

# Arizona Career Pathways Newsletter

## WELCOME TO THE ACP NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Arizona Career Pathways Newsletter. We use this page to share updates on ACP events, share student success stories, and provide our community with a chance to interact! If you have a story you would like to share, or you are interested in helping out in future ACP events, please reach out to the Outreach Coordinator James Stormzand's email:

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This Holiday season was busy for ACP Outreach. One of the events the ACP Team hosted was a student night at the Nutcracker hosted by Arizona Ballet. ACP Students were able to attend a festive holiday production with their families. Be on the lookout for more notifications in the spring, as ACP is always trying to host different events for students!

## Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates!

With the end of the 2023 school year, ACP was excited to celebrate some of our new graduates. ACP career navigators, VIP Board Members, and Maricopa community college staff all came together to wish our new graduates well. Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego even made an appearance and provided a speech encouraging our new graduates to make a positive impact in their community. All of us at ACP are proud of our current and past graduates who are working hard to improve the Phoenix community.



## NEW WAYS TO INTERACT WITH ACP

*We have been hard at work updating our website and our social media platforms*

It's Tax Season. Please consider making a donation before April 15th. Click here to learn more about the [Charitable Tax Credit](#)

Check out ACP's Facebook page to see pictures and information from our events. We are also rolling out an Instagram page! Give us a follow to stay up to date with ACP's services.





# Student Stories

## *One ACP Student's Journey through Housing Uncertainty*

Student N. Polke enrolled with Arizona Career Pathways in August of 2023. N. Polke is a single mother of 3 young children all under the age of 13 and was working part-time as a door dash delivery driver. Upon entering as a new student with ACP, she developed a career plan with her ACP career navigator with a focus on obtaining a new career in the healthcare industry. After developing her career goals, she enrolled at Gateway Community College in their EKG program with classes starting in October. N. Polke experienced housing instability in September just before her EKG classes were scheduled to start. The ACP Career Navigator assisted the student with identifying housing resources and budgeting.

Fortunately, the student was able to secure safe housing with family in Glendale, but this presented new transportation and childcare challenges. ACP was able to qualify the student for our Jumpstart program which provided her with a monthly stipend of \$1,500/month for 6 months while she was enrolled in the EKG program. The monthly stipend helped eliminate her transportation and childcare barriers, enabled her to focus on her education. N. Polke has successfully completed her first semester of classes and is on track to graduate with EKG certification in February of 2024. The career navigator has already developed an employment plan for when she graduates.



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