smile, always ready to learn and achieve. Working hard and looking forward to what the future brings no matter what life may present because with every sunset, I am closer to my goal. #optimistic



**SOUTH MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Johnathon Damschroder

Yavapai College — Chino Valley Campus

Major: Associate of Arts, AGEC-A

Johnathon will be transferring to Arizona State University

College Honors: Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: I am strong because I've been weak, I am fearless because I've been afraid, I am wise because I've been foolish. #resilient #passionate

Yavapai
COLLEGE



Cassidy Farias

Yavapai College — Career & Technical Education Center

Major: Aerospace Science

Cassidy will be transferring to Arizona State University

College/Community Activities: Lifeguard at Yavapai College, Leader of Girl Talk for Catholic Charities, Tutor for K-12 Students and Flight Student at North Aire Aviation

College Honors: Academic Honors, College Program, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, and Licensed Private Pilot

Self-Descriptive tweet: A daughter, a student, a sister, a pilot, a friend. I will do anything for the people I love and give my all to everything I set my mind to.

Yavapai
COLLEGE



Amy Heiling

Yavapai College — Verde Valley Campus

Major: Agriculture Technology Management

Amy will be transferring to the University of Arizona

College/Community Activities: Yavapai College RecoverSmart Club, Anonymous Group, and Page Springs Hatchery/ Bubbling Ponds volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa member

College Honors: 4 Academic Achievement Awards

Self-Descriptive tweet: I'm a beautiful intelligent woman.
#AnimalLover #Blessed&Grateful #CatMom #NeverGiveUp #StrengthisBeauty

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Hannah McGee

Yavapai College — Career and Technical Education Center

Major: Aerospace Science

Hannah will be transferring to Arizona State University

College/Community Activities: Neighborhood volunteer, Community Food Drive Volunteer

College Honors: Ira and Mary Lou Fulton Scholarship Recipient

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Autumn Ré

Yavapai College – Prescott Campus

Major: Associate of Arts in Social Work

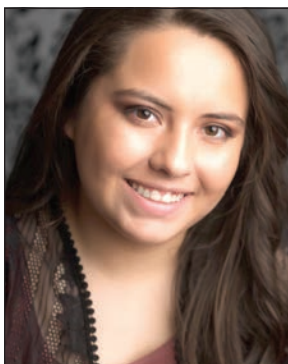
Autumn will be transferring to Northern Arizona University

College/Community Activities: Co-founder of Free Multi-district K-12 Tutoring Program, creator of Multiple Free Personal Skills Development Workshops, Co-organizer of both AZ WESTOP's Student Leadership Conference and Yavapai College's Virtual Connection Events

College Honors: Recipient of 2020's President's Award for Academic Excellence, officer of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, member of both Students of Leadership and College Honors programs at Yavapai College

Self-Descriptive tweet: Passionate community volunteer/aspiring social worker dedicated to helping families navigate life-altering events and find personal success!

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Serra Romero

Yavapai College – Verde Valle Campus

Major: Creative Media and Film

Serra will be transferring to Northern Arizona University

College/Community Activities: Students of Leadership, Martial arts instructor, Pets Return Home volunteer

College Honors: College Honors Program, Academic Honors, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

Self-Descriptive tweet: People always come to me if they need advice or help with a situation. I am looking forward to a career in digital media. #alwaysaroughrider

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Kari Warne

Yavapai College – Prescott Campus

Major: Administration of Justice and Associate of Art

Kari will be transferring to University of Arizona

College/Community Activities: Phi Theta Kappa volunteer and leadership projects, Yavapai College Foundation volunteer, AmeriCorps State member, National Center for Prevention of Community Violence advisory board, Yavapai College Philosophy Club President

College Honors: Yavapai College Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa Beta Gamma Pi Chapter Vice President, Yavapai College Students of Leadership, 2 College Academic Awards

Self-Descriptive tweet: First responder health & wellness activist #NCPCV. BA Intelligence #UA23. My Mom tells me I'm smart. Coffee & Nature enthusiast #BillINye.

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All-Arizona Academic Team Recognition Ceremony

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