



ARIZONA ED CONNECTIONS

Arizona Education Connections is a newsletter highlighting some of the important work happening in Arizona to improve the education outcomes for foster youth. By fostering connections between practitioners, policy makers and community organizations, we hope to strengthen statewide efforts on behalf of these children. For more information or to contribute content to future communications, please contact Yeji Jung at yjung@youthlaw.org.

Congrats FosterEd Class of 2019!



Babacar

D'vonte

What was your favorite class in high school?

Math

What was your biggest challenge you overcame this year?

Graduating High School

Where do you see yourself in five to ten years?

Having my bachelor's degree from a university.

Who inspires you the most?

My uncle and my mom inspire me the most. They never doubted my potential, and always pushed me to be a better me.

What is your favorite quote?

Don't live someone else's dream, create your own.

Where do you see yourself in five to ten years?

I see myself touching a million dollars like it is pocket change in 10 years.



Nyshia

What was your favorite cafeteria food?

My favorite cafeteria food was the spicy chicken sandwich.

What are you most looking forward to after high school?

I look forward to continue to work toward my goal of writing and creating while working a job.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Graduating high school. I am proud of this because none of my older siblings were strong enough to finish high school.

Susan

What will you miss most about HS?

The thing I will miss about HS is not having to pay for classes.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

I am most proud of receiving a \$10,000 scholarship for college.

What was the biggest challenge you overcame this year?

My biggest challenge this year was passing my math class.



Andrew

What is your most memorable moment from high school?

My freshman year football games between Younker and Buckeye were exciting.

What was your most or least favorite food from the cafeteria?

The chicken sandwiches were disgusting!

What has been your favorite class during high school?

Probably my athletic performance

Kaiesha

What was the biggest challenge you overcame this year?

Keeping focus on my schoolwork. I didn't take it serious at first but when I found out I might not graduate I really focused and didn't play around.

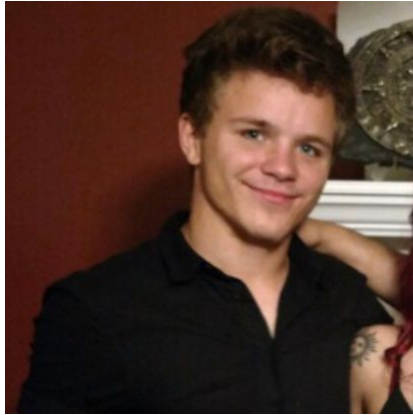
Who inspires you the most?

Myself, because I gave myself a pep talk like "you can do it, and don't give up!"

classes during my sophomore and junior years. I like working out and on Fridays we had competitions with other classes.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Receiving my diploma, I am really proud and shocked I received it.



David

Kimberly

Who inspires you the most?
I think that I inspire myself the most. I don't want to be conceited, but when I look back at what I've done that is what inspires me to keep doing what I'm doing.

What was the biggest challenge you overcame this year?

The biggest challenge I overcame this year was communicating when I needed help on something also being more confident within myself.

What will you miss most about high school?

I will miss being around so many of my peers, watching myself and others evolve.

Where do you see yourself in five or ten years?

Teaching kids when I finally become a kindergarten teacher.

What are you most looking forward to after high school?

Getting an apartment and being independent, this is what I have wanted since I was 12.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

The accomplishments I'm most proud of are finding myself in high school, becoming more independent and loving myself for who I was in the end.



Matthew

Congratulations!

What was your biggest challenge you overcame this year?

Getting as much work done as possible and doing as much work as I can. It was hard to attend a non-traditional high school because I spent all day on a computer.

What has been your favorite class during high school?

I would say my History classes since I like learning about the past and modern day history.

What are you most looking forward to after high school?

I'm thinking about getting a job in landscaping and maybe attending Grand Canyon University. I'd like to study landscaping and farming – outdoor stuff.

While this edition of our newsletter features nine rockstar graduates, we would like to recognize that the FosterEd Graduating Class is 16 students strong and commend the hard work of all of our students. A big congratulations to all FosterEd graduates!

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