

O'odham Action News
June 6, 2024

Graduation Issue



Congratulations, Class of

2024





Cougar Malachi Boston Kalea Ione Colon Mikayla Winter King Ayala Avery Jordan Lopez Lilliana Irene McLevain Jayce Jaylin Miguel Eryc Ozuna Jr. Jacob Silversmith Jr. Evan Alfredo Stevens	Turtle Aniah Antone Jay Loren Anthony Carlos Quinzell Rain Enos (ECEC Lil' Queen) Zechariah Miguel Goodwin Aaliyah Vuihom Jackson Nathius Storm Sundust Kochampanasken May Angela Lopez Nova Vanelope Miguel Relik James Stevens Braylynn Whitewolf	Cottontail Christian Little Bear Conger LaReina Denise Cutter Mateo Fulwilder Geovonni Garza Oliver Lopez Donamint Moniz Mercy Joyla Moquino Phillip Osife Jr. Scarlett Perez	Eagle Arei Soleil Castro Milani Jaylene Clark Daniel Omar Jimenez Adoniss Adlaine Martinez Jade Munoz Donovan Adrian Sampson Jazper Corianton Spex Elisiana Marie White Corral	Bear Elixia Coops Tobias Matthew Dallas Keisha Danae Gillis Hazel Ruth Goseyun Eliana AryKan Harvier Ellery Dehclin James Diego Rafael Miles Perez Kenyon Vincent Tessay Israel Alexander Uriarte (ECEC Lil' King)	Butterfly Dustin Butler Raul Maurice Gonzales Kamea Gaso Gouveia Nadia Mae Gutierrez Andrew Rome Hernandez Scotty Joe Maez Icic Little Turtle Manuel Angel Antonio Thomas Soto	Quail Daisy Baptisto Selestina Baptisto Svegi Masad Crow DellaRae Lewis Scarlett Masten Brayden Wood Nazario Zaragoza
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SR KINDERGARTEN

Alorah Benally	Timoteo Ludlow-
Blue Hill	Martinez
Celestina Rivers	Jamie Pacheco
Eristina Williams	Arlene Pacheco
Harmony Schurz	Cedric Schurz
Jayden Spex	Luminara Seota
Kaia Holland	Levi Silversmith
Kambriella Elmer	Taylor Soos
Parker Scott	Ethan Thomas
Penelope Blie	Leigh Washington
Rosalie Lopez	Mason Beach
Shyla Ramon	Eliana Chavez
Steven Lewis	Rayne Coelho
Randal Arthur	Alo Collins
Lazell Enos	Lenaya Kill-Osif
Ryan Kann	Blake Kirkpatrick
James Lester	Sky Ludlow-Martinez
Bronwyn Lopez	Clarence Mix
Lennox Losey	Joziah Tate

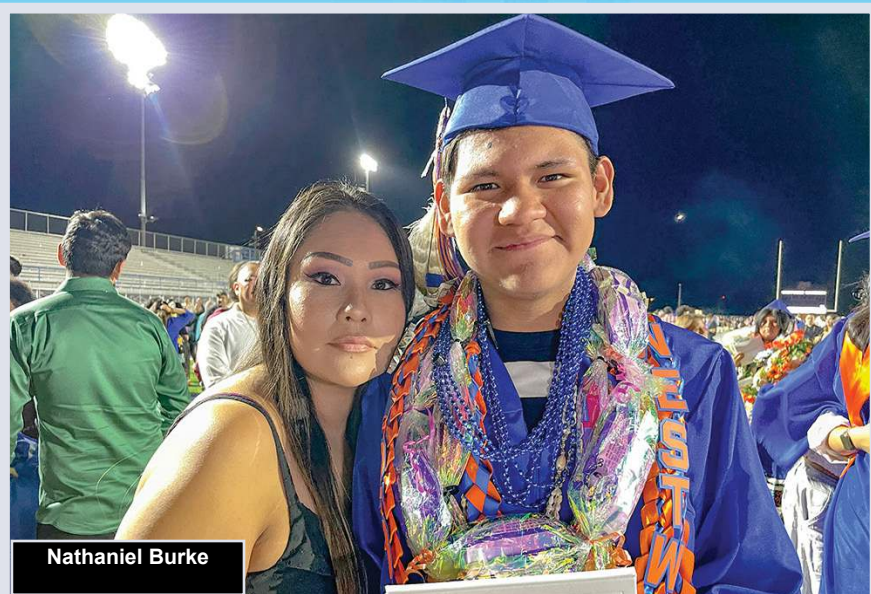


NOAH WEBSTER FIRST GRADE PROMOTION

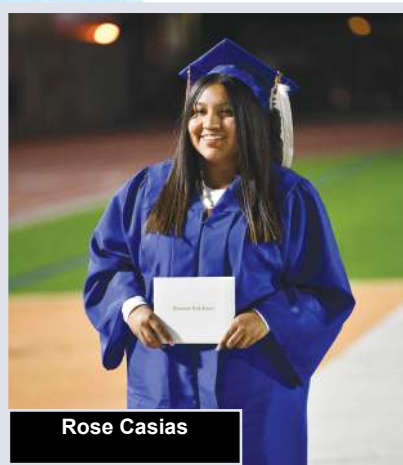


SALT RIVER SIXTH GRADE PROMOTION





Nathaniel Burke



Rose Casias



Teniya Salazar



Annalicia Hayes



Tiffany Silversmith



Marcus Lasiloo



Anthony Azule



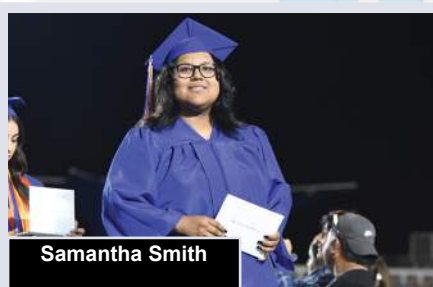
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Maribel Manuel



Samantha Smith



Elijah Jackson



Danica Toya



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Eric Schurz



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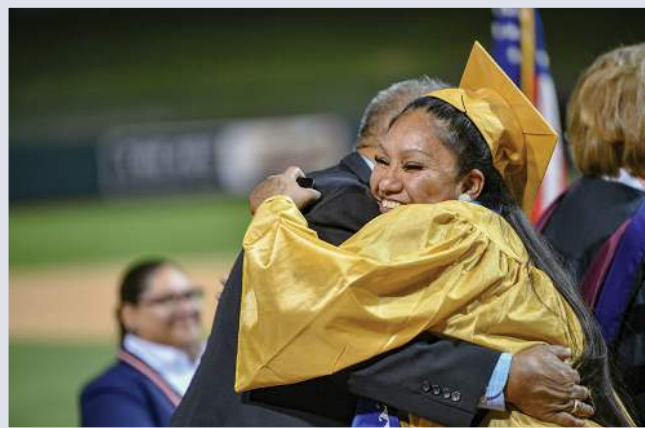
Hadley Mendoza



Zoe Hernandez



Hayden Hogue



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community **GRADUATION RECOGNITION** *Dinner & Awards Banquet*

June 27 | 6-8PM
Talking Stick Resort Ballroom

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**APPLICATION
DEADLINE**
**THURSDAY
JUNE 13**

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY
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**WE ARE OUR
ANCESTORS'
WILDEST DREAMS**

The SRPMIC and Salt River Schools offices of School and Community Relations and Higher Education would like to recognize all SRPMIC high school and postsecondary graduates from the Class of 2024. **This includes any graduation from high school, GED, trade school, or college/university occurring from July 2023 through June 2024.**

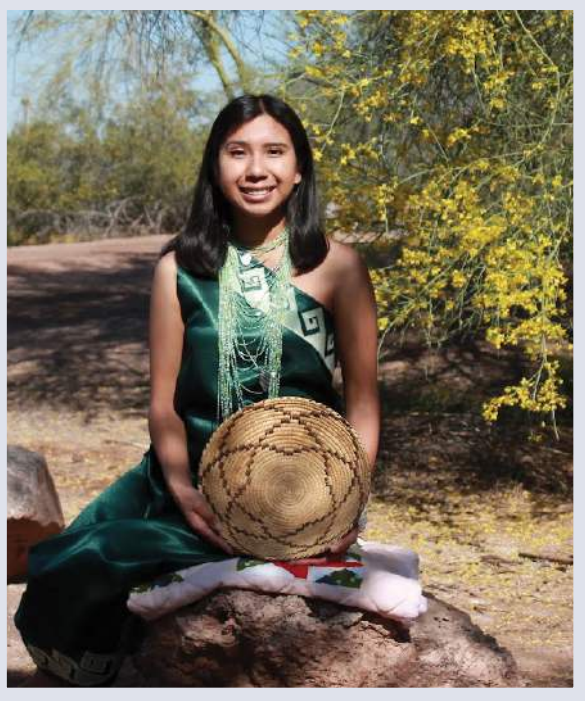
This is a free event for SRPMIC students and two guests - but **you MUST register and fill out our application to be recognized by Thursday, June 13.**

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

- Completed recognition application
- Copy of SRPMIC tribal ID
- Copy of diploma or transcript show their confirmed degree
- Proof that degree or certificate was earned between July 2022 through June 2023

SISTINE LEWIS

Scottsdale Community College Associate in Arts with Honors



Can you summarize your educational background?
I've been attending Scottsdale schools since first grade, up until now at college. I'm also the first in my family to attend and graduate from college.

Describe your most rewarding college experience.
I believe the most rewarding college experience was getting accepted into the Honors Program at Scottsdale Community College. Through this program I was able to take honors classes as well as volunteer on the side and earn scholarships to help further my education. Although it was a tough couple of years, I'm grateful for the opportunities I received both in and out of the school through the Honors Program.

What are your future plans?
I would like to go to either Arizona State University or Arizona College of Nursing to pursue my BSN (bachelor of science in nursing) degree. I have dreams of becoming a labor and delivery nurse, where I can help welcome new babies in the world and also provide a safe space for the mothers!

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?
I hope to be working in my dream field/job. And I want to encourage more of our Community members of any age to go and/or return to college or trade school. I would love to see more of our Community members out there showing off their skills in the different fields!

Who or what influenced you to go to school?
My grandparents actually influenced me to go college right after high school. At the time I wasn't sure if it was something I wanted to do, and I didn't know what I wanted to study. But they told me to go and take a few classes, which led me to find a field I was really interested and passionate about. They supported me from the beginning and are continuing to support me moving forward.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?
While I was in college, I also got back into pageants for fun. I had the honor of holding the title of Miss Salt River 2021-2022 and Miss Indian Arizona 2022-2023. Both titles were rewarding, but it was very hard to balance my school life with royalty life. There were times I'd be here in Arizona or out of state for a couple days to weeks, which led me to take classes online so I could still get credit towards my degree. I would stay up late or wake up early to get my schoolwork done before I had to go out on events just so it wouldn't be a worry on my mind. It was very challenging at the time, but I'm glad I was able to continue my schooling and be a role model for the youth showing that you can accomplish just about anything you put your heart and mind to.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?
Just do it! Whether you're thinking of it or want a change in your career, go for it. Don't ever think you're not smart enough or good enough to go to school, because you are more than capable of making it! We need more spaces indigenized and more representation out there. Even if it's just one class or a couple classes, it's definitely worth it. Just know you're making our ancestors proud!

Is there anyone you would like to thank?
I would like to say a huge thank-you to my family and friends, who supported me through this journey. I appreciate all the love and encouragement they gave me through each semester.

Who are your parents and grandparents?
My parents are Cecelia Lewis and the late Knute Lewis. My paternal grandparents are Carmen and Jacob Moore/the late Glenford "Budge" Lewis Sr. My maternal grandparents are the late Ortencia Corrine Antone and the late Manuel Andrews.

JARON JOHNSON

Arizona State University Master of Business Administration (MBA)



Can you summarize your educational background?
I received my bachelor's degree in 2016 from ASU. My undergrad major was secondary education, biological science. After teaching for a short period, I decided it was not the right career for me. I started looking for other options. With my current department I was eventually able to begin working with the budget. I realized how much I loved numbers and financial analysis. I began the MBA program in August of 2021 and earned my degree in August of 2023.

Describe your most rewarding college experience.
I think the most rewarding experience was working with the same team over the majority of the program. I was able to build a network and hone my collaborative skills.

What are your future plans?
I plan to continue working with my current department and hopefully someday become the manager of our budget.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?
I would like to strengthen my managerial skills and continue working for my Community.

Who or what influenced you to go to school?
The biggest influence in returning to school was the hope of providing better career opportunities for myself.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university, and how did you get through it?
N/A

What advice would you give people considering higher education?
It took me a long time to convince myself to go back to school because it seemed like such a large time commitment. Now that I have finished my program, [I feel like] it went by so quickly, so I would say just do it. I spent more time stressing about it than actually working on my degree.

Is there anyone you would like to thank?
I would like to thank my wife for being supportive of my goals and sacrificing time with me so I could pursue this opportunity.

Who are your parents and grandparents?
My parents are Gardell and Dianne Johnson. My paternal grandparents are Gerald and LaRue Johnson, and my maternal grandparents are Byron and Maureen Cheever.

JANAYA JOHNSON

The University of New Haven (Connecticut) Master of Science in Criminal Justice



Can you summarize your educational background?
I graduated from McClintock High School in 2006. I then attended Brigham Young University–Idaho, where in 2014 I obtained my bachelor's [degree] in University Studies with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Studies, Home & Family Living, and Sociology. I then earned my certificate of completion (CCL) in Leadership in Public Safety Organizations from Chandler Gilbert Community College in 2022. After that I received my master's [degree] from University of New Haven (UNH) in December of 2023, with a concurrent graduate certificate in Criminal Justice Management completed at UNH in August of 2023.

Describe your most rewarding college experience.
My most rewarding college experiences were largely focused on the friendships I made and the knowledge I gained.

What are your future plans?
I have recently been appointed an associate judge for the SRPMIC Court, and in the future I would be interested in serving as presiding judge. One of my main reasons for earning a master's degree was to move toward my ultimate goal of becoming part of the Community management.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?
My aim is to gain further experience in order to support and serve the Community in a greater capacity.

Who or what influenced you to go to school?
My parents have always [placed] a lot of importance on obtaining an education. I believe self-realization about my career goals was the main influence on my choice to earn a master's degree.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?
I completed my master's online via an East Coast school while working full-time. I also chose to double up my [class load] to complete my degree in one year rather than the typical two. The demands on my time—dealing with another time zone, working [at my job] and my class workload—were all significant obstacles. I had to make many sacrifices with my time to stay on top of my schoolwork and complete it to the level I expected of myself.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?
I would advise people to consider their circumstances and capabilities to make the best choices for themselves. Also, I'd advise them to seek a degree that will be of use to their goals and interests.

Is there anyone you would like to thank?
I'd like to thank the Community and the Higher Education [department] for offering the financial assistance that made it possible for me to complete my degree. I'd also like to thank my former employer, the Salt River Police Department, for supporting me by allowing me to use my leave as necessary to reach certain school deadlines. And lastly I'd like to thank my family just for being who they are and for teaching me the importance of getting an education.

Who are your parents and grandparents?
My parents are Gardell and Dianne Cheever. My paternal grandparents are Gerald and LaRue Johnson, and my maternal grandparents are Byron and Maureen Cheever.

SHANNON REINA

Scottsdale Community College Associate in Arts, emphasis in Nutritional Science



Can you summarize your educational background?

I completed my GED through the Salt River Schools FACE program, and about 10 years later I registered at Scottsdale Community College to learn more about nutrition.

Describe your most rewarding college experience.

Learning! I enjoyed every second of my classes, even the math classes! In fact, I really enjoyed math, which has always intimidated me; but I now have a new respect for it. SCC has some wonderful professors; they were very supportive and encouraging when things were difficult. I enjoyed the whole experience, even the late-night studying, which is not my favorite thing to do. But it definitely made me a better person overall.

What are your future plans?

I plan to continue learning more about all the things that interest me. I will return to

college and continue my education in nutrition and public speaking. I am trying to determine what my next steps are, but my overall goal is to gain knowledge and spread awareness about the foods we eat and how healthy choices can improve our chances at living long, healthy lives, free from diabetes.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

I would like to inspire others to make changes in their lives that will improve their health and well-being by sharing knowledge about nutrition, more importantly Indigenous foodways and the benefits they bring to us.

Who or what influenced you to go to school?

I had always wanted to attend college, but my children were always my first priority. Once my children were grown, I was able to sign up for classes. I would say my children are my greatest influences because I want to set a good example for them. Also my dad, who earned his master's from Arizona State University, and my aunty, who attended SCC as a single working mom. When I was feeling frustrated and tired, I imagined how she must have felt the same way but never quit. She passed away a few years ago due to COVID, but she has always been an inspiration to me.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?

Yes I did! So many obstacles. The [COVID-19] pandemic was the hardest: My workload changed because we had a responsibility to feed the students and the families of the SRPMIC during the shutdowns, so I took a break from school to focus on that. I did not realize it would be almost four years before I would be comfortable enough to return to my studies. [During that time] I also lost many family members due to COVID and other things. Grief took a hold of me and it has been difficult to deal with; it's hard to do things when you feel so sad. But I also want to honor those who have gone on by making the most out of the time I have here on Earth, so I carry on.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?

Go for it! Take it in small strides. Sometimes we look at the big picture and it can be overwhelming; for instance, earning a degree could take years, and that can be intimidating. But if we break it down by semesters or classes, it doesn't seem that bad. I liked having a checklist of my classes, because each time I completed a class I would check it off and it reminded me that I was one step closer to my big goal. Knowledge is power! Learn all you can.

Is there anyone you would like to thank?

My children, my family and my husband—they were always encouraging. My classes took so much of my time away from the family and I missed a lot of family dinners and gatherings. It was hard on me, and on them, but they were always understanding and supportive.

Who are your parents and grandparents?

My mom is Annette Elaine Eschief Ortega and my dad is Edward Reina Jr. My maternal grandparents are Dixon and Hazel Andreas bad (I come from the Eschief Azule family on my mom's side), and my paternal grandparents are Janette French and Edward Madueno Reina bad.



RYAN ANDREWS

Grand Canyon University B.A. in Government with an emphasis in Legal Studies



Can you summarize your educational background?

I graduated from Westwood High School in 1995, and then I went to Scottsdale Community College and took classes for a couple of years. I attended an internship program called Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS) in Washington, D.C., in 1998. [While there] I took a class through American University, where learned that I liked politics and law more than anything. In 2000 I started taking classes at Phoenix College and earned a Certificate of Completion in Tribal Court Advocacy. After an extended break for work, I restarted [my higher education] through Grand Canyon University in 2021, when they told me I could transfer my credits and take online classes while working.

Describe your most rewarding college experience.

The most rewarding college experience has been the learning experience. I think that going through GCU was a good choice for me because it made me learn differently, given the educational standard of the college. It also brought me back to reading through the Bible, something I've neglected. But now, thanks to GCU, I have two more in my library.

What are your future plans?

After finishing my program at GCU, I took a little break. Then I decided to enroll back in school and pursue the Master of Legal Studies program at Arizona State University. My plan is to go full-time and finish in the next year and half.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?

I would like to obtain my master's degree and then go back to work as a judge or in the legal field in some capacity.

Who or what influenced you to go to school?

Initially, out of high school, I was influenced by the thought of being a high school teacher and a coach. But then I got lazy about school and just went to work full-time. In 2021, my wife Joanne kept telling me to think about going back to school; I would tell her about going and not finishing, and I think she knew it bugged me. She stayed on me to go through with it this time.

Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?

The main obstacle I faced this time around, much like the other [college experiences], was time. I think that's the main thing with adults, especially [those who work] full-time. Even though our kids are grown, we have grandchildren that we spend time with, plus homework is a lot. My wife and I were lucky to have the same days off for most of the time I was in school, so we had that time together to hang out. But there were a lot of nights when I would get home from work and do assignments until the morning news came on.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?

Take advantage of any educational opportunities that are available to you, especially through the Community. SCC is really good—it's located within the Community and we receive a waiver for tuition—but you can get your degree through online programs at the universities too. I do think it's important to get a start on education as soon as possible and finish it. That's where I messed up: taking too long to finish. But you can start later and also still get your degree, just as long as you do it.

Is there anyone you would like to thank?

I want to thank my wife, Joanne, for pushing me to go back to school and then pushing me to continue my education. Also I'd like to thank my kids, Melissa, Michael, Jessica and Gabriel; and my grandkids,

sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. I also want to thank my former Higher Education Advisor, Denelle Prieto, and my current advisor, Joyla Gates, for all their help and emails. Lastly, I want to thank the Community for providing me the opportunity to finish my degree. I'm very thankful.

Who are your parents and grandparents?

My parents are LaVar and Christine Andrews and Esther and Courtney Moyah. My paternal grandparents are the late Merritt and Selma Andrews. My maternal grandparents are the late Sammy and Nellie Hernandez.



Arizona State University
B.A. in Anthropology with an Archaeology
Emphasis



Can you summarize your educational background?
I started my college career at Northern Arizona University as a finance major. I quickly shifted to majoring in criminal justice with a minor of Anthropology. I finished my degree and prepared for law school. After

thinking about it and realizing I did not want to do that, I decided to turn my minor into a major. I looked into other programs and found I was very far into the journey, I just needed one more year of school to complete a bachelor's [degree]! I applied and was accepted into Arizona State University. While there, I was part of a team that was researching a plot of land near the S'edav Va'aki Museum (the new name of the Pueblo Grande Museum and Archaeological Park in Phoenix). So I spent hours in the archives learning about property ownership of the land. After a crazy year of work and school, I completed my degree and graduated!

Describe your most rewarding college experience.
Honestly, the archival research was really rewarding. It was actually really fun spending hours combing through documents and learning about the property and land. In the end, our group was able to make a presentation to the Phoenix City Council about preserving the land.

What are your future plans?
As of right now, I am up for an internship with the Cultural Resources Department through the Community's Internship Program. I would love for this to lead to a full-time position. I want to work for and serve the Community while also doing archaeology.

What do you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years?
I would like to be part of a lot of archaeology-based projects and Community development. Perhaps I could be the head archaeologist of the Community!

Who or what influenced you to go to school?
I have always wanted to go to school for higher education. I have not had a lot of role models regarding school. I have had to push myself to make sure I achieve my goals. Once I got married, my wife was pivotal in motivating and supporting me through my schooling. I have the most influence from her!

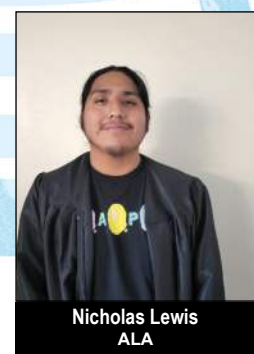
Did you face any obstacles while attending college/university? If so, how did you overcome them?
My biggest obstacle was trying to figure out what I wanted to do in life. I started with finance, changed to criminal justice and law, then finally landed on archaeology.

What advice would you give people considering higher education?
Do not stop at high school. Find something you're passionate towards. Push yourself, because you can do it!

Is there anyone you would like to thank?
I would like to thank my beautiful wife, Alyssa. Without her, I would not have had the motivation and support in those moments when I needed it most.

Who are your parents and grandparents?
My father was Stanley Andreas. My grandfather was Myron Andreas.

CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES!



Nicholas Lewis
ALA

Nicholas we are proud of you in how far you have come in your education. Continue to strive for what you want in life...Love, Mom, Dad and Family



Arianna Perez
Salt River Elementary

We are all so proud of you princess for getting through elementary, the hardest part of your life in your own words! You made it through and now it's time for middle school and we all know you will succeed in life. KEEP GOING GIRL!!! We love you!



Jasmine Rodriguez
Sun Valley High School

You did it Jaz! You have grown so much in this last year and finishing high school is a big deal. I love how you made sure to always put school before anything else. I know you will do many more great things in life because you have that ambition in you. Keep succeeding my jazzy girl. You made our family so proud of you! Love mama



Johnny Charles Perez III
ALA

Johnny boy you made it! Through the tears, stress, and sweat you pushed all the way through! We are all so super proud of you, this is a big achievement and I hope you're so proud of your self! We're your biggest fans and gonna continue to cheer you on into your new chapter! Also Your niece's said you're a good guy lol!



Kiera Rodriguez
Sun Valley High School

My beautiful Kiera I'm beyond proud of you for graduating high school. You know next up is nursing school which I already know you are going to do great. Life isn't going to give you what you want but with your drive you will get it. Keep educating yourself and just know that mom will always be here for you. I love you keke monster love Madre.



Lillyanna Carlos
Early Enrichment Program

Lillyanna baby girl we are so proud of you! You're moving on to kindergarten, big girl school now. The growth you been making is unbelievable but we all love watching every step of it! Keep going you're doing amazing! We all love you Yanna!



Raul Gonzales
ECEC

Congratulations Raul! Mom & Dad are so proud of you. Continue to reach for the stars! We love you :)



Soraya M. Zapata
Southmoore High School

Your family is so proud of the of the dedication you have shown overcoming all the challenges that have come up these past four years. We will always love you, and be there for you.



Cameron Rafael Ramirez
Mohave Middle Schools

Terrific Cameron!! You did an amazing job!! Next stop High School.



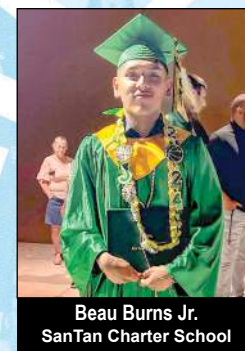
Eliana Harvier
ECEC

Congratulations Pumpkin, we are so proud of you and wish you nothing but the best for Kindergarten. We love you.



Christopher Reynold Enos
Salt River Elementary

Congratulations Chris on your promotion to 7th grade. Your family loves you very much and we're so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma, your brothers and sisters, Tweet & Yellie



Beau Burns Jr.
SanTan Charter School

Spend your life in your own way, another chapter in life is about to begin. I protected and guided you as best as I could. It's time for me to let you kind of make your own decisions. Proud of you Son! Love, Mom and the Family.

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June 30

Vocational Schools
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AUGUST, SEPTEMBER
& OCTOBER
July 31

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CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES!



Dominic King
Westwood High School

Our greatest enemy is the one within. Our minds can cloud our judgement and create illusion of failure. If we reevaluate ourselves and surrounding, we can make a better world.



Ava Fall Schaaf
Westwood High School, High Academic Honors

Congrats Ava! Proud of you beyond words. We know you will be just as successful at ASU as you were at Westwood. We love you!! Sparkle BABY!!! Love Grandma, James, Mom & Dad



Madisen Snow White
Salt River Elementary

We are so proud of you. You can accomplish anything you set your mind and heart to. This is just the beginning of your journey. JR HIGH here you come. Love, Mom/Step-Dad, Siblings & your Family



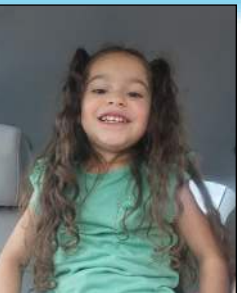
Jaron Johnson
A.S.U., W.P. Carey School of Business

Congratulations to Jaron Johnson who has received his Master of Business Administration degree from the Arizona State University W.P. Carey School of Business.



Janaya Johnson
Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice at the University of New Haven

Janaya L. Johnson has received a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice at the University of New Haven.



Ramona Manuel
Noah Webster Elementary

Baby Girl we are so proud of you. No matter what anyone says you're our little princess always. CLASS 2024.



Mario Manuel Kavoka
Fountain Hill High School

Class of 2024 graduate of Fountain Hills High School, very smart kind young man, always willing to help others! Looking forward to automotive schooling to become a mechanic.



Adriel Lewis
Noah Webster Elementary

Congratulations Adriel on graduating to the 2nd grade and always being the best student and trying ur hardest in school. Mom and dad and the whole family are so proud of you son, we love you so much. -Love your family



Marley Jackson
Saguaro High School

Our pride and love for you is infinite! Take this time to bask in the glow of your achievement. We're all proud of you, continue to keep your confidence strong in everything that you do. Rooting for you always – Mom, Dad, Koda, Shane



Adoniss Martinez
ECEC

Congratulations Baby!!! As you enter the big world of kindergarten always remember you can do anything you put your mind to. Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't make your dreams come true I hope you find friends that love you for who you are. Auntie Bia loves you so much and is so proud of you.



Daniel Jimenez
ECEC

Happy Pre-k Graduation Son! We are so very proud of you one of the many milestones you will reach. Mom and Dad will always be right behind you every step of the way. We love you!



Ryan Andrew
Grand Canyon University

Congratulations Ryan!! You set your goal, put your mind to it and you did it!! Your family is sooo proud of you!!! Keep it going, we love you!!



Nathius Kochampanasken
ECEC

SRES READY or NOT here he comes!



Cholla "CeCe" Campos
Mountain View High School

Cece graduated Thursday, May 23rd, 2024, with straight As. They will be attending NAU in the fall as a first-generation college student. Cece hopes to become an art therapist.



Eisleigh Chiago
Noah Webster

Congratulations, Eisleigh! You make dad so proud! Lucky to see you grow and become a wonderful kid. Love Dad, and the whole family! We all love you so much Scooby!



Aarick J. Mack
Scottsdale Community College

Graduated May 9, 2024 from Scottsdale Community College/ Culinary



Samantha Dorrine Smith
Westwood High School

Daughter of Danny Smith and the late Cindy Lynn Seger. Granddaughter of Lori Seger and Madeline Morsto.



Cooper Boni Jr.
Sun Valley High School

I want to say congratulations on the great accomplishment of finishing highschool and not giving up. I believe in you and I know you can achieve so much more, follow your heart son. Love your family



Arei Soleil Castro
ECEC

Congratulations on your ECEC promotion Arei Soleil Castro! We are so proud of you and love you so much, our ray of sunshine! :) Love always, Mom & Dad



Von Riena
Webster Elementary School

I love to watch you grow and I can't wait to see you develop and further your education, I'm right by your side through everything. -Love Mom (Erica Webster)



Milani Jaylene Clark
ECEC

Congratulations to our bebedirl Milani Jaylene Clark. Wooohooo!!! LETSSSS GO!!! Off to Kindergarten First of many sooo proud of you. Love you to moon & back. Grama Kim



Blayze Chiago
Harmon Elementary

Congratulations B, you're going to be in the first grade. We know you will get do great!! Your family loves you sweet girl!!



Luke Manuela Mackett
Westwood High School

We are so proud Never Forget how much strength you learned and developed along the way many blessings on your new chapter in New Mexico With love mom and family.



Stephanie Romo
UEI College Medical Assistant

I just want to thank everyone who supported me from beginning to the end. I will continue my education to get to my goals. This is just the beginning.



Milani J. Clark
ECEC

Congratulations to our Milani J. Clark! Continue to shine so bright! We love you more than anything! Love, Mom & Daddy



Eric Manuel Jr.
McClintock High School

You overcame unbearable challenges, conquering Cross Country and Track and Field for the first time, remaining focused and positive. You amaze me and I'm so proud of you! Love Mom



Symphony Steph
Heritage Academy

Congratulations Symphony Steph!! You did it mija. I'm so proud of you. Many more blessings to come for you mija. Dream BIG you deserve it. Love You: Mom



Teniya Salazar
Westwood High School

Congratulations Teniya we're very proud of all your accomplishments! You are a blessing and a miracle to all of us. We wish you the very best at ASU! Love, Dad



Angelina Montoya
Westwood High School

Congratulation Angelina!! You did it!! We're all so proud of you. Can't wait to see what you will accomplish next at SCC. Love Dad, Mom, and Phatboy.



Joseph Schurz
Mountain View High School

Ephesians 1:11 I am beyond proud of the man you are growing to be, as much as you are a part of me you don't belong to me you belong to the wind, the moon, the stars. Your heart is going to change the world and make it a better place. If I'm lucky I will be here to watch you do it. Congratulations Joseph you did it! Love your Family

CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES!



Marcus Lasiloo
Westwood High School

Congratulations Marcus! We're so proud of you and your accomplishments. Hold your head up high and keep reaching for the stars! We love you! Love, Dad, Nussy, Cruz, Mimi and Estrella.



Kamea Gaso Gouveia
ECEC

Continue to be a smart, bright, happy, and playful girl! We love you. God bless and may He continue to watch over you.

Love Mom, Dad, Koa and Lj



Dennis Manuel
Pima Elementary School

We are proud of how great you are! Believe you can and we will be there to support your dreams. Always do your best! We love you!
-All of us



Rose Casias
Westwood High School

Rose you did it! Congratulations from all of us, we love you and are so proud of you. Keep up the good work! Mom & Dad and The Whole Family!



Sistine Lewis
SCC

Congratulations, Sistine! We are so proud of you. Continue to do the best at everything you do. Love, Carmen & Jake



Raylynn Jones
Whitman Elementary

We are proud of your achievements thus far and stand behind you every step of the way. Congratulations on your promotion! We love you, Mom, Dad, Daniel, Charlie, and Papa



Celicia R. Waters
ASU

Congratulations Celicia!! This is the beginning of yet another journey of your life. We are so proud of the woman you have become and are amazed at the beautiful soul who continues to grow in front of our eyes. We know that you have determination, kindness, and strength to reach your goals and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for you. Keep moving forward in your education. We love you From all the Waters Family



Andrew Rome Hernandez
ECEC

Congratulations, Andrew Rome Hernandez. We are so proud of you moving forward to kindergarten! You make us so happy and we are here to support you in your goals of becoming a police officer. Mom and Dad



Betsey Sidney
Cicero Prep

Sweetest Betsey, Congratulations on finishing 8th grade! The whole family sends its love and prayers for your future endeavors. We're so proud of your hard work. Mom, Dad, and Shelby



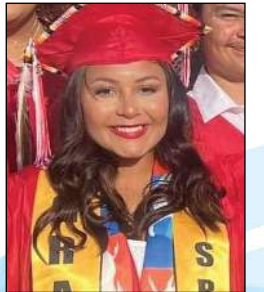
Ryan Candelaria
Greenway High School

You accomplished so much in your senior year. We are so proud of you and everything you do. Love always your family.



Benjamin Francisco
ALA

Congratulations Ben! From the Miles and Francisco Family! We are very proud of all your hard work!



Genina Michelle Parker
Elgin High School

"And I'll rise up
High like the waves
I'll rise up
In spite of the ache
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand
times again"
Rise unafraid, girl!



Sistine Lewis
SCC

Congratulations to Sistine Lewis!! You worked very hard to complete this chapter. We love you and wish you the best in your future endeavors!! We will be here cheering you on!! You have made us so proud!! Love you Mom, Pearl-Damien, Gerald



Andrew Osife
Poston Butte High School

Congratulations on your graduation! Your next adventure awaits, we are excited to see where it leads you. Never stop growing, exploring, learning and challenging yourself. Love GG Elaina



Phillip Osife
ECEC

Congratulations! This is just the beginning, you are a star in the making, shine on! Love Aunty Elaina



Phillip King IV
Mountain View High School

Congratulations Bubba on your High School Graduation! Your Hard Work doesn't go unnoticed, the future looks bright for you! We love you buddy, you make us all proud! Congratulations Buddy!



Levi Johnson Sr.
ASU Bachelor of Science in
Graphic Information Technology,
focus area Digital Design,
Print and Publishing

Congratulations Levi! Your hard work, dedication, & prayers led the way in accomplishing this awesome milestone, now on to the next! Forks Up! Love, Grammy & Aunties J, Rae, and Jeri.



Hayden Hogue
Westwood High School

We are so proud of you Hayden! We love you and will always be here for you, you'll do great things for yourself with lots of love, mom & dad & taylor



Jesse Chavez
Saguaro High School

Congratulations Jesse Chavez! This is just the beginning to achieving your dreams, the world is your canvas, Much love Son!



Jacob Silversmith
ECEC

Kindergarten here comes Jacob...Love you Grandson.. Papa Gary Shmmaaa Eve Burns Jr.



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Congratulations on your milestone and showing our family proudly bleeds maroon and gold! Go Devils! With love from your family and kids.



Nolan Fountain
East Valley Academy

Congratulations Nolan on graduating 1 yr early! Your mom and siblings are all so proud of you and your accomplishments. Be proud of yourself young man. We love you!



Elijah Jackson
Westwood High School

If you never know failure, you'll never know the true meaning of success.
-MF DOOM



Dominic Lassa-Corneiro
ALA

To my son,
Be proud of yourself, for never giving up.
For staying true to who you are.
And for your bravery against the world.
I love you.



Immanuel Chavez II
Westwood High School

Everyone is so proud of you! Keep being who you are and continue on. We all love you so much!!

Lots of love, Mom and Dad



Gabrielle Martinez
Primavera

Hunnielle, I know it's a lil late but we are proud of you!! Your family LOVES YOU Gabrielle Martinez! Always know You can achieve anything you put your mind to!



Nalani Lopez
SCC

We're all so proud of you Nalani. We love your determination to chase your goals. You set the bar high and work hard. We love you so much! Love, Mom, Dad, Sommer, RJ and Tizoc



Isaiah Montano
Whitman Elementary

Isaiah we are so proud of you! We wish you all the best my love, may creator guide you and keep you safe always. Love, Grandma Lissa & Mom



Dean Brown
Saguaro High School

Congratulations Dean! We are so proud of how hard you worked & the sacrifices you made. This is only the beginning, we can't wait to see all the adventures you will endure and the awesome things you will accomplish. Love, Brown & Chiago Family



Robin Skyfaye Ramirez
Sherman Indian School

Congratulations Robin Bobbin!! We love you, and are so proud of what you have accomplished.