



## Sandy McCoy Positive Alternative Campus February 2023

### February Dates to Remember

- 2/1: Josten's: Be sure to order your grad memorabilia @ Jostens.com
- 2/9: Half Day: It's a District Minimum Attendance Day. PASS closes at 11:30 AM.
- 2/14: AZ@Work: Attend a Resiliency Workshop to help with employment.
- 2/20: Presidents' Day: No School. Students will have access to their assignments.
- 2/23: notMYkid: Presentations at 9:30 AM (Substance Abuse) & 10:30 AM (Mental Health)
- 2/27-3/2: Benchmark #3: All underclassmen are required to complete the third benchmark

### Grad Pictures and Plans!!!

- **Nicole Acosta:** Be an Ultrasound Tech



- **Katelyn Higginbotham:** Become a PA



- **Crystal Rivera:** Be a Flight Attendant



- **Jonathan Martinez Vasquez:** Become a Diesel Mechanic



- **Wesley Wheaton:** Be a Miner



- **Caesar Andres Sanchez:** Become a Tradesman



### Share the Love!

Valentine's Day (and the month of February) is the perfect time to tell people you **love** them and appreciate them. Friends, family, significant others, and even strangers will appreciate being acknowledged and valued. Check out how we "Share the Love" at P.A.S.S.:

1. Weekly Google Meets: We **love** catching up with our students on a weekly basis and celebrating their personal triumphs, as well as, supporting them during challenging times. We value our student/teacher relationships.
2. Weekly Guest Speakers: We **love** that our community supports our students and helps them to succeed. MCC, AZ@Work, and other individuals network with students on a weekly basis. We're excited to see our students making solid plans for their future.
3. Weekly Academic Achievement: We **love** that our students are following their Weekly Plans and Grad Percent Calculators to achieve their goals—completing classes, obtaining credit, graduating! Celebrating each achievement brings everyone joy.

In short, we **love** working with our students in an online program designed to build great relationships and pathways to success. May you feel the **love** that we share with each of you...every day!

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

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## *P.A.S.S. Monthly Staff Spotlight*



**Name:** Kari Murdock

**Years in Education:** 30

**Role at S.M.P.A.C.:** Instructor for Civics, US History, Jr. Hero, and Geometry

**What You Like Best About S.M.P.A.C:** I love how the entire staff is dedicated to helping students succeed and always stays positive.

**Advice to Mentees/Students:** “Just keep swimming!”

## *P.A.S.S. Monthly Student Spotlight*



**Name:** Ariana Espinoza

**Favorite Hobbies/Activities:** Baking

**Favorite Food(s):** Pho and Spring Rolls

**Why you enrolled in PASS:** I wanted to graduate early so I could focus on my plans after high school.

**Future Plans After High School:** I want to become a real estate agent and have my own business.

## *Top PASS Students*

Every week mentors shine a spotlight on students who have excelled. Our Top Students for January included: **Jesse B., Davin G., Taylor H., Myles H., Blaire K., Kyarroah L., Jordan M., Johnathan M.-V., Chloe M.-S., Chelsey S., Zack S., Taisha W.-P., and Brianna W.**



Congrats to **Jesse Burkett** for being January's Top Phoenix of the Month and winner of a \$50 gift card sponsored by DeAnna Gore.

## *Parents/Guardians*

A reminder that your student receives a weekly plan of assignments and a weekly progress report. Please take the time to review it and reach out to the assigned mentor if you have any questions. Let's work together to support your student!

## *News from the Guidance Office*

Students participated in AZ@Work's Professionalism Workshop on January 18<sup>th</sup>.



Shari presents Professionalism: Dress for Success!



Kylie, Kayla, and August participated in the workshop!



Angelique, Huxley, and Calvin connected with AZ@Work!

*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.*