

JOB Transitional Living Program

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Spring 2024 Newsletter

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!



Jobe staff and graduates (upper row left to right): Associate Program Director Teshée, Kamau, Erick, Emmanuel, Counselor Virna, and (lower) Clara

Jobe proudly presents five graduates for the Class of 2024! Congratulations to Kamau, Erick, Emmanuel, Clara, and Destiny R. (not pictured). Education is one of the biggest benchmarks of the program, making this a significant achievement for each of them. All of them are first-generation college graduates and have become inspirations for their families, friends, and fellow Jobe residents. Jobe is excited to see the next steps as they enter their respective career fields and follow their dreams.

Our Mission

The mission of Jobe Transitional Living Program is to create a trauma informed, culturally aware, and safe environment for our Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)/homeless youth to utilize their individual strengths to end the cycle of poverty and become pillars of the community.

Message from the Director

Jobe celebrates five residents that graduated from college in May 2024, our biggest graduating class yet! Each resident displayed a commitment to hard work, dedication, and perseverance to obtain their educational goals. Throughout their tenure at Jobe, they have demonstrated resilience and a relentless desire for knowledge. These qualities have shaped them for all their endeavors professionally and have given them a plethora of tools to succeed in life. All of them will have a meaningful impact on society. Learning does not stop at graduation. At Jobe we encourage all of our residents to become lifelong learners and have a curious heart. We also encourage all of our graduates to think of others and remember those that have supported them through their journey. In this issue, we also welcome three of our newest residents that have joined the program in 2024. We are so excited to witness their growth and progress throughout their time at Jobe. Lastly, we highlight some success stories from current and former residents who have achieved their goals and continue to strive for success. Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2024 and all Jobe residents who continue to reach their goals and follow their dreams!

Sincerely,

Keith Wieser
Program Director

Our Newest Residents

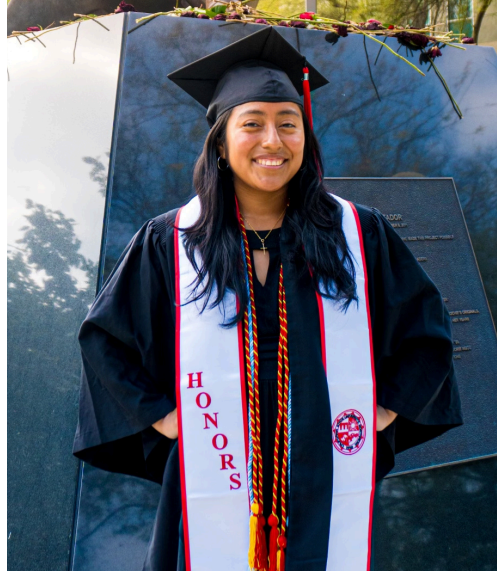


Joshua is an eighteen-year-old former foster youth who joined Jobe in February 2024. He was referred to the program by Fostering Youth Independence (FYI), a program that offers support services to former foster youth. Joshua is a freshman at College of the Canyons and studies Civil Engineering. He currently works part-time at a local fitness gym. Joshua's short term goals include passing his classes, saving money, and continuing to earn work experience.



Robert is a nineteen-year-old former foster youth who joined Jobe in April 2024. He was referred to the program by Rancho San Antonio Boys Home. Robert is a freshman at Pierce College and is exploring majors. His interests include becoming a firefighter, emergency medical technician, or working in the music industry. He is currently seeking employment and is hoping to find a position that will provide him with valuable work experience. Additionally, Robert's goals include passing his classes, obtaining a driver permit and license, and purchasing his first car.

Celebrating our Graduates



experience related to her degree by working at childcare centers while completing her education. Clara is interested in furthering her education by attending graduate school to earn a Master of Arts in Student Affairs.

Congratulations to Clara for graduating with honors from CSUN with a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development! Clara joined the program in 2023 at the start of her senior year of college. She is very driven and always does what it takes to follow her dreams. Clara is a member of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. where she held numerous positions such as Treasurer, Alumnae Chair, and United Sorority Fraternity Council Liaison. Membership in this sorority has provided Clara with academic support, professional development, and several opportunities to network. She has also earned valuable work ex-



excited about what the future has in store for him and expresses how grateful he is for his experience in the program. Emmanuel will successfully transition out of Jobe and remain connected through After Care where he will continue to receive support as he begins his career.

Congratulations to Emmanuel for graduating from CSUN with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology! Emmanuel joined the program in 2019 and has displayed commitment and determination to his education throughout the years. While working part-time through college and simultaneously caregiving for his younger brother, he has earned much valuable life experience. He initially came into the program as an Engineering major, but is now interested in working with youth as he expressed that programs such as Jobe have made an impact in his life and is looking to help others who come from a similar background. As Emmanuel prepares to enter the field of social services, he is

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Celebrating our Graduates



Congratulations to Erick for graduating from CSUN with a Bachelor of Science in Tourism, Hospitality, and Recreation Management! Erick is well-rounded and has earned a variety of experience during his college journey such as working as a physical therapist assistant, youth cheer coach, elementary school teacher, and resident assistant at Jobe. He has also completed numerous internships that have provided him with networking opportunities in the field of tourism. Erick has demonstrated academic excellence by earning recognition on the Dean's List for several semesters. Additionally, he has been accepted into graduate school for the

Diverse Community Development Leadership program at CSUN! Erick will remain in the Jobe program for stability, support, and guidance as he furthers his education.



Congratulations to Destiny R. for graduating from Los Angeles Valley College with an Associate of Arts in Psychology! Destiny is a former resident of Jobe who successfully transitioned out of the program in 2023. She is a former foster youth who has always been determined to follow her dreams of becoming a social worker. Her goal is to be a positive influence in the lives of youth. She has already started to accomplish this by working as a school aid, peer youth advocate, and as a leader of the youth ministry at her church. Destiny now attends CSUN and has successfully completed her first semester. She remains connected to

Jobe through the Aftercare program for additional support and guidance.



Congratulations to Kamau for graduating from CSUN with a Master of Arts in Diverse Community Development Leadership! Kamau is a former resident of Jobe who successfully transitioned out of the program in the beginning of 2024. Kamau joined the program during his freshman year of college and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies in 2022. He has always been focused on his academic achievements and has demonstrated his determination to succeed by earning numerous scholarships and recognition on the Dean's List for several semesters. Kamau has also been involved in different culturally-based organizations on campus that have provided him with

support and networking opportunities. Kamau remains connected to Jobe through the Aftercare program for ongoing mentorship and career development.

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Chester is a nineteen-year-old college student who joined the Jobe program in May 2024. Chester got a jumpstart at college by earning an associate's degree at the same time that he graduated from high school. He currently attends CSUN and is expected to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at the end of Fall 2024. Chester plans to further his education by pursuing a Master of Social Work after graduation. Currently, he serves as an undergraduate research assistant where he works with children with autism. He also works as a peer youth advocate and participates in community events to advocate for juvenile justice and mental health issues. Additionally, Chester is an active member of Black Scholars Matter, a group dedicated to recruiting Black high school students to attend CSUN. Chester's goals include obtaining a driver's license and saving enough money to purchase his first car.

Get Involved

Consider donating monetary gifts, school supplies, hygiene items, new or gently-used clothing, and more!

Check out our website to explore the different ways you can get involved:

www.jobetlp.org/donate

Success Stories



Former Resident Achieves New Goals

Former resident Destiny B. continues to pursue her dreams of working in healthcare after successfully transitioning out of Jobe. In 2022, Destiny graduated from College of the Canyons with an Associate of Science in Public Health. She was involved in a tragic car accident in 2023, which was a very challenging time for her. Fortunately, Destiny made a full recovery. During this difficult time, she earned a phlebotomy license and completed a Certified Nursing Assistant program. This August, Destiny will begin a year-long Licensed Vocational Nurse program, moving her closer to her lifelong dream of becoming a Registered Nurse.



Shiny Red Beginnings

Resident Maya purchased a new vehicle in May 2024! Maya bought her first car in 2021, shortly after joining the program. After saving money and creating a financial plan, she was able to purchase her new car with a one-time full payment. Maya also graciously donated her previous vehicle to another resident who was in need of a new car.

Recent Outings & Events



Jobe residents (left to right): Kevin, Maya, Emmanuel, Joshua, Christian, Quintyn, Alex, and Robert celebrating the end of the semester.



Program supporters (left to right) Tim, Nancy, Norma, Larry and Program Director Keith at the 2024 Graduation Party.



Jobe residents (left to right) Robert, Quintyn, Kevin, Alex, and Christian celebrating their peers at the 2024 Graduation Party.