

# JOBE Transitional Living Program

## Spring 2019 Newsletter

### GRADUATION EDITION



Congratulations to CSUN graduates, **Paola** and **Kevin**! They walked the stage in May with the rest of the Class of 2019. **Paola** graduated with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Chicano/Chicana Studies. She will be continuing her education at USC for a master's program in Social Work. **Kevin** graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communications. **Kevin** plans to enter to obtain a career in his field of study shortly after graduation. We are extremely proud of them and their achievements.

#### *Letter from the Director*

Spring is once again upon us and with spring comes the continuing success of JOBE residents. Success in obtaining driver's licenses, cars (paid in full; no financing), "B" jobs (better pay and career-oriented), continuing education and graduating college. One of JOBE TLP's main emphases is promoting education to assist our residents in ending the cycle of poverty. Education and degrees are some of the main benchmarks of our program. Degrees and education will forever strengthen our residents' futures and provide them with opportunities that they would not have otherwise. I would like to say "thank you" to the JOBE Board of Directors, Timothy McAnany and Vince Martin, as well as all the JOBE staff for their support in assisting Paola and Kevin in graduating college in May 2019. Also, I would like to thank all the individuals who have supported JOBE TLP over the last year.

Sincerely,  
Keith Wieser  
Executive Director, JOBE TLP



Wait...we're not done telling you about our graduates! **Marquis** has successfully transitioned out of our program in January 2019 shortly after graduating from Fitchburg State University with a master's degree in Business. We always encourage prior successful residents to stay in touch with us, attends special events, and keep us updated about their lives after JOBE. **Marquis** has been very busy working full-time for as a long-term mentor for young children as well as networking and promoting his autobiography, *Beating the System: My Life in Foster Care*. **Marquis** is pictured to the left with Bill Macdonald at the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Luncheon and Stu Lantz, Linda Rambis, and Jeanie Buss at the Staples Center for the Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings game. Check out the "News" section on our website [www.jobetlp.org](http://www.jobetlp.org) for more information. Special thanks to JOBE supporter, Larry Stewart, for making this all possible for **Marquis**.



**Wendy** turns twenty years old! Birthdays are a big deal at JOBE, we always take time to schedule, plan, and organize a nice dinner for all residents to attend. Each restaurant is chosen by the birthday boy or gal. **Wendy** chose Wood Ranch in Northridge to celebrate this year. We had a great time celebrating **Wendy's** special day with her.

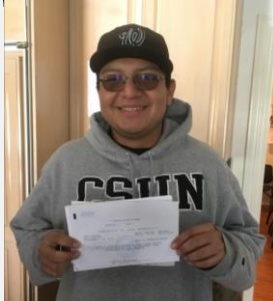


## On the Road to Success

Over 85% of our JOBE residents have a driver license or driver permit. More impressively, 5 (only 4 pictured) of our young men and women have obtained a license or permit within the last 5 months.



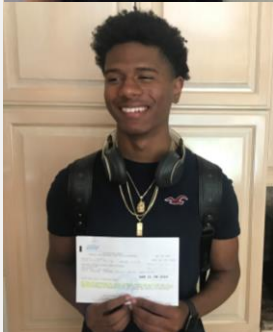
**Kamau** (19) is a full-time student at CSUN and works part-time at Walmart. **Kamau** is very driven to be successful. He obtained his driver license in January 2019. Kamau has already purchased his own car and has insurance. He is the youngest of his brothers to obtain a license before age 20.



**Edwin** (25) is a full-time student at CSUN. He also works part-time at CSUN. Edwin obtained his driver license in February 2019. **Edwin** has been saving his money for the past few years and is currently seeking an affordable and reliable car to help him get to school and work. He is excited to leap into this next chapter of his life.



**Melissa** (21) obtained her driver license in March 2019 and is one step closer to being mobile. She has been awaiting this moment for a long time. **Melissa** attends classes at Pierce College and works part-time at Jack in the Box and Five Below. **Melissa** is building her savings so that she can purchase her very own car.



**Shalamar** (20) is a student at Pierce College and works part-time at Old Navy. **Shalamar** passed the written exam at the DMV and obtained his driver permit in March 2019. **Shalamar** recently completed driver training and passed his behind-the-wheel exam on the first try! He now has his driver license. This is a huge milestone for **Shalamar**.

We at JOBE TLP are thrilled when our residents meet their benchmarks! This type of progress keeps us motivated to push our residents towards success. Thanks to generous donations we are able to send JOBE residents to behind-the-wheel driver training which ensures that they learn the rules of the road and get safe driving experience.

For more information about JOBE Transitional Living Program, visit our website at [www.JOBETLP.org](http://www.JOBETLP.org).

## Group Outings

Universal Studios: April 1, 2019



Hiking at Paradise Falls: March 9, 2019



Bowling Alley: January 2, 2019

