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## 2022 Graduate Outstanding Both On and Off Stage

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Jasmine Lamas Enos, District 6, recently graduated from Cesar Chavez High School.

Once a shy and quiet individual, she found an interest in theater and became very active in school plays, where she participated in numerous roles.

It wasn't until middle school that she opened up and became more talkative but struggled with her academics, specifically math.

"I was a very shy student which caused my teachers to believe that I didn't speak English and I was placed into a Spanish speaking only class," said Jasmine.

She grew up in Phoenix and moved to the Community for the first time for her eighth grade year, attending Gila Crossing Community School, where she graduated as class valedictorian.

She joined the academic decathlon club and moot court club in high school. Then reluctantly, she joined an intro to theater class.

"I remember on my first day there the teacher asked the class to raise their hand if we didn't want to be there and I remember raising my hand because I genuinely did not want to be there, because at

the time I thought that theater was dorky," said Jasmine.

She decided to give theater a try to receive her mandatory fine arts credit in order to graduate.

"While I was there, I did not give my full effort in class and I made a joke out of everything I was asked to do. From this I was told that I was a good actress by my fellow classmates," she said.

She was then questioned about participating in the school's play "Almost, Maine." At the time, she declined because she didn't like the idea of performing in front of a big crowd.

Jasmine completed the class and she moved on to other interests. She returned her senior year and was placed in an advanced acting and directing class.

"While I was there, I enjoyed my time, I had fun and I gave my full effort," she said, eventually joining the drama club. In this

space, she got an opportunity to attend her first Broadway theater show, "Hamilton", at the ASU Gammage Auditorium.

After experiencing the show, she left inspired to return to school and audition for "Almost, Maine." Unfortunately, due to the lack of actors, the play was substituted for "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon." She performed two roles for this show: the dirt merchant and the witch in Hansel and Gretel.

The school's acting class joined an acting festival where Jasmine received an award for outstanding actress.

And to further her journey in acting, she also auditioned for the musical "Grease." And to her surprise, she was chosen for the cast.

"From this experience

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Jasmine Lamas Enos (right) with PUHSD Governing Board President Lela Alston at the 2022 Native American Convocation on May 14, 2022. Photo courtesy of Jasmine Lamas Enos

## Community Artist Awarded Scholarship Funding

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GRIC student Deante' Moore, District 5, recently won a national "Frame My Future Scholarship Contest 2022" this past spring. The scholarship awarded him \$6,000 for the 2022-23 academic year. Using his artistic abilities, Moore was required to submit an original art piece representing how he envisioned his future. Winners were decided based on the outcome of an online voting contest. Of the 2,064 applicants, Moore won with the most votes. His submission featured a self-portrait of himself and symbolism representing his Black and Native cultures with various colors and shades of brown.

When Moore won the competition, he said, "It was an unreal feeling, I was at my friends' wedding, and my mother told me that second place was catching up to me." After continuing to promote himself and requesting more votes, he fell asleep that

night, hoping for a good outcome. The next day he soon discovered that he had achieved his goal and finished at number one.

"This award will help me afford transportation as I am actively involved in several communities in the area, and more importantly, I will be able to have more time to pursue my art career and not have to work as many hours," said Moore. Additionally, less time from work will allow him to stay connected to his various student organizations. These groups are critically important to him as they aides in his mental well-being and academics.

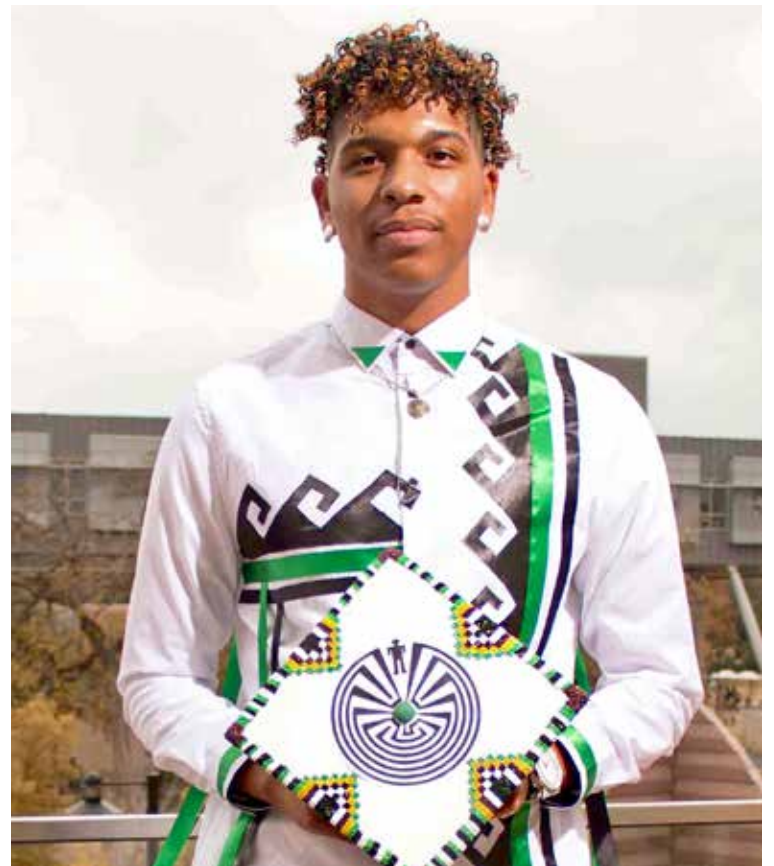
Moore is currently a Master's student at the University of North Texas (UNT), pursuing a degree in clinical mental health. In 2015 he completed his undergrad at UNT in psychology, minoring in counseling. "I am a 4.0 GPA student, and I want to maintain my 4.0 until I graduate with my degree. I also want to pass the master's comprehensive

exam and national counselors' exam before graduation," said Moore.

"One of my career goals, as a student, is to become a Licensed Professional Counselor and achieve 3,000 mandatory hours of supervision as a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate before I graduate."

After college Moore said, "my main goal is to build my experiences and connections in the counseling field to be able to open up my own private practice so I can serve the Native American and Black community and incorporate culturally relevant counseling services for my communities."

Today, Moore is an exemplary student and wanted to share some advice for future GRIC students. "Become comfortable with the uncomfortable, I used to be so afraid of asking for help or too shy of attention from others, but I learned that with the help of others, I am able to truly meet my goals and be successful."



Deante' Moore stands wearing a ribbon shirt with his beaded graduation cap adorned with the "Man in the Maze" design for his graduation ceremony in 2015. Photo courtesy of Deante' Moore

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# Congratulations Message from Governor Stephen Roe Lewis

Congratulations to all of our successful students in 2022! Taking that next step in your education is very important whether it's our littlest grads, high school, specialized training or those in higher education. This is your moment to be proud and to carry on towards a successful future.

Students in 2022 faced challenges unheard of until COVID-19. While the world continues to find its way back from the pandemic, you served as an example for all of us to follow with your determination and inspiring work ethic. I commend the Class of 2022 for your dedication and the way you overcame huge hurdles to achieve your academic goals.

The Gila River Indian Community has always placed a high value on education. The late Chief Antonio Azul tirelessly advocated for these same opportunities generations ago. He knew the value of an education and his vision lives on in you.

While you enjoy this moment, I also want to acknowledge those that supported you. I want to shine a light on the families and well-wishers that motivated you to be the best students possible. As O'otham and Pee Posh, we do things together and your success is reward for the entire Community.

For some, your education journey will continue, and others will take that knowledge into the workplace and embark upon promising careers. I wish you all good luck, and blessings on your future endeavors.

Congratulations and continue to stay Gila River Strong!



# Congratulations Message from Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Greetings, my name is Monica Antone, your current Lt. Governor, serving the 29th Administration.

I want to, first of all, CONGRATULATE all the 2022 graduates as honored Akimel Otham and Pee Posh students. Whether it be head start, grade school, High School, University, or Doctorate, the COMMUNITY extends our appreciation as you take on the next journey. The special part of this occasion is that many of you faced challenges of virtual schooling during this pandemic and made it through to receive a well-deserved diploma. This diploma is only the beginning and sets a journey to gain higher achievement. I want to take the time to thank all the teachers, school faculty, tribal education, student advisors, mentors, and family that stood behind you to make this happen. More importantly, give thanks to our Creator above for life's journey and protection. While many of you walked and turned the tassel and many watched you with cheerful hearts. I want to thank and congratulate you for being the inspiration and reflection to many that are just as proud as we are to know your journey has just begun!

"I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known," author unknown.

Thank you again, Lt. Governor Monica Antone



Governor  
**Stephen Roe Lewis**

Lt. Governor

**Monica Antone**

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## HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES



**Damion Antone**  
Mesa Community College  
National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians  
Congratulations Damion! We are all very proud of you and all of your hard work that you are doing to make your dreams become reality. You truly amaze me with your dedication and passion to become an EMT and eventually a firefighter/paramedic. Always remember to follow your dreams and your heart. Our wish for you is that life becomes all that you want and more. That your dreams stay as big as your loving personality. Keep shining amongst the stars. Love, Mom, Dad & Family



**Starsha Bermudes**  
Glendale Community College  
Associate in Arts, Political Science  
Thank you to my parents, Arvis Dosela and the late Lorraine Dosela for the amazing example that they've set for me. Both have instilled in me the importance of education and hard work. Thank you to my husband Abel and my son Louie for being my main cheerleaders and giving their constant support. Through their support, I was able to be a part of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Student Honor's Organization, and to graduate with distinction. Sorry for all the ramen dinners! Lastly, thank you to my department, the Office of the Community Manager, thanks Milly and Josh!



**Darylene Blaine**  
Chandler - Gilbert Community College  
Associate, Business  
Keep showing up. It will be hard work, it will be uncomfortable, and it will require resilience. Whatever it takes, keep show-



**Sarah Huerta**  
Grand Canyon University  
Bachelors of Science, Early Childhood Education  
I am very grateful for the opportunity that Gila River Indian Community has given me to become a teacher. I also thank God for seeing me through the challenges I have faced in the last four years. I am looking forward to my future and the futures of the students that I will reach because of this Community's support.



**Dominique Lopez**  
Arizona State University  
Master of Social Work, Advance Standing Direct Practice  
It is my hope that I can go out into the community and create solutions for current social issues and emerging issues. I want to gain more experience and utilize my skills as a Clinician/Therapist to help others struggling with life situations and help them achieve improved well-being. My future goal is to build my non-profit called Transformation Sisterhood and enter the political arena to promote social justice and create positive policy to address the unmet social and community needs.



**Teaya Enos**  
University of Oklahoma College of Law, Master's in Legal Studies, Indigenous Peoples Law.



**Lorena Clashin**  
Grand Canyon University, Bachelors of Science, Health Sciences  
Maya Angelou once said, "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style." Completing my Bachelor's of Science in Health Science wouldn't have been possible without my support team. So, I would like to take this time to thank my best friend, my children, my late mother and father and those who gave me words of encouragement throughout my medical program but more importantly to my student advisors, GCU counselors and this scholarship program. My next step is Master of Science in Nursing.



**Andra Gutierrez**  
Arizona State University, Bachelor of Arts, Sustainability  
Invest in yourself and don't ever give up. Congratulations to all the graduates!



**Alexandra Martinez**  
Loma Linda University School of Nursing  
Bachelors of Science in Nursing  
I am so grateful to Gila River, as well as friends and family for all of the support throughout this journey. I truly could not have done it otherwise. I now know what I am capable of and will continue to work hard to be the best nurse I can be.



**Katlyn Martinez**  
George Fox University  
Bachelor of Arts, Accounting  
Thank you to my whole family for being there for me throughout my years at George Fox and thank you to Student Services for giving me this amazing opportunity to continue my education and allowing me to play soccer in college. I want to thank my advisor, Erika Bandoni, for always being there whenever I had questions and for helping me with this process!



**Taylor Middaugh**  
South Mountain Community College  
Associate's Degree, Applied Behavioral Health  
Transferring to Northern Arizona University.



**Charles "RC" Garcia Jr**  
CDA Technical Institute  
Air Mixed Gas Commercial Diver



**Vierra Makai**  
Fort Lewis College,  
Bachelor of Arts, Marketing



**Luiza Manuel**  
New Mexico State University  
Bachelors of Science, Secondary Education - Minor in Counseling Educational Psychology.

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### Sheralyn Sanchez

The University of Texas at El Paso, Ph.D., Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

This dissertation would not have been possible without the support of many people. I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Gila River Indian Community for helping me achieve my higher educational goals. This dissertation was a team effort, and I am deeply grateful to my parents, Rachel and Sherwin, for their wisdom and always providing a listening ear. Thank you to my wonderful husband, Anthony, and my children, Aiden, Rae, and Beau. Without your love, tremendous understanding, and relentless words of encouragement, I would not have achieved this goal of obtaining my Ph.D.



### Danielle Whempner

Arizona State University  
Bachelor's of Science, Economics

I'm thankful for my family, friends, church and our community. I'm blessed to have received the support and guidance that I did to help make this achievement possible. I look forward to serving the Gila River Indian Community with the knowledge and experience that I have gained through my education.



### Amanda Mitchell

Arizona State University  
Master of Public Administration  
I will continue my higher education with ASU, and completing my concurrent graduate degree program with American Indian Studies Tribal Leadership and Governance. This program focuses on issues specific to Indigenous populations with a concentration on Languages, cultures, arts, activism, histories, legal policy and education from an American Indian studies paradigm and perspective.



### Hebear Williams

Central Arizona College  
Associates, General Studies  
We are so proud of your accomplishment, the first Williams to graduate from college. We know it was a struggle but you did it. Always remember: "Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey. (Michael Josephson). We love you, Dad, Mom, Melissa and Jones.



### Johnny Rodriguez

University of Texas at Arlington  
Masters of Science, Human Resources Management



### Helana Soto

Arizona State University, Bachelor's in Social Work- Minor American Indian Studies.

Thank you Gila River for giving me the opportunity to achieve my degree. I look forward to returning to my community to continue my career. I thank my family and friends for the support I was given. Thank you to the GRIC advisors for the support and advice that you gave me. Without it I don't think I could have done this.



### Martin Vincent

Phoenix College,  
Associate in Applied Science, Fashion Merchandising  
Thanks to the GRIC Scholarship Program and to GRIC Student Services, I was able to accomplish receiving my degree at 53 years old! It was a struggle but I am very proud of myself for keeping my grades up and graduating with honors!



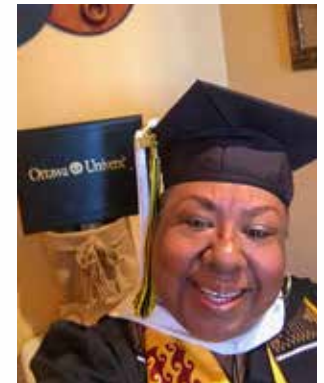
### Christina Miranda

Carrington College  
Certification in Dental Assisting  
This is only the beginning to my dental career.



### DeAnna Ringlero

Arizona State University  
Bachelor of Science, Nonprofit Leadership & Management  
"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."- Roosevelt



### Caira M. Woods

Ottawa University  
Masters of Arts, Counseling  
I journeyed with the intent of receiving an education in Counseling. It was a learning experience and at times it was challenging. But with help from family, friends, advisors, peers and Professors; I persevered and accomplished a Master's of Arts Degree in Counseling with a Concentration in Gero-Counseling. I am grateful and thankful to Gila River Tribal Education Department for the opportunity they provided for me to continue moving forward in my education.



### Andrea Silvas

Grand Canyon University,  
Bachelor's in Public Safety and Emergency Management.  
I hope to one day work for Gila River emergency office.

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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



**Sineca Jackson**  
Hamilton High School  
Certified Medical Assistant,  
Continuing to University of Ha-  
waii at Manoa  
Wow! You set out on an amaz-  
ing adventure and you're just  
getting started! Do what must  
be done, but also have fun and  
check-in with us after every  
class! Jk, jk! We are always here  
for you girl! Love, Dad+Mom,  
Yuri, Colby, Caleb+Jane



**Ariana Blackwater**  
Hamilton High School  
Ariana is graduating Hamilton  
High school and East Valley Insti-  
tute of Technology (EVIT), carry-  
ing a 4.0 GPA at and nearly a 3.0  
at Hamilton. Ariana is also Youth  
Council Vice President. She per-  
served through personal chal-  
lenges with the loss of both par-  
ents in 8 years. Ariana's teachers  
recognize her efforts and nominat-  
ed her for academic excellence.  
She has earned a Medical Asst.  
Certificate and plans to move for-  
ward in health care.



**Thalia Ayala**  
CAVIT-Dental Assistant  
Coolidge High School  
Thalia, I have watched you grow  
from that shy freshman to the  
strong senior I see today . You  
are more confident than I was  
at your age and I'm so happy  
you are. It's an honor to be your  
mama and help you in the way  
which you will go. Just remember  
I'm here for you always. Love,  
Mama



**Aaron Foote**  
Hamilton High School  
Congratulations Aaron! We are  
very proud of you and your ac-  
complishments. Celebrate your  
successes and build on them  
for the future. Now on to col-  
lege and more adventures. New  
school, new state, new basket-  
ball team. We are all behind you!



**Emma Kyyitan**  
Skyline Gila River  
Continuing to Grand Canyon  
University, Pre-Medicine  
"Emmiecat" We are all so proud  
of all the accomplishments you  
have achieved in your education.  
You have set so many goals for  
yourself and work hard to make it  
happen. Finishing your last year  
in high school in December and  
walking across the stage as Vale-  
dictorian of your Senior Class to  
getting accepted to GCU in Hon-  
ors Classes towards your Bach-  
elors in science and biology and  
so much more ahead. Keep up  
the hard work.



**Avianna Stevens**  
Providence High School  
Congratulations! I'm beyond  
proud & even more excited for  
all the amazing things to come.  
Wherever your journey may take  
you, go confidently, one step at a  
time and I pray you'll always be  
safe. Life is a series of thousands  
of tiny little miracles, notice them.  
Learn everything you can and  
make YOURSELF proud. I'm al-  
ways here for you. Yellow. Love,  
Mommy & your brothers.



**Christopher Castle II**  
Providence High School  
Chris Castle is a wonderful young  
man. He opted to complete the  
required coursework in order to  
graduate one year early. He took  
additional on-line classes on top  
of his regularly scheduled class-  
es in order to obtain the required  
credits to graduate. He plans to  
pursue a trade to enhance his  
success in the workforce. Chris  
has overcome many personal  
challenges on his journey to  
graduate and excelled in his  
work. He is a talented young man  
who will succeed at whatever he  
plans to accomplish in the future.  
We at Providence High School  
wish him success and happi-  
ness! Have a fabulous advent-  
ure, Chris.



**Richard Johnson**  
Coolidge High School  
Thank you son for being a light  
to your family. You fulfilled an-  
other stepping stone, continue  
your pathway. Your family and  
friends congratulate you for your  
success!



**Camille Luna**  
Hamilton High School  
Camille has had a great 4 years  
at Hamilton HS. Camille has  
pushed herself to get what she  
needed to get done so she can  
accomplish her goal to graduate.  
Both her dad Fernando Luna Sr.  
and I her mother Farrah Humey-  
umptewa are so proud of her  
and all she has done. Camille re-  
mained focused and determined  
and got it done. We love you Ca-  
mille and can't wait to see what  
you do next.



**Cheyenne Racine**  
Crown Point Central School  
Cosmetology-CV-Tec and  
SUNY-Adirondack Business  
Management



**Tara McCandless**  
Basha High School  
Tara-We love you and are proud  
of your accomplishments. You  
have an amazing future ahead  
of you. Good luck at CGCC.!



**Tevin McCandless**  
Basha High School  
Tevin-We love you and want you  
to know we are always here for  
you. We wish you the best of  
luck at ASU. You got this!



**Brooklyn Pablo**  
Coolidge High School  
We could not be more proud be-  
ing right by your side watching  
you finish high school. We can't  
wait to see you excel in college  
basketball and continue to do  
what you always loved. Keep  
pushing yourself!  
Love, Dad, Kyromi, Cam, Kyle,  
Mikey and Carter.

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**Aaron Paul Mix**

Calvary Christian Academy  
Aaron graduated on May 12, 2022 at the Calvary Christian Academy School in Globe, AZ where he was the only High School Graduate this year. Music was his topic for his speech addressed to the school. Many obstacles he had to go through to get to graduation day such as, struggling with certain subjects he felt he couldn't pass but he did. We are proud of Aaron because he endured until graduation day. To see him in his cap and gown was the reality that all his hard work had paid off. Congratulations Aaron and job well done!



**Erma Terry**

ASU Prep Casa Grande  
From the family of 2022 High School Graduate Erma E. Terry, I am the grandfather of Erma, but I know I speak for our entire family in expressing our feelings of pride and joy seeing her complete this important phase of her education. Erma has always been an outstanding member of our family and has impressed us with her accomplishments at school. And now we are even more proud she is preparing to carry on with her education by attending college. We wish her only the best in life. Love Grandpa, Grandma, Mom, Danny, and Malaya!!



**Si'Alig Jackson**

We just wanted to say congratulations to the both of you Mijo we didn't forget about you class of 2020 Mija Class of 2022. We are all very proud of you both of you. Your more then we could've ever imagined skies the limit. Love The Whole Familia  
Si'Alig Jackson Jr. Class of 2020, Nizhoni Jackson Class of 2022



**Waylon Sunna**

Vista Grande High School  
Continuing to Mesa Community College  
Congratulations on the first milestone in your education. It was a long 4 years of hard work and dedication but you pulled through and we couldn't be more proud of you. Now to move on to the next step in life. May you continue to grow and prosper in your endeavors and always know your family has your back! We love you Waylon.



**Alexandria Miguel**

Hamilton High School  
Our Dearest Alexandria, we are VERY proud of your accomplishment and know this is only the beginning of many adventures ahead. We look forward to watching you grow and succeed. Keep that confidence going, it will take you a long way. Love you more than you know, your family.



**Xavier Du-Bray Jackson**

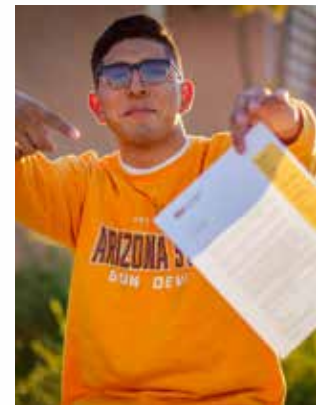
Imagine Prep Coolidge  
Words can't express how proud I am of you & how loved you are. Stay awesome & keep reaching for them stars, anything can be yours if you work hard enough. "And who knows, starting a new journey may not be so hard, or maybe it has already begun." – Kairi, K.H.



**Alexis Allison**

Casa Grande Union High School

A young Indigenous woman that comes from the Hopi Reservation as well as the Gila River Indian Community, accomplishing one of several goals in her lifetime. And continuing on to fulfill her dream as a Beauty Artist and Business Owner.



**Victor Franco**

Heritage Academy and Rio Salado College

Continuing to ASU Herberger School of Industrial Design  
Time has truly made itself known to us just how precious it is. Words cannot express the proud mama you have made me. I know times have not always been the best but because of God, Love and family we wouldn't be here today. Son you have made me the proudest mother ever since the first time our eyes met. I knew there was something so very special about you. Always remember no matter what you go through in the days to come you will ALWAYS have a support system behind you- Arianna Norris



**Naveah Blackwater**

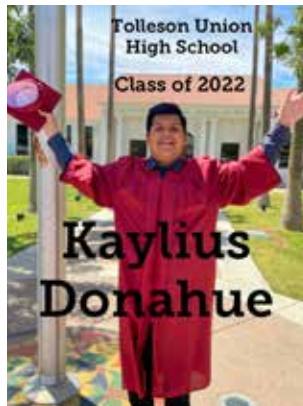
AzCompass Prep  
We're happy for you! Congratulations from the Family

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**Jenaye Yoyokie**  
Maricopa High School  
Our precious daughter, We see you. We see your brilliance, your enthusiasm, your courage, and your compassion. We see your desire and your motivation. We see you succeeding and making a difference in the world. And you will continue to see us behind you every step of the way. We love you and we are so proud of you!



**Kaylius Donahue**  
Tolleson Union High School  
Congratulations Kaylius!! We are all so proud of your accomplishments!! Love, Mom, Dad, & Sisters



**Brisa Siquieros**  
Casa Grande Union High School  
Congratulations Brisa on your high school graduation! All your hard work has paid off and you are now on your way to chase your dreams. It won't be easy, but it'll be worth it. Just remember we are ALL behind you cheering you on! We love you and are very proud of you! Love Dad, Mom, Malachi and all your Grandpa's, Grandma's, Aunties, Uncles and cousins!



**Joshua Donahue**  
Tolleson Union High School  
Joshua, you did it my son! I am so very proud of you. All your hard work paid off. I know it was hard when you had to do online classes those two years but you got to go back with your classmates for your senior year. The whole family are so happy and proud of you also. You can do anything you want now. Love ya so much, from Mama, Sister, your brothers, Tony and all the family



**Lilliyn Allison**  
Casa Grande Union High School  
Congratulations Lil we are all very proud of you and your accomplishments. You are a wonderful role model to your siblings and despite life's obstacles you continue to make your family proud. Keep working hard and strive for the best. Love Mom.



**Simone Natani**  
Casa Grande Union High School



**Aniya Quiyo**  
Chandler High School,  
Edward Quiyo parent



**Ayanna Zephier**  
Maricopa Institute of Technology  
Our family is very proud of Ayanna and all that she has accomplished. We look forward to watching her thrive at ASU. Go Devils! You got this Ayanna!!



**Sunny Villarreal**  
Walnut High School  
Parents: Daniel & Baycee Villarreal, Los Angeles, CA. Aki'mel O'odham, Dine' and Mexican.



**Jesse Manuel**  
Coolidge High School  
Congrats Jesse, we are ALL proud of you!



**Irie Jones**  
Desert Hills High School  
We the family of Irie are very proud of her High School Graduate accomplishment. We wish her well in her future educational goals and dreams. We love you!

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

## JR. HIGH PROMOTIONS



**Natash Pedro**  
Sacaton Middle School  
Tasha, We continue to thank God for all He's done in your education and for helping you grow in knowing Him. He loves and always will be with you as you continue your education to achieve what He has for you. We are all so proud of You! Know that we love and are here for you. From Us All.



**Jules Mercado**  
Dos Rios Elementary  
What an exciting moment in your life, entering High School. Explore clubs, academics, activities, you will make more memories. You are a smart kid!  
Love, Mom



**Javier Montano**  
Madison Park Middle School  
Javier Montano Jr., 14 years olds, graduated 8th grade as a honor student from Madison Park Middle school. Javier's favorite classes were art, music and technology. He will be attending Central High School in the fall. He wants to pursue a career in architecture. We would like to congratulate Javier on his promotion and wish him the best in high school. We love you and are very proud of you!



**Rosalinda Lucero**  
Gila Crossing Community School  
Rosalinda was Valedictorian of the 8 grade graduating class of Gila Crossing Community School.



**Ayden Diaz**  
Gila Crossing Community School  
Ayden Bear-Cloud Diaz promoted from 8th grade into High School from Gila Crossing Community School on May 25, 2022. Ayden will be attending Gila Bend High School in Gila Bend, Arizona in the fall. Ayden will be attending the Civics Matters tour by the Close-up Program on June 22-25, 2022, in Washington D.C. Ayden has been selected and will be attending the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. in July 23-28, 2022. We wish Ayden all the success in his future endeavors.



**Shayla Davis**  
Imagine Prep School at Coolidge  
"Working hard is important, but there is something that matters even more; Believing in yourself"-Harry Potter



**RyanRay Antone**  
Imagine Prep Coolidge  
Congratulations RyanRay! We are so proud of you. Wishing you the best in High School and beyond. We Love you and we are always here for you. - Mom and Dad



**Eden Alapizco**  
Eden Alapizco was promoted from the 8th grade will began his freshman year at Cesar Chavez HS. He was also chosen to attend Civics Matters tour in Washington DC this June, With other student s from Gila Crossing Community School. I would like him to know that I as his mother am very proud of him. I look forward to being there though out his accomplishments in his years to come. I love you Eden, may you continue on with your education.



**Shawn James**  
Sacaton Middle School



**Jacob Notah**  
Coolidge Jr. High School  
Congratulations Son! We are extremely proud of you! Continue on with your hard work into high school. School can be difficult at times but you are strong and have the willingness to keep going. Do your best in what you do! We love you very much! Go Bears !!



**Malachi Hoover**  
Imagine Prep Academy  
Congratulations my boy!!!! I knew you could do it. Continue to strive for your education and a good life.



**Orion Homer**  
Skyline-Gila River  
8th Grade to High School



**Jacob Blackwater**  
We're happy for you! Congratulations, from the Family.



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**Aubrey Ana**  
Congratulations on your 8th grade promotion, we are so proud of you! You are the sweetest girl with a good heart. We know that you will Dream Big and in time those dreams will come true! We love you! Love your BIG FAMILY!



**Travis McCandless**  
Arizona Connections Academy Continuing to Basha High School. Your family is so proud of you and wish for nothing but the best for your future. Good luck in high school.



**Arianna Peters**  
Akimel A-al Middle School Her family across the community are all so proud of her. Making the honor roll twice this year we are excited to see her step into the next chapter of her education. Congratulations all Graduates.



**Sayuri Jackson**  
Bogle Jr. High School Another one down! Keep striving for success. Be open to new adventures and keep taking all the opportunities that come your way! Love, Dad+Mom, Sinny, Colby, Caleb+Jane



**Felix McAfee**  
Raul H. Castro: Academy of Fine Arts We are so proud of you and your accomplishment in your educational journey, and can't wait to see what the future holds for you. Love Mom, Dad, Manaia, and Casey.



**Aaliyah Antone**  
Bogle Jr High Congratulations Aaliyah, we are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Always remember to follow your dreams and your heart. Our wish for you is that life becomes all that you want and more. That your dreams stay as big as your loving personality. Keep shining amongst the stars. We will always be here to support you. Love, Mom, Dad, Damion, Aeneas, Aria, & Family.



**Kyle Pablo**  
Akimel A'al Middle School, Continuing to Desert Vista High School. We are so proud of you Bub! We know you're going to do big things in high school We all love you!! -Mom, Dad, Brook, Cam, Mikey, & Carter



**Jamison Jacobs**  
Fountain Hills Middle School We are all so proud of you, Jamison! You will do great things, and we are overjoyed and thankful of the young man you are becoming.



**Kaylee Luna**  
Santan Junior High School Kaylee has worked so hard throughout the school year and she has made both her dad Fernando Luna Sr. and I Farrah Humeyumptewa proud..Now it's time for High School but I'm sure she'll do a good job there also, it only has yet to begin..We luv you Miss Kay.



**Darius Mosley**  
Coolidge Junior High, Congratulations to our 8th grader! You've proven you can stand up to anything and we're proud of the strong, kind, intellectual, curious, silly person you're becoming. Be fearless in your self-discovery. For once you have found yourself, the world will open up to you and you will be unstoppable. We love Stinky.



**David Du Bray-Jackson**  
Imagine Prep Coolidge We are so proud of you & can't wait to see where that awesome brain of yours takes you. Love, Mama Rell, Ahna, Max & Xavier. "Anything's possible if you've got enough nerve." —Ginny Weasley, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.



**Cameron Pablo**  
Coolidge Jr. High On to high school Big Man! We look forward to the next four years. Love, Dad, Kyromi, Brooklyn, Kyle, Mikey & Carter



**Abriana Santos**  
Gila Crossing Community School

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

## LIL' GRADS



**Tigerlily Rivera**  
Blackwater Community School  
I would to take this time to send my love and joy to my youngest child Tigerlily I am so proud of her finishing preschool during this hard work time, a special thanks to her teachers Ms. Stacey Kalman & Ms. Alicia Kisto for their dedication to help my daughter succeed, I want to tell her congratulations on completing preschool I can't wait to see what the future has in store for her, her entire family is proud of her as well to finish off we want to say We Love You Tigerlily! Love, Mom and your whole family at home.



**Arya Hernandez**  
Early Education Child Care  
Feels like just yesterday we were leaving the hospital with you. We didn't believe them when they told us that "kids grow up so fast." But here you are, graduating preschool and moving on up to Kindergarten. I'm not looking forward to the emotional wreck that we will both most likely be on that first day lol. You've come so far and have grown up so fast before our eyes and we could not be more proud of you! Love Always Mommy and Daddy



**Andrea Sanchez**  
San Marcos Elementary School  
The daughter of Talralyn Wellington-Sanchez, grand-daughter of Faye Wellington. You amaze me every move you make! You have a wonderful future ahead of you! Just like you sand "Future looking good to me, I am ready to go I am ready to go!" Yes Mama! You always remember that! You are ready to make great moves!



**Colby Jackson**  
The Learning Experience  
Way to go handsome! We are so proud of you! Keep drinking your Milky, milky, milky milk I know you know the drill, Tall glass, slightly chilled, Want that fully filled, He needs some milk, No, please don't spill, When he drinks that milk, You know he gets the thrill, ayy! Love, Mom+Dad, Sinny, Yuri, Caleb+Jane!



**Lauren Williams**  
Hull Elementary  
Congratulations on a successful first year of elementary school! You are off to a great start. You have developed in to a Loyal, Amusing, Unconventional, Respectful, Empathetic, and such an oh-so-Nifty little lady. These are the characteristics that make you our LAUREN. I pray that your academic future will be blessed. Remember to always remain humble and never lose faith. With all of our love and pride, Mommy and family.



**Noah Miranda**  
Sacaton Elementary School  
Kindergarten



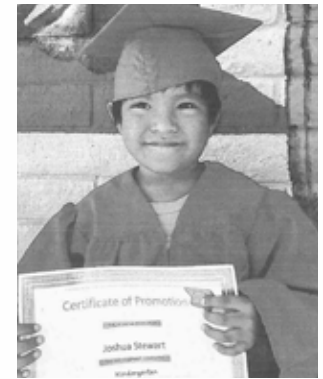
**Benicio Coronado III**  
Sacaton Head Start  
Preschool to Kindergarten  
I am very appreciative that Benny got to go to Sacaton Head Start. It really helped him get a good jump into kindergarten. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.



**Ezra Reyna**  
Blackwater Community School  
Ez, we are so proud of you little buddy. Keep working to be the best version of yourself. You are the best son, best big brother, best student, best gamer and best friend anyone could ask for. Our hearts are full with pride and love for you and the respectable young man you are becoming. Go dominate 1st grade and have fun doing it. Love you buddy.  
-Love Dad, Mom and Baby Sister



**Aria Cloud**  
Hancock Elementary  
Congratulations Princess Aria, we are all very proud of you. Always remember to follow your dreams and your heart. Our wish for you is that life becomes all that you want and more. That you dreams stay as big as your loving personality. Keep Shining amongst the stars. Love, Mom, Damion, Aeneas, Aaliyah, Nani Rachel & Gaga Natalie.



**Joshua Stewart**  
Sacaton Elementary School  
Kindergarten to 1st Grade  
Thank you, Sacaton Elementary!



**Julie Escalante**  
Blackwater Community School  
Congratulation Julie we are so proud of you and excited for your future you are one very smart little girl you went from KB vitriol to in person so strong and you did it. 1st grade watch out you have a brave and Beautiful loving, caring, and outgoing full of joy young girly good bye kindergarten My the Good LORD Bless You and your Bright Future. Love Mom, dad, Bub, Li, Zhoni, Grandpa, -Ba'Ba'a', Granny, Rio, Brian, Baby cousin.



**Nizhoni Hernandez**  
Blackwater Community School  
Congratulation Nizhoni we are proud of you, you came a long way you did it on to Kindergarten you go. Keep reaching for them starts From Auntie Josie Uncle Taylor



**Esmeralda Donahue**  
Legacy Traditional School  
Congratulations Esmeralda! Good Luck in 1st grade!! Love Mom, Dad, Sister & Brother!



**Francisco Kisto**  
Sacaton Elementary School  
Preschool to Kindergarten  
We love you son. We're so proud of you, keep up the good work.

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## LIL' GRADS



**Rose Redbird**  
Promoted from D6 Headstart



**Abigail Soke**  
Gila Crossing Community School



**Khyyam Tolino-Garcia**  
Sacaton Elementary School  
We are proud of you Khyyam...  
Continue to Make us Proud!!!  
We Love you... Mom and Your Siblings



**Iverson Black**  
Sacaton Head Start  
Preschool to Kindergarten



**DeAndre Jones**  
Monte Vista  
We are so proud of your growth! Be proud of your success, you are leaving Kindergarten a READER. It's exciting to see your interest in math.. Continue to be an amazing, thoughtful, loving kiddo!!!  
We Love You- Mom & Dad



**Keanan Siquieros**  
Blackwater Community School  
Keanan Yay! You did it and we are all so proud of you, moving forward to the first grade now. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. Keep up all the good work. Love you!  
Angela Antone



**Nicholas Lewis**  
Vector Prep Arts Academy  
Kindergarten to 1st Grade  
We love you & are proud of you!  
Marlena & Marlon L



**Josiah Dominguez**  
Hull elementary School  
Congratulations Josiah you did it was a crazy year but you did it Mom Tammy Moreno and dad Dakota Dominguez and sister Maria Dominguez love you so much. Thank you to Mrs. Mock your teacher and staff and principal Mr. Josh Cagle at Hull Elementary School for an amazing school year... Josiah would like to wish all of the other community members graduating this year... Congratulations and God bless to you and your families..



**Jasmine Antone**  
District 6 Head Start  
Preschool to Headstart



**Itzayana Amavisca**  
Early Childhood Care Center  
Congratulations Itzayana!



**Angelina Cannon-Apkaw**  
Sacaton Head Start  
Way to go Lena! I Thank God for Blessing me with the opportunity to bring you into my home to raise you, teach you, and most of all love you! It's a joy to watch you grow and learn new things everyday! We are all so proud of you! We love you! From your Family



**Emily Terrazas**  
Sacaton Elementary School  
Preschool to Kindergarten



**Alex Hernandez-Green**  
Gila Crossing Community School  
We are so proud of how much you have grown this year!



**Troy Redbird**  
Promoted from Kindergarten Gila Crossing Community School

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

## Outstanding Graduates

The following students have been nominated by the GRIC Tribal Education Department staff for outstanding achievements for the 2022 school year.

### ANGEL MOLINA

Angel Molina, District 7, is a recent graduate from Betty Fairfax High School. She's served on the Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Council and prior to the pandemic, she ran for the title of Miss Indian Betty Fairfax High School, which she held from 2019-2022.

Although she was shy upon starting high school, she continued to interact and serve on the Native American Youth Council at Betty Fairfax High School.

Angel has helped to continue youth council events throughout the pandemic, a challenging task.

She's attended many events as a Community member, royalty, and youth council member, all while in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Fairfax High School. The IB Program develops inquiring, knowledgeable, confident, and caring young people in high school.

Being in such an honors program, she's faced many challenges, especially during the pandemic and has come out stronger than ever, graduating with honors.

Angel was asked numerous times to speak, help MC, sing or dance traditionally, say a prayer, make appearances, and she did



so courageously and very optimistically. She's experienced so much and she has paved the way to where she wants to be.

Angel is a recipient of the 2022 Chief Azul Citizenship Award and will be attending Arizona State University to pursue a degree in linguistics, in hopes of building a Pee Posh Language program.

### MAYA GONZALEZ

Maya Gonzalez is a descendant of the Tribal Education Department program and has always been restricted of services throughout the Community, due to her enrollment-status.

Over the years Maya has struggled with her education, identity, and home-life. Upon entering high school, due to self-conflicting issues with her previous school, Maya transferred to Betty Fairfax High School to continue her education. The move proved positive for her and found it to be a better suit. It was also during this time she also acquired a job, working after school. And at her young age, she worked her way to a manager position.

Outside of school, Maya is a basket dancer and an avid prayer runner. Throughout the year when Prayer Runs are offered she runs for herself, family, friends and Community. She's been a basket dancing since she was five-years-old and continues to dance when asked.

Maya has come a long way to get her high school diploma and plans to continue her education at South Mountain Community College.



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## MACAYLA JOHANNING & ISABELLA PALMER

Macayla Johanning, pictured right, recently graduated from Betty Fairfax High School and was awarded the 2022 Chief Azul Citizenship Award.

Macayla embraces who she is ethically and personally where ever she goes. Being from different cultures she recognizes all ways of life and is an accepting person.

Being open-minded she took on college courses with the Hoop of Learning Program which is designed to provide Native American high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while attending high school.

While juggling many aspects of her life from high school to college to home and social-life, Macayla has remained positive and continued the program and graduated with college credits and received early acceptance to attend the Northern Arizona University.

Isabella “Bella” Palmer, during her sophomore year in high school, also enrolled in the Maricopa Community College’s Hoop of Learning program and began attending college courses at South Mountain Community College.

Every single semester she worked hard and sacrificed her weekends throughout the year all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA in high school and in college which earned her a membership into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

All of her hard work paid off and she’s already completed half of the 60 college credits needed to obtain her associate’s degree.

Isabella has a kind heart, fierce mind and brave spirit. She also is a basket dancer and is always eager to learn more all about her culture. *(Isabella Palmer (left) with Macayla Johanning (right))*



## CHRISTOPHER CASTLE JR.

My name is Christopher Castle II and I am 16 years old. When I was about 10-years-old, my family became involved with Tribal Social Services. Myself and my siblings were sent to live in a youth home together. Unfortunately, we were separated and went to different group homes or foster homes. I was placed in a group home for one year then transferred to a different group where I have been for just over three years.

I was able to attend the same school for my time in high school. In spite of being in a group home, through the support of the group home and school staff, I was able to complete high school in three years and received my high school diploma. I did struggle quite a bit in my sophomore year due to COVID and found that I was falling behind. Thankfully, the principal and my group home made it possible for me to return to in person learning as soon as it was safe to do so and I was able to get caught up.

My junior year, I worked very hard to pass all my classes. I took extra online classes in the evenings and weekends. I worked very hard to complete high school in three years. I still live in a group home but with the support of my family and group home staff, I look forward to possibly attending college or trade school. My hope is that someday soon I will be reunified with my siblings. I feel that the situation I found myself in many years ago could have been seen as a barrier or an excuse for me to have given up. Instead it was my motivation to try and work harder to succeed.



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## ERIN FRANCISCO

Erin Francisco has worked hard throughout her high school education. She attended Gila Crossing Community School prior to high school outside the Community. When she arrived, diversity was very new to her.

The schedule and atmosphere were all different compared to Gila Crossing Community School back home in the Community. She faced challenges and struggles throughout her high school years but she persevered for the sake of her education and future.

Erin is the eldest of her siblings and she wanted to show her younger siblings and family that she can get a high school diploma, and she did exactly that this year.

She loves cosmetology and how it allows her to express herself. She plans to continue her love for cosmetology while pursuing her education and career at Chandler-Gilbert Community College.



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I learned a lot, but most importantly, I learned that musical theater is not my thing," she said.

In addition to theater, she joined the Native American Youth Council during her senior year. She served as Vice President and representative for UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth).


Jasmine also received the 2022 UNITY 25 under 25 Leadership Award, which she will receive at this year's UNITY Conference in Minneapolis, Minn.

The UNITY 25 Under 25 is a national youth leadership recognition program that celebrates the achievements of Native American and Alaskan Native youth.

Now that high school is behind her, Jasmine plans to obtain her associate's degree and perhaps attend school out of state.

"If you ever think to yourself that you want to do something even if you don't know how to do it, you should just try and give your best effort, you might end up surprising yourself," said Jasmine, "You should never wait for anyone you, should just live your life and have fun."

Parent Advisory  
Council (PAC)  
Meeting  
Tuesday  
July 5 at 6pm



**Casa Blanca**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**Topic: New school year!**

[Webex Meeting](#)

Meeting number: 2552 059 5193

Meeting password: Intro

# Attention 2022 Graduates

***For those who did not get their graduation information submission in, we will include a small graduation section in the July 15, 2022 issue of the Gila River Indian News. Remember to fill out the 2022 Graduate Information Form and include a photograph of your graduate to ensure they will be featured in the GRIN.***

***Thank you and congratulations to all 2022 graduates!***

***- GRIN Staff***

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

## High School Graduates

**Xavier Martinez**, Alhambra High School  
**Celesity Chavez**, Alhambra High School  
**Alysa Coffman Navarro**, Alpine Academy College Prep Academy  
**Erma Terry**, ASU Preparatory Academy CG  
**Naveah Blackwater**, AZ Compas Prep School  
**Niahlyn Enos**, Basha High School  
**Tara McCandless**, Basha High School  
**Tevin McCandless**, Basha High School  
**Castor Nish**, Basha High School  
**Elena Billy**, Betty Fairfax High School  
**Christopher Cordova**, Betty Fairfax High School  
**Erin Francisco**, Betty Fairfax High School  
**Maya Gonzalez**, Betty Fairfax High School  
**Macayla Johanning**, Betty Fairfax High School  
**Adaha Johnson**, Betty Fairfax High School  
**Amaya Lessiter**, Betty Fairfax High School  
**Angel Molina**, Betty Fairfax High School  
**Neveah Donahue**, Betty Fairfax High School  
**Kyle Jackson**, Bostrom Alternative Center  
**Aaron Mix**, Calvery Christian Academy  
**Angelique Suniga**, Camelback High School  
**Marissa Manuel**, Camille Casteel High School  
**Sebastian Garcia-Salguero**, Carl Hayden High School  
**Lindsay Miller**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Simone Natani**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Brisa Siqueros**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Ceirra Lewis**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Jeremiah Villarreal**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Xavier Molina**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Caden Manuel**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Jaylynn Mark**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Alexis Allison**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Chloe Estes**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Samaria Garcia**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Dav-Ed Gomez Jr.**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Kaydence Jay**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Albert Johns**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Daniel Johns**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Amaya Ramos Garvin**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Tirah Ramos Garvin**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Heather Anton**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Mandy Anton**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Lillyn Allison**, Casa Grande Union HS  
**Bianca Ragsdale**, Central High School  
**Abraham Cardona**, Cesar Chavez High School  
**Raechelle Jackson**, Cesar Chavez High School  
**Jasmine Lamas Enos**, Cesar Chavez High School  
**Maricella Perteet**, Cesar Chavez High School  
**Elsie Terrazas**, Cesar Chavez High School  
**Isabella Palmer**, Cesar Chavez High School  
**Valencia Homewytewa**, Cesar Chavez High School  
**Dominic Huff**, Chandler High School  
**Jacob Medina**, Chandler High School  
**Alexandria Miguel**, Chandler/Gilbert family  
**Justine Williams-Alvarez**, Chemawa Indian School  
**Leon Brown**, Chemawa Indian School  
**Ayana Hernandez**, Chemawa Indian School  
**Daniel Honyumtewa**, Chemawa Indian School  
**David Jackson Jr.**, Chemawa Indian School  
**Alec Beasley**, Clearwater High School  
**Marnae Blackwater**, Coolidge Alternative Program

**Daniel Honyumtewa**, Chemawa Indian School  
**David Jackson Jr.**, Chemawa Indian School  
**Alec Beasley**, Clearwater High School  
**Marnae Blackwater**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Nizhoni Jackson**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Alfonso Moreno**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Aeriana Miguel**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Alexander Antone**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Lena Dawahoya**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Aldon Antone**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Anthony Ruvalcaba**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Devon Miles**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Narnae Blackwater**, Coolidge Alternative Program  
**Miranda Antone**, Coolidge High School  
**Thalia Ayala**, Coolidge High School  
**Adriana Burrell**, Coolidge High School  
**Ryan Burciaga**, Coolidge High School  
**Nia Cruye**, Coolidge High School  
**Richard Johnson**, Coolidge High School  
**Jesse Manuel**, Coolidge High School  
**Wade Mix**, Coolidge High School  
**Brandi Murphy**, Coolidge High School  
**Brooklyn Pablo**, Coolidge High School  
**Christina Paul**, Coolidge High School  
**Joshua Pratt**, Coolidge High School  
**Samira Rodriquez**, Coolidge High School  
**Cassie Smith**, Coolidge High School  
**Ava Tang**, Coolidge High School  
**Miranda Antone**, Coolidge Virtual Academy  
**Emilo Antone**, Coolidge Virtual Academy  
**Cheyenne Racine**, Crown Point Central School  
**Fernando Gonzalez**, Desert Hills High School  
**Andreas Burnette**, Desert Hills High School  
**Belen Burnette**, Desert Hills High School  
**Irie Jones**, Desert Hills High School  
**Giavanna Galvan**, Desert Ridge High School  
**Pablo Wilson**, Desert Vista High School  
**Brianna Howard**, Dobson High School  
**Angel Nalugon**, Edison High School  
**Austin Walker**, Granger High School  
**Ariana Blackwater**, Hamilton High School  
**Aaron Foote**, Hamilton High School  
**Sineca Jackson**, Hamilton High School  
**Littlefeather Jose**, Hamilton High School  
**Alexandria Miguel**, Hamilton High School  
**Deseray D'Andra Miles**, Hamilton High School  
**Celeste Osife-Antone**, Hamilton High School  
**Omri Redbird**, Hamilton High School  
**Narriacal Verdugo**, Hamilton High School  
**Alexis Zuniga**, Hamilton High School  
**Taylor Lee**, Henley High School  
**Karamyn Lee**, Henley High School  
**Victor Franco**, Heritage Academy  
**Kasey Austin**, Hopi Junior Senior High School  
**Xavier Lopez**, Imagine Prep Coolidge  
**Mylina Jackson**, Imagine Prep Coolidge  
**Jacob Lopez**, Imagine Prep Coolidge  
**Xavier Jackson**, Imagine Prep Coolidge  
**Kyla Burnette**, Imagine Prep Coolidge  
**Nathan Olivas**, Independence High School  
**Ruby Zizas**, Independence High School  
**Vanessa Castillo**, King Valley Academy

**Mercedes Chavez**, King Valley Academy  
**Christian Hopkins**, Liberty High School  
**Jenaye Yoyokie**, Maricopa High School  
**Denise Ortiz**, Maricopa High School  
**Benito Gomez**, Maricopa High School  
**Danielle Pedro**, Maricopa High School  
**Tristan Rivers**, Maricopa High School  
**Ayanna Zephiera**, Maricopa Institute of Technology  
**Jacob Coleman**, Mesa Public Schools  
**Brianne Howard**, Mesa Public Schools  
**Jason Pratt**, Mesa Public Schools  
**Lydia Dinesto-Tompson**, Mesa Public Schools  
**Antonio Ayala**, Mesa Public Schools  
**Robert Coleman**, Mesquite High School  
**Adam Begay**, Mountain Point High School  
**Tyler Luevano**, Peoria High School  
**Trevor Brimhall**, Perry High School  
**Jaiden Moore**, Pflugerville High School  
**Avianna Stevens**, Providence High School  
**Marlica Apakaw**, Providence High School  
**Shannon Patrick**, Providence High School  
**Leticia DeLowe**, Providence High School  
**Marta Lugo**, Providence High School  
**Phillip Morales**, Providence High School  
**Christopher Castle Jr.**, Providence High School  
**Destiny Tekla**, Providence High School  
**Mariana Perteet**, PXU Digital High School  
**Jacob Johns**, Riverside Indian School  
**Ismael Huizar**, San Tan Foothills High School  
**Kiyanna Charley**, Santa Fe Indian School  
**ShadowHawk Harris**, Sequoia Desert High School  
**Samaira Juan**, Seton Catholic Preparatory  
**Amber Youngman**, Shadow Ridge High School  
**Brasen Martinez**, Sierra Linda High School  
**Elianna Antone**, Skyline Gila River  
**Jasmine Hugo**, Skyline Gila River  
**Trinity Manuel**, Skyline Gila River  
**Mayo Pena Jr.**, Standing Rock High School  
**Mariah Mercado**, Student Choice High School  
**Jeanette Gerlaugh**, SunValley Union High School  
**Alejandro Aguirre**, SW Leadership Academy  
**Noni Grater**, Tempe High School  
**Sigifredo Valencia**, The Academies at South Mountain  
**Joshua Donahue**, Tolleson Union High School  
**Francisco Gutierrez**, Tolleson Union High School  
**Marcus Huerta**, Trevor Browne  
**Margarito Vanegas**, Trevor Browne  
**Sunny Villarreal**, Walnut High School  
**Akyssa Thomas**, Washington High School  
**Jordan Cayaditto-Jones**, Washington High School



# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

## Higher Education Graduates

|                      |                                     |                     |   |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Marilyn Galvan       | Arizona State University            | Bachelor of Arts    | English- Creative Writing               |
| David Garcia         | Arizona State University            | Bachelor of Science | Justice Studies                         |
| Garrett Keeto        | Arizona State University            | Bachelor of Arts    | Performance & Movement; Dance & Theatre |
| Angelina Lewis       | Arizona State University            | Bachelor of Science | Forensic Psychology                     |
| Dominique Lopez      | Arizona State University            | Master              | Social Work                             |
| Marlissa Morris      | Arizona State University            | Bachelor of Arts    | Educational Studies                     |
| DeAnna Ringlero      | Arizona State University            | Bachelor of Science | Nonprofit Leadership                    |
| Malaquias Soatikee   | Arizona State University            | Bachelor of Science | Information Technology                  |
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