



*Sandy McCoy Positive Alternative Campus  
May 2022*

*That's a Wrap!*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES!**

For those students who have already graduated or who will graduate in the upcoming weeks, we are so proud of you! Thank you for choosing us to share in your educational journey and your graduation celebrations. We wish you the very best and cannot wait to hear about your continued success.

We are also very proud of our continuing PASS and ICARE students who have completed another school year! You are one step closer to finishing ICARE, recovering credits, and/or graduating. We admire your hard work and dedication despite life's challenges. Thank you for trusting us to help you reach your goals.

Parents/Grandparents/Guardians, we have really appreciated your support of our programs and for the support of your student. Our mentors will be holding a year end Google Meet conference with you and your student to make an academic plan for next year's enrollment. Because we value your partnership, we want to take the time to inform you of changes and answer your questions regarding all of our campus programs.

Again, we express our gratitude to each of you for becoming a Phoenix and allowing us to see you "*Spread Your Wings and Soar!*"

*We're happy you're a Phoenix!*

*May Dates to Remember*

05/16: Final Week of Google Meets with Mentors

05/19: Final Day for PASS students to submit work if walking in KHS or LWHS graduation ceremony

05/19: Final Day for ICARE students to submit work to return to main campus next year

05/23: KHS Graduation @7:00 PM

05/24: Final Day for PASS students to submit work if walking in SMPAC graduation ceremony

05/24: LWHS Graduation @ 7:00 PM

05/25: SMPAC final graduation ceremonies

05/25: Last day to access and download assignments for the summer

*Staff celebrated a double graduation for engaged couple and SMPAC Grads Devin H. (KHS) and Kaitlyn S. (LWHS)!*



*For 2021-2022*

*To Date...*

Total Grads: 39

Total Students Served in ICARE & PASS:

*Currently...*

Teen Parents: 5%

Living on Own: 16%

Working: 53%

*S.M.P.A.C. Contact Information (Phone: 928-753-8400)*

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## S.M.P.A.C. Monthly Staff Spotlight



**Name:** Anne Bathauer Casson

**Years in Education:** 30

**Role at S.M.P.A.C.:** Guidance Counselor and Special Education Teacher

**Favorite Hobbies/Activities:** Fishing, Bowling, Walking, Running, and Baseball

**Favorite Food(s):** Chicken Tacos

**Your First Job:** Dairy Queen

**Humorous Moment in Your Life or at S.M.P.A.C.:** Too many to recall. I once made a basket for the other team (the Kalispell Braves) and it was recorded in their scorebook. Also, being the mother of twins provides humor, as they are funny every day (even though they are in college).

**What You Like Best About S.M.P.A.C:** I enjoy working with the experienced faculty. It is amazing to observe how each mentor is able to individualize education for every student. It is awesome to observe the progress.

**Advice to Mentees/Students:** Never give up! Do not let anything or anyone deter you from reaching for your dream.

**Other:** Life is short, enjoy everything!

## S.M.P.A.C. Student Spotlight

Our Top Students for the month of April included: Kaitlyn A., Quentin B., Zach B., Sean S., Makiah C., Lesli D., Cheyenne D., Devin H., Tiantiece H., Emily H., Allie J., Doug L., Summer L., Jordan M., Christian M., Kirk P., Isaac P., Elizabeth S., Chelsey S., Kayleb S., Jesse S., Isaac, S., Nathan S., Arthur T., Trinity T., and Mercedes Y.

These students are now eligible to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. Way to be a Phoenix!

## Parents

Please attend a Google Meet with your student and his/her mentor to develop an academic enrollment plan for next year. Stay informed about the changes and receive answers to your questions.

## News from the Guidance Office

**S**ee your goal  
**U**nderstand the obstacles  
**C**reate a positive mental picture  
**C**lear your mind of self doubt  
**E**mbrace the challenge  
**S**tay on track  
**S**how the world you can do it!

In May, Mrs. Casson will meet with students during Senior Tuesdays to answer questions about graduation, assist seniors with college applications, and help students transition from school to work. Call to make an appointment.

Also, in May, Mrs. Casson will hold Major Clarity sessions on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 to assist students in education and career planning.

Finally, May will include sessions and support groups that focus on handling stress. Listen to School Messenger or Contact Anne Casson for details [acasson@kUSD.org](mailto:acasson@kUSD.org) or 753-8400.

*Don't miss our newsworthy items! Access S.M.P.A.C. newsletters in color and other information via our website ([pac.kUSD.org](http://pac.kUSD.org)) or on our Positive Alternative Campus Facebook page.*