

# All-Arizona Academic Team

**Recognition Ceremony**  
**February 19, 2025**

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





## MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR



**Katie Hobbs**  
**Governor of Arizona**

**“Congratulations to this year’s All-Arizona Academic Team! Today we celebrate your academic achievement and leadership in your community. Arizona is proud of you and can’t wait to see the big things you accomplish in the future.”**

–Governor Katie Hobbs

### **Quick Bio**

- Elected November 15, 2022
- Sworn in January 2, 2023
- Arizona’s 24th Governor
- Arizona’s 21st Secretary of State
- 5th Arizona-born governor
- First social worker governor
- Former chief compliance officer for Sojourner Center
- Graduated from NAU in 1992
- Holds a master’s degree in social work from ASU
- Mother to two: Sam and Hannah
- Born in Tempe, Arizona



# ALL-ARIZONA ACADEMIC TEAM FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

## 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 extend 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 68 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 nationwide. 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.

## Arizona Five Cs: Copper, Cattle, Cotton, Citrus, and Climate





# 2025 ALL-ARIZONA ACADEMIC TEAM

## ARIZONA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES PRESENT



**Christina Blanker**  
Arizona Western College



**Dalysha Martinez**  
Arizona Western College



**Oscar Romo Guillen**  
Arizona Western College



**Jenifer Ulloa**  
Arizona Western College



**Kenzie Allen**  
Central Arizona College



**Jared Carbajal**  
Central Arizona College



**Langston Donald**  
Central Arizona College



**Jasmine Martinez**  
Central Arizona College



**Fiona Denise Zoe Pulma**  
Central Arizona College



**Michal Sadilek**  
Central Arizona College



**Carina Tapia**  
Central Arizona College



**Crystal Varney**  
Central Arizona College



**Skylar Baldwin**  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



**Twyla Morrison**  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



**Aracely Romero Pimental**  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



**Hannah White**  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College



**Madeline Colley**  
Cochise College



**Jackson Hankins**  
Cochise College



**Ana Le**  
Cochise College



**Mary McLeod**  
Cochise College



**Dawson Hernandez**  
Coconino Community College



**Noah Stone**  
Coconino Community College



**Andrew Castillo**  
Eastern Arizona College



**Tucker Nielsen**  
Eastern Arizona College



**Olivia Jordan**  
Estrella Mountain Community College



**Ashley Taylor**  
Estrella Mountain Community College



**Temya Jackson Long**  
Gateway Community College



**Daphne Williams**  
Gateway Community College



**George Chimon**  
Glendale Community College



**Rachel Stigsell**  
Glendale Community College



**Ella Smith**  
Glendale Community College



**Micayla Berglund**  
Mesa Community College



**Melanie Perez-Saenz**  
Mesa Community College



**Riley Weathersbee**  
Mesa Community College



**Karla Carrera**  
Mohave Community College



**Centa Davis**  
Mohave Community College



**Milaya Jackson**  
Mohave Community College



**Morgan Knudson**  
Mohave Community College



**Jollene Ramirez**  
Mohave Community College



**Caleb Anson**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Elliott Emerson**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Dahkoshay Hinton**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Rivke Huma**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Graecyn Lewis**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Carter Papa**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Rhiannon Walker**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Tyler Wiley**  
Northland Pioneer College



**Catherine Nguyen**  
Paradise Valley Community College



**Jeremy Walk**  
Paradise Valley Community College



**Eden Jackson**  
Phoenix College



**Jonathan Wisman**  
Phoenix College



**Ellyandra Johnson**  
Pima Community College



**Morgan Kolenovsky**  
Pima Community College



**Sriya Savithri Siddhamalli**  
Pima Community College



**Joann Serrone**  
Pima Community College



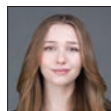
**Malysa Shaw**  
Pima Community College



**Rebecca Ursule**  
Pima Community College



**Angelo Lopez**  
Rio Salado College



**Sarah Nichols**  
Rio Salado College



**Dwi Gregor**  
Scottsdale Community College



**Jhenica Mei Magana**  
Scottsdale Community College



**Delina Hadish**  
South Mountain Community College



**Jeslyn Vargas Carpio**  
South Mountain Community College



**Gabriel Forsee**  
Yavapai College



**Susanna Marcinek**  
Yavapai College



**Marcus Miller**  
Yavapai College



**Kaden Schiefelbein**  
Yavapai College



**Vrindavan Silva**  
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.



# All-Arizona Academic Team Celebration

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**Welcome:**

Todd Haynie

*President, Eastern Arizona College*

**Reading of the Governor's Proclamation:**

Erin Hart, MPA

*Policy Advisor, Higher Education*

*Office of Governor Katie Hobbs*

**Emcee:**

Ian Schwartz

*Morning Meteorologist/Reporter*

*CBS 5 / 3TV KTVK / AZ FAMILY*

**Keynote Speaker:**

Derrick Espadas

**Arizona Board of Regents:**

Dr. Larry Penley

*Chair of the Board*

**Recognition of Academic Scholars:**

Ian Schwartz

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Derrick Espadas**  
**Keynote Speaker**



**PimaCommunityCollege**

Derrick Espadas, a 2017 first team All-Arizona/USA Award winner and graduate of Pima Community College (PCC), is a multifaceted professional with a strong background in business and entrepreneurship. He is currently working toward a doctorate in business administration from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio.

Originally from Rosemead, California, Mr. Espadas is a resident of Tucson where he has been the owner and managing partner of Spade Business Services, LLC, providing outsourced bookkeeping, accounting, controller, and operations services.

Following graduation from PCC and benefiting from the opportunity that the All-Arizona/USA Award provided, Mr. Espadas attended the University of Arizona before earning his MBA at Syracuse University in New York.

He has had a multifaceted professional background in business. Mr. Espadas is the executive director and founder of the Chloe Preparatory Academy in Tucson which models the college and post-graduate experience to give students an advantage in both competitive academics and the job markets. He has been the mayor's appointee to the Commission on Disability Issues and was an adjunct instructor in franchising at the University of Louisville.

Passionate about business from a holistic perspective, Mr. Espadas describes his academic interest as being "intrigued with the problem of business, not just from an organizational perspective, but from a human perspective" and "loves analyzing systems and humanizing them for efficiency and effectiveness."

Currently Mr. Espadas serves on the boards of Differently Abled Entertainment and TMM Family Services, both in Tucson, and Business Networking International.

In 2026 he will campaign for election to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Mr. Espadas has been married 10 years to his wife, Brenda, and has three dogs– Rowdy Rottie Piper, Bowie and Oscar.



## Christina Blanker

Arizona Western College — Yuma Campus

**Major:** Biology

Christina plans to transfer to the University of Arizona where she will continue her education and earn a bachelor's in veterinary science. Her career goal is to become a veterinarian and open her own clinic.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa member

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa member and Honors Program student



## Dalysha Martinez

Arizona Western College — South Yuma County Campus

**Major:** Criminology

Dalysha's plan is to continue pursuing a degree in criminology with the goal of transferring to Arizona State University. Dalysha's career goal is to become an FBI agent. Her passion lies in conducting investigations and contributing to the fight against crime.

**College/Community Activities:** Speaker at the Multilingual Student Expo, Yuma Food Bank Community volunteer

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

**Personal Statement:** #JourneyOfKindness



## Oscar Romo Guillen

Arizona Western College — South Yuma County Campus

**Major:** Biology

Oscar plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a degree in Biotechnology. His ultimate goal is to attend medical school and make a meaningful impact in the medical field through innovative research and patient care.

**College/Community Activities:** TA of Microbiology, Adult and Pediatric Rehabilitation Center volunteer, Cesar Chavez Elementary School volunteer, volunteer tutor for science classes.

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

**Personal Statement:** #TransformingHealthWithBiotech



## Jenifer Ulloa

Arizona Western College — Yuma Campus

**Major:** Marketing

Jenifer plans to transfer to the Northern Arizona University W.A. Franke College of Business ultimately earning a bachelor's degree in business marketing as well as a master's degree in international business. Her career goal is to work at a prestigious marketing firm to develop marketing strategies tailored to elite clients.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa officer, Arizona Western College Business Club member, theater assistant work study and part-time job at the Yuma Arts Center

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

**Personal Statement:** I am passionate about exploring new ideas and pushing boundaries as well as always remembering to "treat people with kindness," as Harry Styles says. #MakingProgress #BelieveInYourself



## CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Kenzie Allen

**Central Arizona College — Maricopa Campus**

**Major:** History

Kenzie plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University's Honors College to pursue a doctorate in history, specializing in social history. Her focus will be to uncover the lived experiences of marginalized individuals throughout the past. She aspires to become a history professor and Phi Theta Kappa advisor, combining her passion for history with her commitment to inspiring the next generation of college students.

**College/Community Activities:** Central Arizona College's (CAC) Council of Student Advisors/Campus Activities Board, Friends of the Maricopa Library Instagram manager and volunteer, Maricopa Historical Society member and Phi Theta Kappa vice president of Honors in Action

**College Honors:** Deans List, CAC Student Leaders retreat and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Personal Statement:** Driven by my curiosity for people and for the world, I'll never stop exploring. Endlessly grateful to all who've made my dreams a reality.



## CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Jared Carbajal

**Central Arizona College — Superstition Mountain Campus**

**Major:** Medical Assistant Associate of Applied Sciences

Jared plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a Bachelor of Applied Science, furthering her education after earning an Associate of Applied Sciences. Her career goal is to begin working as a medical assistant to gain experience in the healthcare field. Ultimately, she aims to continue her studies and pursue a doctorate.

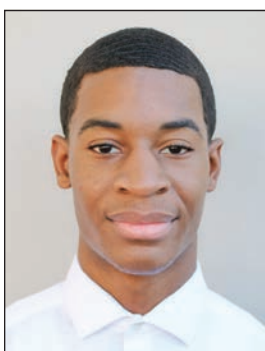
**College/Community Activities:** Campus Activity Board volunteer, Mission Heights Preparatory volunteer, Feed My Starving Children volunteer and Phi Theta Kappa special events officer

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

**Personal Statement:** With God, all things are possible. Matthew 19:26



## CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Langston Donald

**Central Arizona College — Signal Peak Campus**

**Major:** Kinesiology

Langston will transfer to Arizona State University to earn his bachelor's degree in kinesiology before entering a doctorate program to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy and work as a physical therapist.

**College/Community Activities:** Central Arizona College 2024 Commencement student speaker, physical therapy mission trip volunteer and Sunday School teacher

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

**Personal Statement:** From the time I started my college journey I have had to adapt and overcome countless trials and tribulations, but through hard work, forming genuine relationships, and faith in God, I have made it this far #persevere



## CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Jasmine Martinez

**Central Arizona College — Maricopa Campus**

**Major:** Counseling and Applied Psychological Science

Jasmine plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a higher education degree in counseling. Her career goal is to work at a high school where she can foster an environment where all students feel valued, seen and supported. She plans to serve as a mentor and advocate while guiding students to navigate their academic and personal lives and reach their full potential.

**College/Community Activities:** Central Arizona College's Council of Students Advisors, Campus Activities Board, Phi Theta Kappa public relations officer, Feed My Starving Children volunteer and Mission Heights Preparatory volunteer

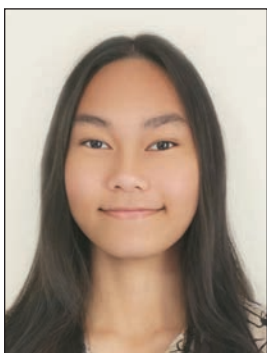
**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Personal Statement:** #ResilientTrailblazer My journey has been anything but ordinary. There were moments of doubt and setbacks, but I chose to persevere. My story is proof that resilience, hard work and determination can lead to amazing outcomes, no matter where you start.





## CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Fiona Denise Zoe Pulma

**Central Arizona College — Superstition Mountain Campus**

**Major:** Biology

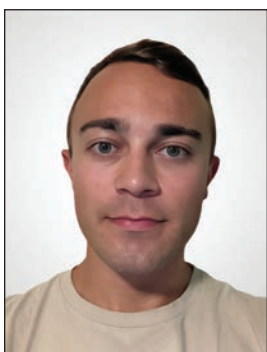
Fiona plans to transfer to Arizona State University to earn a bachelor's degree in medical studies. Her career goal is to work as a cardiologist.

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

**Personal Statement:** "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall," – Nelson Mandela



## CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Michal Sadilek

**Central Arizona College — San Tan Campus**

**Major:** Nursing

Michal plans to transfer to Arizona State University to ultimately earn a doctorate in nursing practice. His career goal is to work as a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Kaiser Permanente, an integrated managed care consortium.

**College/Community Activities:** Working with a 3D printer and laser engraver in Makerspace at the San Tan Campus as a student worker

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

**Personal Statement:** #FutureNurseAnesthetist "Never give up on something that you can't go a day without thinking about." - Winston Churchill



## CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Carina Tapia

**Central Arizona College — San Tan Campus**

**Major:** Social Work

Carina plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a Masters Degree in Clinical Social Work. Her goal is to open her own practice working with patients with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder as well as trauma sufferers. Making mental health care more accessible and affordable for all is her greatest focus.

**College/Community Activities:** Assistant in the Central Arizona College library, Chiropractic clinic supervisor and trainer, Lead Teacher in school district preschools and elementary after school programs, business owner in the pet grooming and veterinary industry

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

**Personal Statement:** "Between stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom." –Viktor Frankl



## CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Crystal Varney

**Central Arizona College — Signal Peak Campus**

**Major:** Nursing

Crystal will transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Ultimately, she is interested in pursuing a Master of Science degree in Nursing as well. Her career goal is to enter the nursing field, putting her skills to use, saving lives and making a positive impact on all those who are around her.

**College/Community Activities:** TRIO Student Support Services assistant, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honors member, TRIO Club President, Central Arizona College Campus Activities Board member

**College Honors:** Presidents List and PTK Honor Society

**Personal Statement:** James 1:12 "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life."





## Skylar Baldwin

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

**Major:** Criminal Justice

Skylar plans to transfer to Arizona State University to complete a bachelor's degree in justice studies and attend a law school. Her career goal is to become an accomplished attorney.

**College/Community Activities:** Chandler-Gilbert Community College Student Body President, Suicide Prevention Walk organizer, Feed My Starving Children volunteer, and fashion show model

**College Honors:** Associated Students of Chandler-Gilbert Community College member, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, President's Honors Scholarship recipient and Maria L. Hesse Scholarship recipient

**Personal Statement:** "She believed she could, so she did."



**CHANDLER-GILBERT  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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## Twyla Morrison

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

**Major:** Mathematics

Twyla plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in data science. Her career goal is to apply machine and deep learning to the field of quantitative finance. She hopes to promote sustainable and ethical practices within the industry that have a positive social and environmental impact.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa vice president, youth coding instructor, Collegiate DECA member and Sierra Club volunteer

**College Honors:** Presidential Honors Scholarship recipient and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Personal Statement:** "Give a woman a dollar, and she can put it to good use. Teach her about how money really works, and she can change the world." – Linda Davis Taylor, former CEO and author



**CHANDLER-GILBERT  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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## Aracely Romero Pimental

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

**Major:** Chemical Engineering

Aracely plans to transfer to the Arizona State University College of Engineering and ultimately earn a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. Her career goal is to work in the sustainability and environmental sector, contributing to the development of a more sustainable future

**College/Community Activities:** Society of Women Engineers officer, Hermanas volunteer

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

**Personal Statement:** Breaking limits as an ESL student and first generation Latina in engineering



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## Hannah White

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

**Major:** Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering

Hannah plans to transfer to Arizona State University's Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering, ultimately earning her master's in biomedical engineering. Her career goal is to work at a biomedical company to develop artificial organs or prosthetic devices.

**College/Community Activities:** President of Society of Women Engineers, member of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and intern at the City of Chandler

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

**Personal Statement:** Using engineering and medicine, I aim to create a future where everyone can be healthy.



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## Madeline Colley

**Cochise College — Sierra Vista Campus**

**Major:** English

Madeline intends to attend Northern Arizona University where she will major in English and double minor in women and gender studies and anthropology. She aims to combine her three biggest loves (literature, feminist research and anthropology) into the study of gender norms and expression in cultures across time. She is also interested in ethical curation and repository management.

**College/Community Activities:** Camp Naco archaeological intern, Cochise College Marketing Department student content creator and Bisbee Animal Shelter volunteer-foster

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Cochise College Honors Program and President's Student Leadership Academy

**Personal Statement:** I am an effective altruist. Everything I do is shaped by my desire to see a better, more empathetic world. My favorite moral philosopher, Peter Singer, says, "[E]ven if we don't empathize with distant strangers, their lives have the same value as the lives of those we love."



## Jackson Hankins

**Cochise College — Douglas Campus**

**Major:** Computer Programming (Virtual Reality Development)

Jackson intends to transfer to Northern Arizona University in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in computer science. His ultimate goal is to work in the game development industry and to continue developing his independent game studio Subsurface Studios.

**College/Community Activities:** Cochise Code Monkeys student club president, Cochise College President's Cup red-teamer and Cochise College Pride Club volunteer

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

**Personal Statement:** "We can only see a short distance ahead, but we can see plenty there that needs to be done." - Alan Turing, 1950



## Ana Le

**Cochise College — Douglas Campus**

**Major:** Computer Science

Ana plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to double major and earn bachelor's degrees in computer science and cyber security. Her career goal is to become a reputable software developer in the video game industry. She hopes to inspire more women to enter the field by paying it forward through her future contribution to developing and improving video games.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa member, Student Government Association volunteer, aerialist at ADIDC Dance Studio and blood drive donor

**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Student Leadership Excellence Award recipient

**Personal Statement:** Be the change you want to see. #AWWTYSM



## Mary (Kayla) McLeod

**Cochise College — Sierra Vista Campus**

**Major:** Geography, Environment and Society

Kayla plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences to pursue a bachelor's degree. Her career goal is to work with a nonprofit or federal organization, contributing to solutions for global environmental challenges.

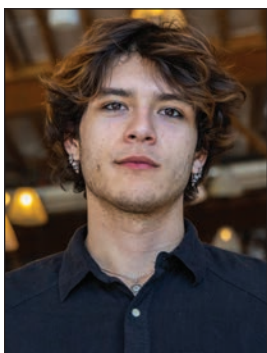
**College/Community Activities:** Cochise College Undergraduate Research Club officer, Phi Theta Kappa member, Library Student Aid worker and Peer-to-Peer Recovery group volunteer

**College Honors:** High Honors, Cochise College President's Leadership Academy delegate, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Red and White "Budding Botanist" award recipient

**Personal Statement:** "Action on behalf of life transforms ... As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us."  
- Dr. Robin Wall-Kimmerer #creosotequeen #AllIAZ



## COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Dawson Hernandez

Coconino Community College – Lone Tree Campus

**Major:** Psychological Science

Dawson plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in philosophy. This will further his pursuit of law school with a long term career goal in family law.

**College/Community Activities:** Vitalant blood drive coordinator, Phi Theta Kappa officer and Flagstaff marathon parking organizer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Presidents List, CCC2NAU and CCC Foundation scholarship recipient

**Personal Statement:** I am a first generation college student using all resources accessible to pursue my bachelor's degree and eventually law school. #MakItHappen



## COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Noah Stone

Coconino Community College – Lone Tree Campus

**Major:** Nursing

Noah has been accepted into the 2025 Compressed Nursing program at Northern Arizona University where he will complete his Bachelor of Science in Nursing, moving his career forward as a flight nurse to continue to protect and serve the communities of northern Arizona.

**College/Community Activities:** Phoenix Children's Hospital Camp Rainbow lead counselor

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

**Personal Statement:** My Name is Noah Stone and I am currently acting as a flight paramedic in northern Arizona after having served as a school teacher, firefighter, and paramedic. As I continue my education I aim to provide ever-higher levels of service to the community around me and set an example for others to continue their pursuits no matter where they are in life.



## EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Andrew Castillo

Eastern Arizona College – Thatcher Campus Campus

**Major:** Political Science

Andrew plans to transfer to the University of Arizona, ultimately earning a master's degree in political science and pursuing a career in public policy analysis.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa canned food drive, Democratic Club, Warm Coat Drive and democracy fellow for Campus Vote Project

**College Honors:** Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Outstanding Civic Engagement

**Personal Statement:** I'm Andrew Castillo, PTK President of EAC; I look forward to UofA and hope to leave the world a better place than when I found it.



## EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE



### Tucker Nielsen

Eastern Arizona College – Thatcher Campus Campus

**Major:** Biology

Tucker plans to transfer to the University of Arizona ultimately earning a bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in Spanish. His career goal is to enroll in a physician assistant program after the UA and work in rural Arizona as a PA-C.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa officer, Multicultural Club member, Language Day judge and college student ambassador

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

**Personal Statement:** My name is Tucker Nielsen and I am from Saint Johns, Ariz. I love being outdoors and serving those around me. For me there is no better feeling than helping someone in need. I am a determined, tenacious, and hard-working individual who enjoys seeing myself and others grow and succeed. I enjoy spending time with friends and family, riding horses, playing racquetball, and reading classic literature.





## ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Olivia Jordan

Estrella Mountain Community College – Avondale Campus

**Major:** Communication

Olivia plans to transfer to the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University's West Valley Campus in Spring 2025, ultimately earning her Bachelor of Arts in Communication. In the future, her goal is to use the leadership and communication skills she's learned during her academic career to contribute to a well-rounded organization where she has the opportunity for growth and advancement and bring together potential teams with creativity and collaboration.

**College/Community Activities:** Communication Club, Sigma Chi Eta member, Phi Theta Kappa member, Honors Expo presenter, volunteer with Feed My Starving Children to fight against hunger and malnutrition in 70 countries around the world, volunteer with St. Mary's Food Bank to combat hunger for Arizona families, and volunteer with the City of Avondale

**College Honors:** President's Scholarship recipient, President's List, Honors Program and vice president of Leadership for the Beta Alpha Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

**Personal Statement:** "If you're happy doing what you're doing, then nobody can tell you you're not successful." - Harry Styles  
#Followyourpassion #Beyourself #Choosehappiness



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### Ashley Taylor

Estrella Mountain Community College

**Major:** Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Ashley plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Applied Science & Technology to earn a Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Computing with an emphasis in artificial intelligence. Her career goal is to develop AI solutions in the field of cybersecurity.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa chapter president, Honors Program, Feed My Starving Children volunteer, Dress to Impress Clothing Drive volunteer

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

**Personal Statement:** I always seek the path that is least taken. I also focus all my effort on what I am passionate about and encourage others to do the same.



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## GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Temya Jackson Long

Gateway Community College – Washington Campus

**Major:** Biomedical Engineering

Temya plans to transfer to Arizona State University's Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering to ultimately earn a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering. Her career goal is to work at a biotechnology company to research and develop artificial organs.

**College/Community Activities:** Student Life and Leadership student-at-large, Maricopa Community College Student Governing Board member, GateWay Community College student ambassador and Black Student Union president

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

**Personal Statement:** #BeyondTheBoundary



GATEWAY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Daphne Williams

Gateway Community College

**Major:** Healthcare Management Services

Daphne plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to earn a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration. Her career goal is to work in a local hospital to support the needs of her community by helping to provide excellent care to patients.

**College/Community Activities:** H.E.L.P. Now AZ volunteer

**Personal Statement:** #DaphneWilliamsCollegeJourney



GATEWAY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### George Chimon

#### Glendale Community College – Main Campus

**Major:** Computer Science

George plans to transfer to Arizona State University's Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering, on the Tempe campus, to ultimately earn a bachelor's in computer science. His career goal is to work as a software engineer in Arizona government, contributing to innovative solutions and improving public services through technology.

**College/Community Activities:** GCC's Achieving a College Education scholarship program and Hoop of Learning student success coach, St. Mary's Food Bank volunteer and honors student

**College Honors:** President's Honors Scholarship, Maricopa Grant-STEM Scholarship and Peoria Promise Program recipient

**Personal Statement:** #FirstGenScholar #TechInnovator



**GLENDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Rachel Stigsell

#### Glendale Community College – Main Campus

**Major:** Biology

Rachel plans to transfer to Arizona State University's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences to continue her bachelor's degree in biology with the intention of pursuing a graduate degree. Her career goal is to work as a wildlife conservationist with a specialization in herpetology.

**College/Community Activities:** Peer Success coach and attended Intercollegiate Student Leadership Experience

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

**Personal Statement:** I am proud to have made it this far and partake in so many amazing opportunities with the endless support from the people I love the most. Thank you for being there with me on this journey. #WomeninSTEM



**GLENDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Ella Smith

#### Glendale Community College – North Campus

**Major:** Exercise Science

Ella plans to transfer in Fall 2025 to Northern Arizona University through the 2NAU program offered at Glendale Community College. She ultimately desires to complete her bachelor's degree in exercise science. One of her career goals is to coach athletes specifically in strength and conditioning.

**Community Activities:** Christ Bible Church volunteer nursery teacher, exercise coach volunteer for the community of San Luis Mexico and soccer team member with a local recreational league

**College Honors:** Vice president of the Student Honors Organization Club at Glendale Community College, a recipient of the GCC Outstanding Student Achievement Award, Phi Theta Kappa member and President's Honors Scholarship recipient at GCC

**Personal Statement:** #Teaching #hardwork #learningnewskills #Christian #secondoldest #homeschooledcollegestudent #soccerplayer #fitness #church #family #friendship #joy #exercisescience #NorthCarolina #Arizona #makingadifference #showingkindness



**GLENDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Micayla Berglund

#### Mesa Community College – Red Mountain Campus

**Major:** Environmental Science

Micayla plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to earn a bachelor's degree in environmental science with a minor in biology. Her career goal is to work at a conservation agency to study animals.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa vice president of Red Mountain Campus, president of Red Mountain Associated Students of Mesa Community College, 2023 graduation speaker and vice president of Net Impact Red Mountain

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, The National Society of Leadership and Success, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Sigma Chi Eta Communication Honor Society

**Personal Statement:** #ConservationWithPurpose – Passionate about protecting wildlife and the environment, fostering a sustainable future, and inspiring communities to preserve our planet



**MESA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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## MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Melanie Perez-Saenz

**Mesa Community College – Southern & Dobson Campus**

**Major:** Psychology

Melanie plans to transfer to Arizona State University ultimately earning a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in sociology. Her career goal is to become a clinical psychologist who provides public and private counseling for chronic mental illnesses.

**College/Community Activities:** Psi Beta president, Phi Theta Kappa officer, church volunteer and Feed My Starving Children volunteer

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Psi Beta National Honors Society in Psychology, President's Honor List and Honors Achievement Award

**Personal Statement:** #PsychWithPurpose – Taking on life with positivity, dedication, and drive to support others while applying the psyche to uplift mental health



**MESA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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## MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Riley Weathersbee

**Mesa Community College – Southern & Dobson Campus**

**Major:** Journalism and New Media Studies

Riley plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to complete her bachelor's degree in journalism. Her career goal is to work as a public relations specialist to help build a bridge between communities and companies.

**College/Community Activities:** Social media editor and reporter for The Mesa Legend, Mesa Community College Office of Institutional Advancement intern and honors student

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

**Personal Statement:** #CommunityConnection – Every individual within a community, regardless of organizational size, should have the opportunity to feel meaningfully connected



**MESA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## MOHAVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Karla Carrera

**Mohave Community College – Bullhead City Campus**

**Major:** Dental Hygiene

Karla is currently deciding between Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University. Her ultimate goal is to obtain her bachelor's degree and work in the dental field.

**College/Community Activities:** Student American Dental Hygienists Association treasurer and community volunteer

**College Honors:** Dean's List

**Personal Statement:** Thank you to my family for helping me achieve my goals. Without all your support I would not be where I am at today and for that I am so grateful. #classof2025 #futureRDH

**MCC** Mohave  
Community  
College

## MOHAVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Centa Davis

**Mohave Community College – Lake Havasu Campus**

**Major:** Associates Degree, Registered Nursing

Centa is undecided on which Arizona state university to attend. Her ultimate goal is to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

**College Honors:** Dean's List and Tri Beta Honor Society

**Personal Statement:** Never quit and always believe in yourself. #strong

**MCC** Mohave  
Community  
College



## Milaya Jackson

Mohave Community College – Neal Campus Kingman Campus

**Major:** Liberal Arts

Milaya is undecided on which Arizona state university she will be attending. Her ultimate goal is to obtain a bachelor's degree and find a career that makes her happy.

**College/Community Activities:** Student Activities Council president, Kingman Area Literacy volunteer, Campus and Community Clothing and Food Bank intuitive leader, and club member

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa

**Personal Statement:** I am so grateful for my mom for everything she has done to support me. I would like to thank my family for pushing me to better myself. #ILY



## Morgan Knudson

Mohave Community College – North Mohave Campus

**Major:** Education

Morgan will transfer to Northern Arizona University in pursuit of certification as a speech and language pathologist assistant, as well as a bachelor's in speech and language pathology.

**College/Community Activities:** Local church and charities volunteer, local theater member and assisting the elderly

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa

**Personal Statement:** As a product of wonderful parents and an incredible community, giving back is my goal! Each day is a new opportunity to make a change. #Arizona #Utah #Family #MovingForward #Faith



## Jollene Ramirez

Mohave Community College – Bullhead City Campus

**Major:** Administration of Justice

Jollene plans to transfer to Arizona State University and her ultimate career goal is to be a criminologist.

**College/Community Activities:** FEMA certifications, pickleball tournament participant and community bike rider

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

**Personal Statement:** Creative Mind, floral shop manager, aspiring paralegal, great work-ethic, knowledgeable, loves friends and family #lovinglife





## NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE



### Caleb Anson

**Northland Pioneer College – Silver Creek (Snowflake/Taylor) Campus**

**Major:** Intelligence and Information Operations

Caleb will transfer to the University of Arizona's College of Applied Science and Technology to pursue a degree in the field of Intelligence studies. He is interested in international affairs and hopes to one day work for a federal institution, possibly with the FBI, to combat terrorism and national security threats.

**College/Community Activities:** Snowflake High School Cross Country volunteer coach and Red Cross volunteer

**College Honors:** Northland Pioneer College President's List and NPC Dean's List

**Personal Statement:** I have lived in multiple states. I believe this has widened my perspective on the world. I will utilize this scholarship to better the world around me.



Northland Pioneer College

## NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE



### Elliott Emerson

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

**Major:** Planetary Geoscience

Elliott plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to ultimately earn a bachelor's degree in planetary geosciences. He intends to continue his education in the field and hopes to study abroad. His career goal is to work with NASA or the European Space Agency to contribute to data analysis and further research of our solar system and beyond.

**College/Community Activities:** Helper of the homeless and disadvantaged, theatrical peer mentor at Sequoia Village High School and assisted living volunteer

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

**Personal Statement:** I am a determined and enthusiastic learner who strives for excellence. I look forward to achieving success thanks to this opportunity!



Northland Pioneer College

## NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE



### Dahkoshay Hinton

**Northland Pioneer College – Whiteriver Center Campus**

**Major:** Civil Engineering

Dahkoshay plans to transfer to Arizona State University or Northern Arizona University to continue his education and earn a degree in civil engineering. He hopes to one day work for the White Mountain Apache Housing Authority and contribute to the future of his community by creating and improving infrastructure and housing developments around the reservation.

**College/Community Activities:** Robotics treasurer and varsity chess member at Whiteriver High School

**College Honors:** Northland Pioneer College President's List and NPC Dean's List

**Personal Statement:** Born on a reservation, I overcame struggles by taking early college courses. My goal is to develop my homeland, build infrastructure, and uplift my community.



Northland Pioneer College

## NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE



### Rivke Huma

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

**Major:** Construction and Project Management

Rivke will transfer to Northern Arizona University to pursue a bachelor's degree in construction and project management. She hopes to become a construction manager or general contractor and develop sustainable communities on her homelands of the Navajo Nation. Her goal is to build a legacy as a humanitarian and work to create equality and inclusivity in the world around her.

**College/Community Activities:** Vice president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, PTK Honors in Action and PTK Family and Friends Movie Night

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Northland Pioneer College Dean's List, 2024 Coca-Cola Military Leaders of Promise Scholar and Navajo Nation Manuelito Scholarship recipient

**Personal Statement:** I am a Diné woman, U.S. Navy veteran, and first-generation college student overcoming extreme hardships to create a beautiful life for my family.



Northland Pioneer College



## Graecyn Lewis

**Northland Pioneer College — Show Low/White Mountain Campus**

**Major:** Hotel and Restaurant Management

Graecyn plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University to pursue her dream of one day owning a hospitality firm and traveling the world. A creative problem solver at heart, Graecyn loves helping and interacting with others.

**College/Community Activities:** Northland Pioneer College Student Government member, Tails of Love Rescue volunteer and Show Low High School Future Business Leaders of America member

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, NPC President's List, NPC Presidential Scholarship recipient and NPC On the House Scholarship recipient

**Personal Statement:** I am a person who loves animals and helping others, hence a degree in hospitality. I value family, art, patience, and never giving up.



Northland Pioneer College



## Carter Papa

**Northland Pioneer College — Silver Creek (Snowflake/Taylor) Campus**

**Major:** Computer Science

Carter plans to continue his studies in technology at Arizona State University, earn his bachelor's degree and eventually obtain a master's degree in computer science and networking. He hopes to one day work as a cybersecurity specialist for a large tech firm developing new network architecture and security technologies.

**College/Community Activities:** Volunteer and missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

**College Honors:** Northland Pioneer College President's List and NPC President's Scholarship recipient

**Personal Statement:** I am passionate about technology and the world around me, and my goal is to make both better. I am dedicated to giving my all to accomplishing these goals, through diligence and hard work. I live an active lifestyle, keeping myself healthy physically and socially. I am excited about my future and genuinely love the life I am living.



Northland Pioneer College



## Rhiannon Walker

**Northland Pioneer College — Whiteriver Center Campus**

**Major:** Human Services

Rhiannon plans to continue her studies at Arizona State University and earn her bachelor's degree in human services. She hopes to one day work in public health and advocate for healthcare improvements, advanced research and disease prevention in rural communities.

**College/Community Activities:** In-Step Community Leadership Board member, East Fork Lutheran School volunteer and The Rockefeller Foundation Covid-19 response team member

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Northland Pioneer College President's List, Fill the Gaps Scholarship recipient and Leg-Up Scholarship recipient

**Personal Statement:** A devoted wife and mother first. I am deeply passionate about my work in health care. I also equally enjoy spending time with my family and traveling, fishing being a great favorite pastime. #An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.



Northland Pioneer College



## Tyler Wiley

**Northland Pioneer College — St Johns Center Campus**

**Major:** Business

Tyler plans to continue his studies and earn his bachelor's in business economics from Northern Arizona University. He would like to open his own publishing company and focus on the rebirth of classic European literature. He also wants to create a European heritage preservation society and build a nonprofit organization for needy individuals. Also, Tyler is very interested in politics and would like to run for political office sometime in the future.

**College/Community Activities:** Northland Pioneer College Student Government Association president, Pedal The Petrified volunteer, Presidential Selection Committee student representative and NPC Arizona State Capitol trip volunteer

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

**Personal Statement:** I am a passionate leader driven by a strong work ethic, committed to achieving greatness through teamwork, integrity, and an unwavering pursuit of excellence.



Northland Pioneer College





## Catherine Nguyen

### Paradise Valley Community College – Main Campus

**Major:** General Business

Catherine plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting. In the long term, she aspires to work for a government agency or a nonprofit organization.

**College/Community Activities:** Founder and leader of “Help Protecting Arizona from Coronavirus” – Vietnamese volunteers, Vietnamese volunteer teacher, Phi Theta Kappa member and Paradise Valley Community College Woman Rising member

**College Honors:** Gina Kranitz Scholarship recipient and Phoenix Promise program scholarship

**Personal Statement:** I am an adult student who returned to school at Paradise Valley Community College. I am also a mother of two young children—a 6-year-old and a 3-year-old. Six years ago, I immigrated to the United States from Vietnam. Starting a new life with two little boys was challenging, but it inspired me to pursue my dreams. Now, I enjoy my new, busy life as a full-time student, part-time worker, a Vietnamese volunteer teacher and dedicated mother. I have a deep love for exploring nature, particularly astronomy and the natural world. Hiking is one of my passions, and my goal is to complete all the trails in Arizona someday. Additionally, I enjoy yoga and gardening, which help me find balance and stay grounded in my busy life.



PARADISE VALLEY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Jeremy J. Walk

### Paradise Valley Community College – Main Campus

**Major:** AA - Social Work

Jeremy plans to transfer to the Arizona State University Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions to ultimately earn a master's degree in social work. His career goal is to work in direct practice, emphasizing counseling for mental and behavioral health services.

**College/Community Activities:** Student senator for Paradise Valley Community College, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust volunteer, Empty Bowls donation campaign organizer and guest speaker for various Maricopa County Community College District events

**College Honors:** Honors Achievement Award, Fall 2023 Honors Showcase 1st Place recognition, 2024 Western Regional Honors Conference Showcase presenter

**Personal Statement:** #Firstgeneration #Socialwork



PARADISE VALLEY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## PHOENIX COLLEGE



### Eden Jackson

#### Phoenix College – Main Campus

**Major:** Paralegal

Eden plans to transfer to a university to earn a bachelor's degree in healthcare. Ultimately, she wishes to earn a Juris Doctorate. Her career goal is to work in healthcare law.

**College/Community Activities:** Rho Pi PTK Chapter, Arizona PTK regional team, St. Mary's Food Bank at Phoenix College and Phoenix College Adopt-A-Street

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

**Personal Statement:** "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." - Mae West  
#CCSmart #PCProud



PHOENIX COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## PHOENIX COLLEGE



### Jonathan Wisman

#### Phoenix College

**Major:** Biological Sciences

Jonathan plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a degree in neuroscience with the end goal of attending osteopath school.

**College/Community Activities:** S-STEM/TRAIN researcher and Teen Challenge volunteer

**College Honors:** Presidential Honors Scholar and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society

**Personal Statement:** #GiveYourLifeAway #ComebackKid #PuttingOthersFirst



PHOENIX COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Ellysandra Johnson

#### Pima Community College – Northwest Campus

**Major:** Civil Engineering

Ellysandra plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Engineering to pursue a master's degree in structural engineering. Her goal is to work at her family's engineering firm and eventually take the role of principal engineer when her father retires.

**College/Community Activities:** Pima Animal Care Center volunteer, Southern Arizona Construction Career Days instructor and structural engineering intern

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

**Personal Statement:** I strive for honesty, respect, hard work and to love those around me to my fullest capacity.



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## PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Morgan Kolenovsky

#### Pima Community College – Downtown Campus

**Major:** Business Administration

Morgan has been accepted to the University of Arizona Eller College of Management to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Finance. Her career goal is to become a financial analyst.

**College/Community Activities:** Lead for Tucson Park cleanups, Market on the Move volunteer, youth sport parent volunteer and buffelgrass removal volunteer

**College Honors:** Pima Merit Scholarship recipient, Exemplary Leadership Award '23 and '24, Pima Honors Council member and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member

**Personal Statement:** I'm kind, open-minded, ambitious, and resilient. I once heard "can a man change his stars" - A Knights Tale. I'm here to change my stars.



PimaCommunityCollege



## Sriya Savithri Siddhamalli

**Pima Community College — East Campus**

**Major:** Cybersecurity

Sriya plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Applied Science and Technology to earn her bachelor's degree in cyber operations. Her career goal is to work for the United States Federal government as a cybersecurity analyst protecting our nation from digital threats.

**College/Community Activities:** Alumni keynote speaker, Pima IT Center of Excellence volunteer and Handshake content creator

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

**Personal Statement:** I am a cybersecurity student who loves shopping with her friends and family, cooking, and creating content for the Handshake app!



**PimaCommunityCollege**



## Joann Serrone

**Pima Community College — Online Campus**

**Major:** Criminal Justice

Joann plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Criminal Justice to earn a bachelor's degree. Her career goal is to become a prosecutor.

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Society and honors student

**Personal Statement:** I am a strong, independent woman. I work hard for what I want and do not give up. I strive to graduate with a 4.0 GPA.



**PimaCommunityCollege**



## Malyssa Shaw

**Pima Community College — West Campus**

**Major:** Creative Writing, Human Rights Practice

Malyssa plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Social & Behavioral Sciences ultimately earning master's degrees in arts and fine arts. Her career goals include being involved in advocacy for women and children's rights, policy-making and prose writing.

**College/Community Activities:** Member of Tucson Unified School District's AI Policy Taskforce, SandScript 2024 contributor and Pima Community College writing tutor

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

**Personal Statement:** I live to create and create to live. Writing is my vehicle for change, the amplifier of unheard voices, and a catalyst for self-love.



**PimaCommunityCollege**



## Rebecca Ursule

**Pima Community College — West Campus**

**Major:** Liberal Arts-Communications

Rebecca plans to transfer to the University of Arizona to pursue a degree in international relations with a career goal of advocating for global equality and supporting underprivileged communities.

**College/Community Activities:** Student Senate student governing board representative, Journalism Club president, student worker-office representative and community youth leader

**College Honors:** Research Symposium Certificate, Student Senate Certificate, Leadership and Forced Migration Certification and LEAD Project Certificate

**Personal Statement:** Passionate about advocacy, leadership, and international relations, dedicated to empowering the underprivileged and driving positive change.



**PimaCommunityCollege**





## Angelo Lopez

### Rio Salado College

**Major:** Multidisciplinary Studies

Angelo plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University and to ultimately earn a master's degree in strategic leadership. His career goal is to work with the formerly incarcerated within the non-profit sphere.

**College/Community Activities:** Early Day Voting Event, The Bridge Volunteer, Phi Theta Kappa officer and Shot in the Dark volunteer

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

**Personal Statement:** Angelo has learned resiliency, hope, and compassion. He is determined to serve his community. He is a living testament to the transformative power of education. He is a Rio student.



**RIO SALADO COLLEGE**  
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Sarah May Nichols

### Rio Salado College

**Major:** Accountancy

Sarah May plans to transfer to the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University to earn her bachelor's degree in accountancy. After she graduates, she will become a Certified Public Accountant to provide timely, relevant and reliable accounting services

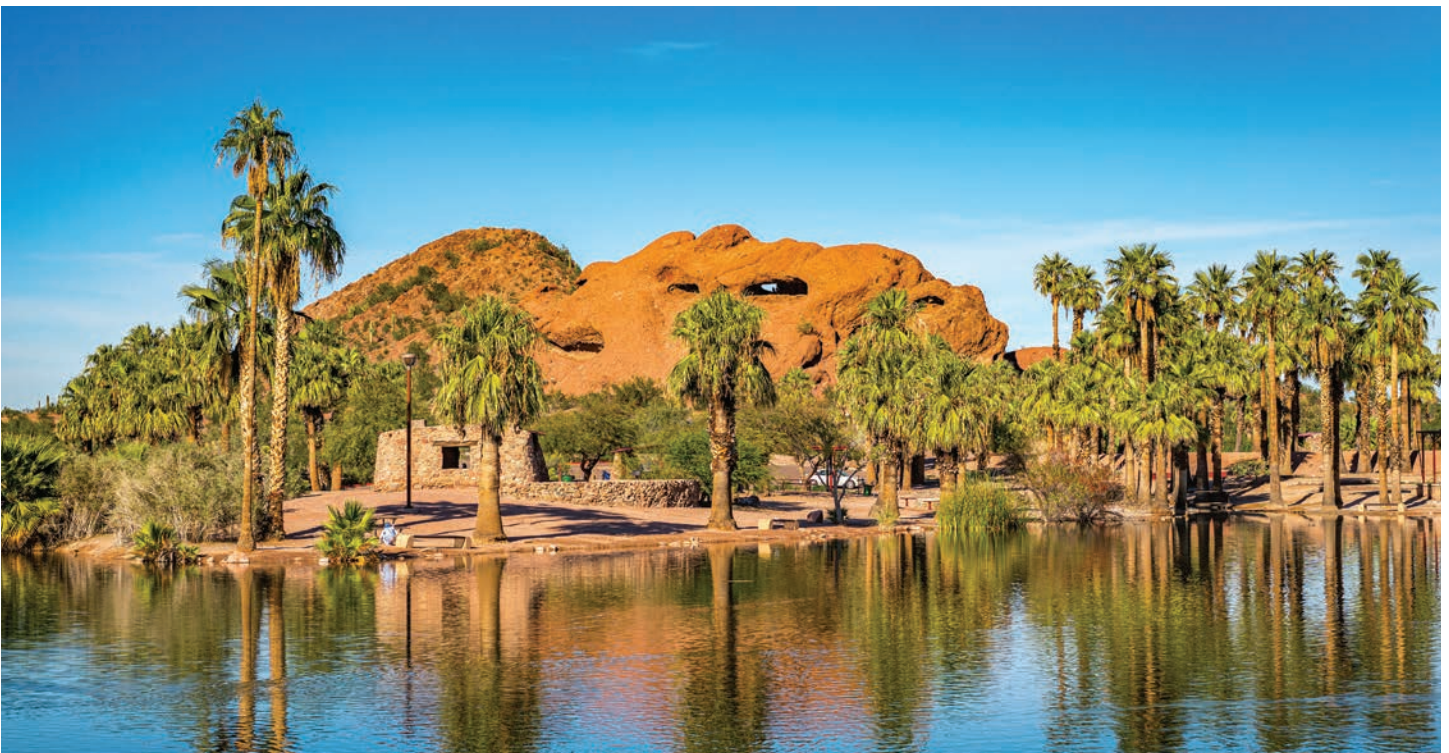
**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Fundraising, Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action research project, Rio Salado College civic project and peer mentor

**College Honors:** Presidents List and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

**Personal Statement:** Graduating high school a year early and starting my career as a staff accountant at 17 have been transformative experiences that have shaped Sarah's dedication to learning and growth. She is deeply honored by the Arizona Board of Regents' support which will help her pursue her educational goals and make a meaningful contribution to her community through accounting. She aspires to eventually own an accounting firm and meet the diverse financial needs of more individuals and businesses. These experiences have taught her that it isn't our accomplishments that define us, but the resilience and growth that come from overcoming struggle. She thanks everyone who has supported her and continues to do so.



**RIO SALADO COLLEGE**  
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE





## SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Dwi Gregor

#### Scottsdale Community College

**Major:** Exercise Science

Dwi will transfer to Arizona State University to earn her degree in sports science and performance programming. Her career goal is to work with professional athletes in any aspect of training to injury prevention to rehabilitation.

**College/Community Activities:** Graduation volunteer and food boxing volunteer

**College Honors:** President's Honors List, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Scottsdale Community College Academic Excellence Award and Honors Program scholarships

**Personal Statement:** Passionate about movement, resilience, and helping others overcome challenges through science, fitness, and dedication. #DrivenToEmpower



**SCOTTSDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Jhenica Mei Magana

#### Scottsdale Community College

**Major:** Web Development

Jhenica plans to transfer to the Arizona State University Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering to pursue a bachelor's degree in web development and continue towards a master's degree in the field of technology. Her career goal is to partner with companies and nonprofit organizations to build websites and web applications that make information and opportunities accessible.

**College/Community Activities:** Phi Theta Kappa Psi Gamma Chapter vice president, Scottsdale Community College Council of Student Leaders special events manager and host, Computer Information Systems Field of Interest student ambassador and Multicultural Leadership Conference workshop presenter

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Scottsdale Community College Honors Program, Presidents List and Kemper Marley Scholarship recipient

**Personal Statement:** #ExploreChangeToInspireChange #TakeTheRisks



**SCOTTSDALE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Delina Hadish

#### South Mountain Community College

**Major:** Computer and Information Technology

With a passion for technology and a desire to help people, Delina plans to transfer to Arizona State University to pursue a degree in cybersecurity and hopes to make a meaningful impact in cyber operations.

**College/Community Activities:** St. Mary's Food Bank volunteer, Bank of America intern and Phi Beta Kappa security officer

**College Honors:** South Mountain Community College Honors Program and Phi Beta Kappa member

**Personal Statement:** #driven succeed



**SOUTH MOUNTAIN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



### Jeslyn Vargas Carpio

#### South Mountain Community College

**Major:** Business with Finance and Accounting Focus

Jeslyn will transfer to the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University in the fall and aims to earn a master's degree in accounting. Her career goal is to become a financial analyst or accountant and contribute to a firm or business that aligns with her passion for finance.

**College/Community Activities:** South Mountain Community College DECA vice president of service, Office of Student Life and Leadership work-study student and food drive volunteer

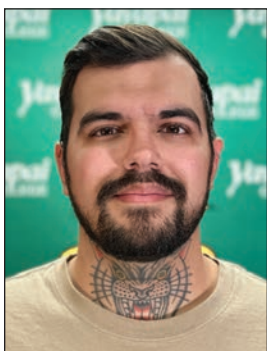
**College Honors:** President's List, Phi Beta Kappa vice president of service and President's Honors scholarship recipient

**Personal Statement:** As a first-generation college student, my journey through higher education has been incredibly rewarding. I am truly honored to be nominated for the All-USA Academic Team Scholarship and am excited to transfer to a 4-year university in Fall 2025 to continue pursuing my education.



**SOUTH MOUNTAIN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## Gabriel Forsee

### Yavapai College – CTEC Campus

**Major:** Associate of Science with focus in Engineering

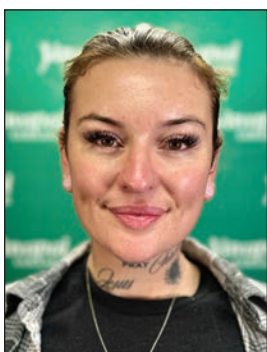
Gabriel will transfer to Arizona State University's Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering to pursue his bachelor's in electrical engineering. His goal is to work for ViaSat or Northrop Grumman as a satellite communications engineer.

**College/Community Activities:** Member of the VFW Post-541, Students of Leadership, American Youth Soccer Organization Chino Valley volunteer soccer coach and board member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers

**College Honors:** Marine Corps Veteran scholarship recipient, Letter of Outstanding Achievement recipient at Western Washington University and Electronics and Instrumentation Lab aid

**Personal Statement:** #StayResilient

*Yavapai*  
COLLEGE



## Susanna Marcinek

### Yavapai College – Prescott Campus

**Major:** Associates of Science

Susanna plans to transfer to the University of Arizona College of Medicine and earn an MD. Her career goal is to become an emergency room doctor.

**College/Community Activities:** Student Government Association president, Phi Theta Kappa officer, Middle School Church Life group leader and children's program coordinator at Prescott Area Shelter Services

**College Honors:** Phi Theta Kappa member, National Society of Leadership and Success member, Student Government Association member and Students of Leadership member

**Personal Statement:** #RISE

*Yavapai*  
COLLEGE



## Marcus Miller

### Yavapai College – Prescott Campus

**Major:** Mechanical Engineering

Marcus plans to transfer to Arizona State University Polytechnic Campus so he may further progress in his mechanical engineering degree. He plans to stay at ASU another three years to complete his master's degree so when he enters the work field, he will already be in a position to further progress in any company.

**College/Community Activities:** Students of Leadership member, SSS Trio member and National Society of Leadership and Success member

**College Honors:** Academic honors, Phi Theta Kappa – Chapter Beta Gamma Pi honors and National Society of Leadership and Success honors

**Personal Statement:** #Driven #Hardworking #Determined #Stubborn #Creative #Leader #Teacher #PeerEducator #Unique #Mentor #Trained

*Yavapai*  
COLLEGE



## Kaden Schiefelbein

### Yavapai College – CTEC Campus

**Major:** Associates of General Studies, Basic Firefighter Certificate, AAS Fire Science (Fire Suppression Concentration)

Kaden plans to transfer to Arizona State University's Watts College of Public Service to earn a bachelor's degree in emergency management and homeland security. His career goal is to be a paramedic/captain of a structural fire department.

**College/Community Activities:** Director for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Club Heights Church volunteer youth coach, Prescott Boys and Girls Club volunteer and Yavapai College baseball player

**College Honors:** STAR Award president nominee and Captain Zach Fields Memorial Scholarship recipient

**Personal Statement:** #SinnerSaveByGrace

*Yavapai*  
COLLEGE





## Vrindavan Silva

Yavapai College — Verde Valley Campus

**Major:** Nursing

Vrindavan plans to transfer to Arizona State University or Northern Arizona University to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing

**College/Community Activities:** Yavapai College Student Nurses Association, former vice president of the Beta Gamma Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, former College Honors Program participant and former secretary of the YC English Club

**College Honors:** President's Award of Excellence nominee, 2022 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholar and YC honors student

**Personal Statement:** #staycuriousstaykindandenjoytheprocess

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