



It's rare that they spend the time they'd like to be with one another, but for one moment last week, Ak-Chin's Pamela "Hutch" Vincent, Lanita "Lucy" Lopez, and Jasmine "Jazzer" Carlyle-Miguel, were excited to be with one another at the Opportunity Tree Banquet.

## Banquet brings three members together

Story and photo By R. Miguel

One of the greatest moments you could probably capture is when you attend an Opportunity Tree Banquet, where special-needs clients are enjoying good moments of entertainment and food.

On the afternoon of May 30th, the Opportunity Tree facility in Casa Grande hosted such an event for over fifty-plus special needs adults ranging from eighteen years of age and older who were invited to participate in the annual banquet where four sponsored Day Programs

united and had a PARTY! Programs participating in the banquets included Phoenix, Avondale, Casa Grande and Maricopa. The group's mascot, the "Fire Stormer" was on hand to help hand out awards to the teams for their accomplishments during the year.

Following a brief intermission to serve a lunch of rice, beans, tostadas and tacos, the party really got going as the DJ blasted a variety of hit songs from various artists, which excited clients who then quickly invaded the dance floor

and put in their own dance moves. Others who weren't on the dance floor, simply enjoyed their moment visiting with other clients that they rarely see.

One of the special moments that the Ak-Chin Indian Community could be very happy with, was when community members Lanita "Lucy" Lopez, Pamela "Hutch" Vincent and Jasmine Carlyle-Miguel were together for the first time. The three exchanged pleasantries and a group photo.

While making the drive

## Ak-Chin Celebrates with Class of 2025



Top photo (by Ashley Vincent): Laila Gardner (left) earned her AS, while Jennifer Smith (right) earned her ABUS from Central Arizona College.

Photo at left: Haylee Delma, was recognized with Honors as she received her AAS from Central Arizona College. (Submitted photo)

Story by Runner Staff

Every May, students from preschool to grade school, middle school to high school, and all levels of higher education will be recognized and rewarded

prepare for a celebration milestone they just achieved; participating in ceremonies throughout various schools and facilities.

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Adam Alejandro (Middle Row, Far Right) and 9UP team Ironsquad post game with 9UP team Tucson Riot at Chase Field in Phoenix to end the baseball season.

## Maricopa Ironsquad make Chase Field

Story and photos submitted by Samantha Alejandro

On Wednesday May 14, 2025, Adam Alejandro, Ak-Chin member and team player of the 9U Maricopa Iron Squad Boys Travel Baseball team made their appearance on the iconic Chase Field in Phoenix against the Tucson Riot.

Adam, who is the son of Pablo and Samantha Alejandro, has been

playing with his team and most players since little league; having traveled all over from Maricopa.

One great focus the team has is sportsmanship and creating connections with the teams they play against, not only does this prepare the boys for every game, but allows them to build their selves along with their

teammates up.

The game was sponsored by Playbook Sportz and allowed the boys to dish out their best skills against one another to end the season.

Congratulations to Adam in this accomplishment that will shape his baseball career, we can't wait to hear more about

## Ak-Chin Police rally for Special Olympics with Bowling Tourney

Story and photo by Runner Staff

As the Special Olympics events throughout the State took place in April and May, the Ak-Chin Indian Community continued to participate and do their part in recognizing and

supporting the annual games. The Ak-Chin Police Department coordinated Ak-Chin's leg in the Torch Run, which took place on Thursday,

April 21st. The run/walk and bicycle ride began at Highway 84 near Interstate 8 and concluded through State Route 347 and to the Ak-Chin Community, where it was handed off to the

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Over twenty nine teams came out to compete in the Ak-Chin PD Special Olympics bowling tournament at Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center. Team Warriors (l-r): Jacoby King, Alyssa Dickerson, Jennifer Boehm and Jacob Dickerson, were named the champions.

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# Thank You, Ak-Chin Indian Community

We are overwhelmed by the support that has been given to our mother. Thank you so much for lifting her up during a recent health scare.

Mother is 88 years old and in good health. However, she recently fell inside her house and needed hospitalization (several times) and had a short nursing homestay.

When she returned home, she was frail and needed assistive equipment to limit her pain level and the risk of another fall. Our family suddenly realized that we needed help, and that our mother's recovery needed a teamwork approach.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community has graciously given her the professional assistance required for her physical rehabilitation and continued recovery.

Today, mother's pain level has subsided, and she is back at the Elder Center with her friends; just what the doctor ordered!

Thank you to the Ak-Chin Indian Community's leadership for supporting programs that care for our elderly. The Ak-Chin Clinic, Elderly Center, Purchased Referred Care, Injury Prevention Program, Homemaker Services, Housing, and Maintenance staff all went above and beyond to provide her compassionate and exceptional care.

We are humbled and sincerely thank you and everyone else for your prayers.

Sincerely,  
MNarcia's Family



# In Honor and Respect for Bart Smith

12/23/1966 - 04/17/2025

My name is Leslie Carlyle-Burnett. It has been my great privilege to work closely with Bart Smith for over two decades. I wish to share with the Community Bart's unwavering dedication to the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

In 2001, Bart and I were both hired to help establish what would become the Ak-Chin Indian Community's Planning Department. Bart was hired as the Senior Planner, and I the Assistant Planner. Together, we were given the monumental responsibility of laying the groundwork for our community's future, beginning with the creation of the Ak-Chin Community's zoning ordinance.

What none of us could have anticipated at the time was that this effort would ignite a powerful era of growth and transformation—one that continues to unfold before our eyes.

Bart dedicated himself fully to this work, never seeking recognition or the spotlight—only the results.

Each morning, Bart would arrive at our humble trailer office in his small white car, its distinctive white ball

on the antenna visible from afar. He would sit down at his desk and immediately dive into emails, plan reviews, and drafts—sometimes working into the late hours, often in darkness with the office lights off. I used to call him “the bear in the den,” so focused and undisturbed, fully immersed in his mission.

Unbeknownst to him, what he was building extended beyond policy and guidelines—he was forging a future for the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Bart wasted no time. Even his lunch breaks were filled with document reviews and planning discussions. Our first major challenge—the creation of the zoning ordinance and its supporting documents—was a difficult task.

With guidance from attorneys and invaluable feedback from community members and key employees, Bart led the charge, revising draft after draft, ensuring every line served the best interests of our community.

Bart was also instrumental in developing the zoning map, carefully preserving key areas of land—sacred spaces that serve as reminders for

future generations of our ancestors' connection to this land. Bart knew every inch of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and wanted to protect the land as much as possible.

As the Planning department grew and responsibilities expanded, Bart was the steady heart of it all.

When rapid growth in nearby Maricopa threatened encroachment upon the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the threat to its sovereignty, as the Senior Planner Bart stood resolute, expertly navigating complex processes with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and intergovernmental processes with the City of Maricopa.

Since those early days, nearly every major development within the Ak-Chin Indian Community bears Bart Smith's Imprint—whether it's the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Police Department and Courts, the Preschool, Health and Human Services, the Wellness Center, Service Center, Recreation Center, Library, Education Department, or the Elder Center expansion and the long-planned Government Building, now once again in motion after 20 years.

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Join us for a

ELDER 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY POOL PARTY

July 3, 2025 11am-1pm

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To RSVP call the Elder Center @  
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# Elder Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<div>* Breakfast Served from 7 AM to 8:30 AM</div> <div>* Lunch Served from 12 PM to 1 PM.</div> <div>* For Transportation, call Georgia at 520-568-1760</div> <div>* Movie Questions? Call the Elders Center at 520-568-1760</div> <div>* Thursdays: Elder Chair Yoga 9 AM - 10 AM</div> <div>(Menu Subject to Change without Notice)</div>				
6/9 Ham & Eggs, Potatoes, Toast/ Avocado Slices, Fruit  Chicken Florentine w/Spinach, Yellow Squash, Cantaloupe	6/10 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit  Chili Beans, Chili Meat (D), Yams/ Potato, Corn Bread	6/11 Scrambled Eggs, Hashbrown Casserole, Bacon, Scone/Fruit Salad  Baked Chicken, Mixed Vegetable, Wild Rice, Apples/Oranges	6/12 Breakfast Sandwich, Hashbrown, Mix Berries & Yogurt  Egg Salad Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Pickle, Grapes	6/13 Potatoes with Chorizo, Refried Beans, Tortilla/ Avocado Slices, Fruit  Father's Day Lunch  Steak, Baked Potato, Spring Salad, Chocolate Cake
6/16 Oatmeal, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Fruit  Chicken Tortilla Soup, Cheese Quesadilla, Avocado, Pineapple	6/17 Breakfast Sausage Casserole, Toast, Avocado Slices, Fruit Salad  Ham Sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Fruit Cocktail	6/18 Chicken Fried Steak, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit with Cottage Cheese  Ground Beef & Zucchini Burrito, Corn on The Cob, Cookies/Banana	6/19 Center Closed <div>Juneteenth JUNE 19</div>	6/20 Cream of Wheat, Boiled Eggs, Toast, Banana  Chicken or Bean Tostada, Lettuce/ Tomato/Cheese, Brown Rice, Carrots, Jell-O





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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY PRESENTS

# FOURTH of JULY

## Celebration

MUSIC, VENDORS, FIREWORKS AND MORE!

JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. | FIREWORKS - 8:00 P.M.

AK-CHIN CIRCLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

16000 N MARICOPA RD, MARICOPA, AZ 85139

QUESTIONS?  
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# 4TH OF JULY

## VENDORS NEEDED

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 5:00 p.m.

**Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center**  
16000 N Maricopa Rd, Maricopa, AZ  
85139

**SIGNUP DEADLINE: JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 | 4:00 P.M.**

For more information, contact  
**(520) 568-1640**  
or  
**bmartinez@ak-chin.nsn.us**



## Hearing Notice

### Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

**Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing  
regarding the following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday,  
June 10, 2025 at the Justice Center Conference Room.**

**Case: SD-03-25 Ak-Chin Wellness Center:**  
Project Applicant/Health Education Director, Marc Matteson, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to construct a new Wellness Center on the north east corner of Court Street and Ak-Chin Parkway. The project consists of:

- 38,800 Square foot Wellness Center building; and
- East facing main entrance with shade canopy; and
- Shaded event patio; and
- Pedestrian connection to the future Desert Willow subdivision; and
- 129 Parking spaces; and
- Full landscape package for the exterior of the building.

**Case: SD-04-25 Harrah's Casino Expansion - Casitas and Pool:**  
Project Applicant/Harrah's Director of Facilities and Surveillance, April Tawney, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to expand the Harrah's Hotel property. The project consists of:

- 18,000 Square foot Casitas building; and
- 2 new pools and hot tubs; and
- Shaded lounge seating areas, cabanas and fire pit; and
- Pedestrian connection to the existing Hotel and Casino; and
- Full landscape package that ensures privacy for the guests.

## ATTENTION

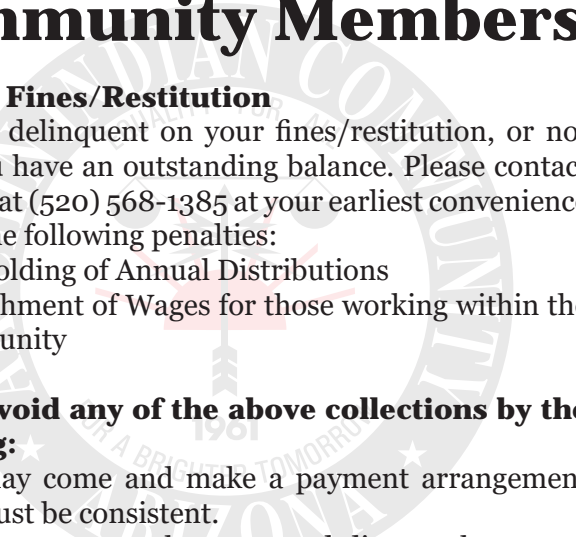
# Community Members

**Past Due Fines/Restitution**  
If you are delinquent on your fines/restitution, or not sure if you have an outstanding balance. Please contact the courts at (520) 568-1385 at your earliest convenience to avoid the following penalties:

- Withholding of Annual Distributions
- Garnishment of Wages for those working within the Community

**You can void any of the above collections by the following:**

- You may come and make a payment arrangement and must be consistent.
- You may come to the court and dispute the matter and request a hearing.



*Bart continued*

In addition, the planning and zoning of the Industrial Park, the creation and planning of the Airport, Ak-Chin Circle, the Southern Dunes Golf Course. Each of these spaces and initiatives began on Bart's desk.

Bart loved the Ak-Chin Indian Community with his whole heart. True to his humble nature, he rarely sought recognition.

While others posed for photos at groundbreaking ceremonies, Bart was quietly back at his desk, focused on the next project. That was Bart: a man driven not by praise, but by progress.

Now, as the Community Operations Manager, Bart oversaw many of these departments and projects he helped bring to life. His leadership only deepened, and his legacy only grew.

Throughout my 10+ years in the Planning Department, I witnessed Bart's unwavering dedication firsthand—facilitating meetings, making decisions, and guiding us through difficult challenges.

When it was time to do the hard, often unseen work, Bart rolled up his sleeves and engaged directly. He didn't stand apart while others worked; he led by example. That is true leadership.

He faced this immense pressure amid skepticism, criticism, and doubt. His expertise was questioned, his work scrutinized, and his job was threatened. Yet, Bart never held a grudge.

Anchored by integrity and

strength of character, he remained steadfast, without loudness or resentment. Instead, with quiet courage, he continued to press forward. He understood the bigger issues, the long-term vision.

And because of his unwavering focus on the future, we see the fruits of his labor in the resilience and growth of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.


Between my work in the Planning department and currently as the Elder Center Director, Bart was not just my boss for over twenty years; he was my mentor, confidant, and my dear friend. Bart was a true example of leadership. What he built, what he protected, and what he planned—these efforts are enduring.

Bart's vision protected our past, built our present, and will continue to guide us into the future. I am confident Bart left this world knowing he had done well, done right by the Community he served.

My deepest condolences to Bart's family. Bart was a son, brother, father, and uncle. He came from a good solid family. He was a friend to so many.

I know I can speak for most; Bart will live on in our memories, in our hearts, and in the future, he helped shape within the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Written by:  
Leslie Carlyle-Burnett  
Supported by the family



**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
Capital Projects

## AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

### SOUTHERN DUNES GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES EXPANSION PROPOSAL (CMAR)

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (hereafter called the "Owner") invites all General Contractors with previous experience in working with renovating high-end Golf course facilities to submit proposals on a CMAR Agreement. This project consists of the following:

The project consists of a phased delivery of: a 23,678 sq. ft clubhouse renovation/expansion, a 1,264 sq. ft. halfway station, inclusive of a quick serve food venue and restrooms, an 8,632 sq. ft. expansion and renovation of the existing cart barn, inclusive of employee breakroom, bathrooms, and storage, a parking lot expansion, relocation of a putting practice putting green, and construction of an event lawn. The selected CMAR will be brought into the project at the DD level drawings level and will perform a detailed overall project budget, inclusive of Contractor-related items and owner-supplied items. Work with the OWNER reviewing plans provided by Meyers & Associates (Architecture Firm), pre-construction services to provide constructability comments, value engineering comments, and a DD level and CD level cost estimate, and GMP's.

**A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled at 1:00 p.m. (MST) on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the Southern Dunes Golf Course Banquet Room located at 48456 AZ-238, Maricopa, AZ 85139.** This meeting is considered mandatory, and in this meeting, the project scope will be discussed. If you do not attend this pre-bid meeting, your proposal will NOT be accepted.

The deadline for any questions regarding this project will be 5:00 p.m. (MST) on Monday, June 23, 2025. Proposal questions should be directed to Flora Howerton at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us). Also, Cc: Project Perry Vetraino, at [PVetraino@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:PVetraino@ak-chin.nsn.us).

**The Owner will receive Competitive Bid Proposals until 2:00 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at the Tribal Purchasing Department located at 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Proposals received after the specified date and time will be rejected and returned unopened.**

This invitation is unrestricted; however, preference will be given to Indian Organizations and Indian Owned Enterprises in accordance with the Community Procurement Procedure. Request for Proposals ("RFP") instruction/information package and related information may be obtained from the Ak-Chin Indian Community Purchasing Office by electronic mail at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us).

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. However, the Ak-Chin Indian Community at its discretion may postpone said action for such time as the Tribal Council may designate, as the interest of the Community may require.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without the consent of the Owner.



# Ak-Chin Teams enjoy great Coach Pitch and Little League Season

Story and photos by Kathleen Miguel



What a great season it's been for our T-Ball and Coach Pitch teams here in Ak-Chin! From learning the basics to making big plays, our young athletes had a season full of fun, growth, and great memories. We saw tremendous progress—from first-time batters finding their swing to teammates cheering each other on with true team spirit.

Our Coach Pitch team continued playing in the Salt River Friendship Youth League this summer. This was a wonderful opportunity for our players to keep

developing their skills, make new friends, and enjoy even more of the game they love.

“(We) are truly proud of this team and all the progress they have made. It's been inspiring to see so many new players step up and face challenges head-on. (We've) cherished every moment spent with these incredible kids this year. A heartfelt thank you to the parents and guardians for being their unwavering support; your encouragement means the world to them.” Coach

Alyssa Joaquin and Coach Jacolby King.

“Thank you to our dedicated coaches, families, and supporters

who made this season possible with their time, energy, and encouragement.” Jordan Gusse, Ak-Chin Recreation Coordinator.



## Maricopa Ironsquad continued from Front

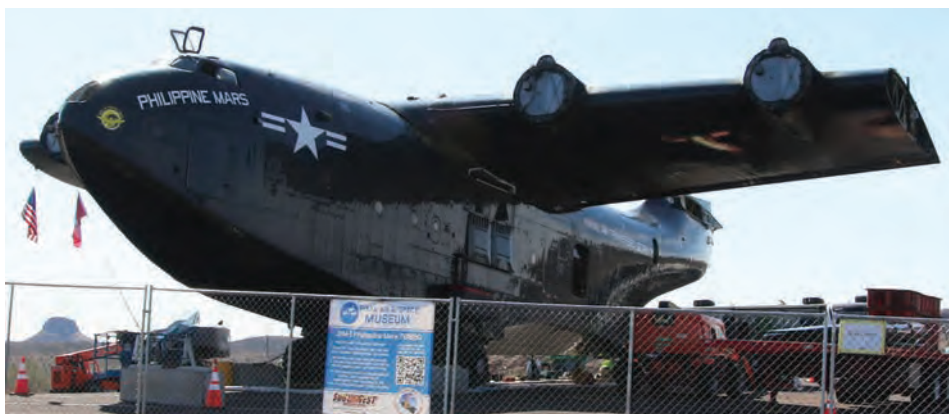
your achievements on the field!

If you'd like to keep up

with Adam's growth, he has an Instagram page @adamthejuice23 and his team page is @

ironsquadbaseball; go show him and the team some support for all they do.

# Philippine Mars cruises through Pinal County



The Philippine Mars, is at its final home in Tucson, Arizona.

Story and Photos by Kathleen Miguel

Scrolling through Facebook, an interesting post caught my eye, and as I am the curious one, I looked into the post and saw that a piece of history would soon be coming through our small town of Maricopa; a boatcraft named, MARTIN JRM MARS, aka Philippine Mars.

This giant seaplane or flying boat was used to fly cargo by the US NAVY in World War II, and also helped in the Korean War as a medical air transport.

From the late 1950s till its final days, it was used as a waterbomber to carry 7,200 gallons of water that would help put out wildfires in British Columbia and the US. It is one of the last two still around to this day.

In February, it made its final flight from British Columbia, Canada, to make Lake Pleasant, AZ, to be dismantled and transported piece by piece to Tucson. On May 11, the final piece was ready for its long-awaited journey.

Tuesday, May 13th, at 10:45 pm, I headed out to Ralston and 238 with my father and my son. We sat by the train tracks waiting to see this giant boatcraft. As time passed, two vehicles came and parked, then more vehicles came.

A reporter from InMaricopa started interviewing people to pass the time, one of them being my son, Connor Martinez.

Although it was way past his bedtime, it was a good excuse to witness something as cool as this; he has an interest in big machines, with information he absorbed hours before, he was able to remember the name, how tall it was, what war it was part of and what it was used for.

InMaricopa reported they had got a notification from ED3 stating that the boatcraft was going to take an alternate route. So, my family and I turned around and drove to sit at the end of Farrell Rd. where it meets with Hidden Valley Rd. to wait.

More time passed and I started checking Facebook for updates from an Aircraft Media company called Boneyard Safari that was following the whole journey, as well as Google Maps for traffic, and to my surprise, it hadn't left Buckeye yet. Midnight came, and it was still coming.

Soon, it was almost 1 in the morning! Moving at 25mph, it was halfway to Gila Bend, and I thought surely it was going to

take some hours to get to Maricopa.

I decided to go back to our apartment, and thought to myself that I was just going to give up. But, I was not going to give up at all, and I wasn't going to rest till I saw this giant machine.

At 2:30 am, I got an update that it was getting to Rio Bravo/Hidden Valley Rd. I jumped up, woke up my son and told my dad, and back to the end of Farrell we went. 3 something in the morning and it was finally COMING!!!!

Seeing all the lights in the distance, we were excited. Personally, it was an amazing experience, as I have family from both sides that served in World War II, and to see something from that era was special to me.

As of May 16th, it arrived at the PIMA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM, to be reassembled to its original state and be on display for years to come.

I encourage everyone, big/small, old/young to take time and visit the PIMA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM in Tucson, Az, to see these giant machines. Who knows, maybe one day one of our young will be operating something like this.



# Film Festival Debut

Story & Photo by R. Miguel

Attending the A+ Charter short film festival from left to right: Jaxson Justin, Stella Miguel, Robert Miguel, Daniel Estrada and Dee Estrada.



Six short clip videos that were produced and directed by A+ Charter students were shown on the big screen at the Ak-Chin Entertainment Center prior to the end of the school year. Staff, students, and parents were invited to view these clips, that were titled the First Annual Archers Film Festival, which featured two student-led initiatives to create a historical movie trailer and an adobe bricks campus beautification project.

A total of sixty-six students participated in the dynamic, Project-Based Learning (PBL) experiences, with thirty-nine students, composed of freshman and sophomores collaborating on the historical movie's trailers. Twenty-seven students, also freshman and sophomores, worked on the adobe bricks and outdoor space improvement project. Both projects were developed within the framework of the high school history curriculum at A+ Charter Schools.

The projects were overseen by Mr. Jason Dye, a dedicated history teacher with five years

of service at A+ Charter Schools.

The movie trailer project emerged from an ongoing effort to reimagine traditional assessments. After experimenting with several video formats over the past four years, Mr. Dye introduced movie trailer format this year to engage students in a fast-paced, visually compelling way. The adobe bricks projects were driven by student interest in enhancing their campus and learning hands-on construction techniques. Both projects were completed over the course of approximately eight weeks.

Originally designed to create adobe bricks for campus planters, the project expanded to include the completion of a mini golf course, the crafting of functional and artistic structures from reclaimed wood, and even the engineering of a sifting machine.

While video projects have been integrated into the history curriculum for the past four years, this year marked the first-time student work was professionally showcased into a movie theater

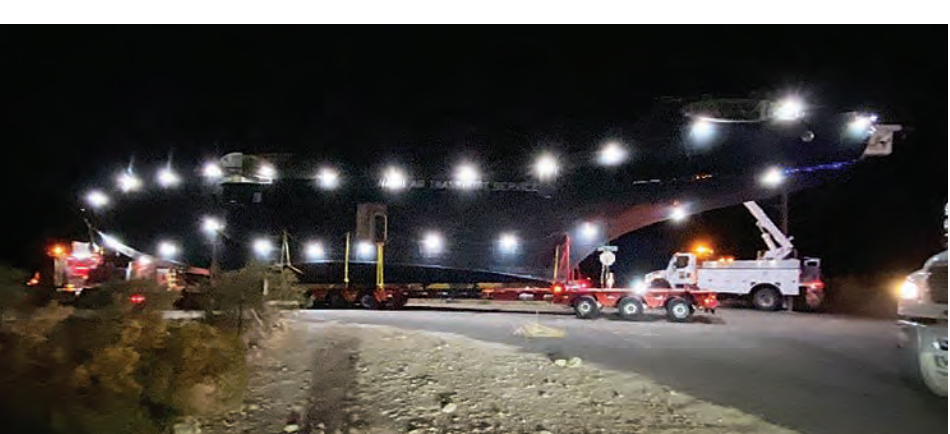
setting, the Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment. The project reflects an evolution in how students at A+ take ownership of their learning spaces and apply practical problem-solving skills. The idea to host the Archer Film Festival in a movie theater was born from the students themselves.

Motivated by their creativity, collaboration, and pride in their work, they envisioned seeing their historical movie trailers on the big screen and thanks to the unwavering support of A+ leadership and our community partners, that vision became a reality.

“We extend our deepest gratitude to Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center and David Trujillo for their generosity, coordination, and belief in our students,” said Laura Lopez-Reiter who is the Program & Administration Support Specialist at A+ Charter.

“Their support was instrumental in transforming this student led dream into a memorable and professional showcase of learning. These projects reflect the spirit of A+ Charter School, where students don't just learn, but are empowered to build, lead, and inspire.”

Ak-Chin's Stella Miguel, who was a Freshman at A+ Charter, was one of the students who participated in the short film presentation. She helped with production, creation and directed one of the six films that were shown at the Entertainment Center.



Philippine Mars travels down Rio Bravo/Hidden Valley Rd., May 14.









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## PATIENT NOTICE



# 51st Avenue Pavement Preservation Project

The Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) advises drivers to plan ahead for weekday lane closures and possible delays in both directions of a 4.5-mile segment of 51st Avenue, located in the Laveen area and on the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), beginning Thursday, May 22 through late June 2025, for a pavement preservation project.

The pavement preservation project will take place within MCDOT right-of-way and help extend the life of the roadway and improve the driving surface. Allow extra time for travel in the area, as a pilot car will escort alternating directions of travel in the area. Please watch for work crews, obey all traffic control signs and slow down in the work zone.



**JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>**

# ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

## WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE AND NEGLECT?

**As older adults become more physically frail, they may find**

it increasingly difficult to care for themselves, stand up to bullying, or defend themselves if attacked. They might also experience diminished vision, hearing, or cognitive abilities, which can make them more vulnerable to abuse and neglect. Elder abuse encompasses various forms of harm, including physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, financial exploitation, and neglect by those who are supposed to care for them.



**If you suspect that an elderly person is at risk due to a neglectful or overwhelmed caregiver or if they are being financially exploited, it's essential to speak up. Everyone deserves to live in safety, dignity, and respect!**



Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner  
Forensic Nursing Department

**For more information, please contact:  
SANE Clinic at 520-562-5151 or email [sane@qrhc.org](mailto:sane@qrhc.org)**

### WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS OF ABUSE:

- They appear to be depressed, confused, or withdrawn.
- They are isolated from family and friends.
- They have unexplained bruises, burns, or scars.
- They seem dirty, underfed, or dehydrated and may be over-medicated or under-medicated or not receiving necessary medical care.
- They have bedsores or other preventable conditions.
- There are recent changes in their banking or spending patterns.
- They report being left or abandoned in an unfamiliar location.



Gila River Health Care's  
Administrative Offices and Outpatient Clinics  
will be



**CLOSED**  
**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

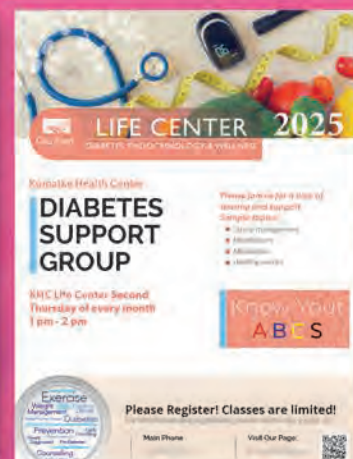
For any information on services open during the holiday,  
please call Gila River Health Care's main line (520) 562-3321.

Normal business hours will resume Monday, July 7, 2025.  
If you need immediate assistance, please call 911 or visit the  
Emergency Department at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital.

**View news, information  
& events**

- Life Center
- Behavioral Health Services
- May Calendars
- and many more!

**Scan QR  
code to view!**



**988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: CALL OR TEXT 988**

**GRIC CRISIS HOTLINE 1-800-259-3449**





# JOB OPENINGS

## CURRENT JOB OPENINGS:

- Communication Officer (part-time)
- Communications Officer
- Compensation Analyst
- Deli Clerk
- Detention Officer Certified (part-time)
- Firefighter/Medic
- Lab Tutor (part-time)
- Plant Electrician
- Plant Electrician & Instrumentation Technician
- Police Officer (non-certified)
- Prosecutor
- Substance Abuse Therapist

## Open to Enrolled Ak-Chin Members Only

- General Worker (Temp Worker)
- Museum Technician (2)
- Oral Historian
- Student Counselor (9-12)

[www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://www.ak-chin.nsn.us)

To review the full job description and apply visit [www.ak-chin.nsn.us](http://www.ak-chin.nsn.us), Job Openings, and apply online. ALL positions close at midnight (12:00 p.m.) on the closing date. Great benefits. If you need assistance, please call the Human Resources Dept. at 520-568-1050.

## Restorative Yoga

With Vickie

**June 04, 2025**  
**June 11, 2025**  
**June 18, 2025**

**Ak-Chin Circle- Elements**  
**Wednesdays 6:00p-7:00p**

Questions?? Please call Health Education at: (520) 568-1080  
\*Open to All Ak-Chin Community Members, Ak-Chin Community Residents, Employees and Employee Family Members

## Employee Birthdays

**6/7 - 6/25**

<b>6/7</b> Marissa Antone, Elderly Kashmir Miller, Police	<b>6/12</b> Jesus Espinoza, Parks & Rec Dwayne Yazzie, Education
<b>6/8</b> Hermalinda Mavis, I.S	<b>6/13</b> John McCullouch Jr. Human Resources
<b>6/10</b> Thomas Hoetzlein, Fire Ashley Vincent, Runner	<b>6/16</b> Daniel Antone, Security

## COLOR OUR WORLD

### Bookmark Contest!

Design your best interpretation of the theme "Color Our World" and submit it for a chance to get your bookmark made and shared with the whole community.

Just head over to the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library, pick up your sheet, and draw your best design!

**Deadline to submit designs June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**\*Open to all ages**  
**\*One entry per participant**

## FAMILY PLANNING MEDICAL MOBILE CLINIC

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**  
**9:00a - 2:30p**

**Vekol Market Parking Lot**

**ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL**  
**Call or Text us at (520) 371-0132**  
**\*\*\* The Mobile Unit is NOT Handicap Accessible\*\*\***

Services Provided:  
Family Planning Counseling and Education  
STD testing and treatment  
HIV testing and counseling  
Birth Control and Pregnancy Education  
Well-Woman Exams  
Pap Smears and Breast Exams  
GYN Diagnosis and treatment  
Emergency Contraception  
Prenatal and Post-Partum Care  
Preconception Counseling  
Prevention Counseling and Education

\*HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING ON COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.

## POOL OPEN

**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY.**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY 1PM TO 7PM**

BRING YOUR TOWEL

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SWIMMING SUIT

PARTY RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

DIVE-IN MOVIES COMING SOON!

FOR QUESTIONS AND RESERVATIONS CALL: (520) 568-1740 OR EMAIL: RECREATION@AK-CHIN.NSN.US

## Grab & Go Free Kids Meals

Take home 5 days of free meals provided by St. Mary's Food Bank for anyone under 18 years of age. Come by the Ak-Chin Indian Community Library to pick up grab and go meals starting May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday - Friday: 11am-1pm**  
**Saturday: 12pm-2pm**  
**46521 W. Farrell Rd. Maricopa, AZ 85139**

Grab & Go Kids Meals open to the public  
Help us cut back on plastic and bring a reusable bag  
**Program ends July 22, 2025**  
Questions? Call: (520) 568-1675 Email: Library@ak-chin.nsn.us

## FOOD HANDLERS CLASS

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025**  
**AK-CHIN EPD BUILDING**  
**(46200 W. Ralph Street)**  
**2 PM - 4 PM**

Who Should Attend??  
• Food Service Workers  
• Volunteers  
• Interested Community Members

Questions?? or to Sign-Up... Please call (520) 568-1083

## WIC

**Tuesday, June 03, 2025**  
**8:15a-11:45am**  
**EPD Building**

Do you qualify for WIC?  
• Pregnant  
• Breastfeeding women  
• Infants  
• Children under the age of 5

WIC foods include: yogurt, fresh fruit & vegetables, baby foods and other favorites such as milk, peanut butter, cheese, cereal and eggs

Questions? Need to make an Appointment?  
**CALL: (520) 562-9698**  
**Gila River Indian Community WIC Program**

## Employee Updates

 <b>Bailey Martinez</b> Events Planner Events	 <b>Candice Antone</b> RecProgram Assistant Parks & Rec	 <b>Isaiah Osife</b> RecProgram Assistant Parks & Rec	 <b>Jesus Corella-Esquer</b> Maintenance Tech Parks & Rec
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## COLOR OUR WORLD

READ, COLOR, AND PICK-UP PRIZES ALL SUMMER!

**SUMMER READING JUNE 2 - JULY 31**

**June 6/2025**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Library Hours Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm Sat: 12pm-4pm Sun: Closed	2 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30pm	3	4	5 Storytime @10am	6 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30pm Create with Cricut 4-6pm	7 Storytime & Play Day 1-3pm
8	9 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30pm Manga Monday 3-5pm	10	11	12 Storytime @10am	13 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30pm	14 Father's Day Craft 1-3pm
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30pm	17	18	19 HAPPY JUNE TEENTH Closed	20 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30pm	21 Storytime & Play Day 1-3pm
22	23 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30pm Manga Monday 3-5pm	24	25	26 Storytime @10am	27 Reading Buddies 3:30-5:30pm	28
29	30	GRAB & GO FREE KIDS MEALS 18 & UNDER MONDAY-FRIDAY: 11AM-1PM SATURDAY: 12PM-2PM		Programs and events open to Ak-Chin members, residents and employees Minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult over 18.		

Questions? Call: (520) 568-1675 or Email: Library@ak-chin.nsn.us

**Happy Birthday Cam**  
We love you so much

papa's. Times going by so fast and it's looking like it's not slowing down anytime soon for you. You're the final piece to our puzzle and we couldn't be more grateful for you Bubbas - Mom, Dada, Sisters, brothers

Happy Birthday to my grandsons Cameron, Xandrian, Benjamin, Joseph III, and Myles Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday Ryan- just a tad late... Love your family

## Birthdays 6/6 - 6/19

<b>JUNE 6TH</b> Uriayzz Antone Marie Thomas Ramona Kaniatobe Cameron Villegas-White	Ashley Vincent Holly Kaniatobe	<b>JUNE 16TH</b> Manuel Ortega Daniel Antone
<b>JUNE 7TH</b> Marco Thompson Marissa Antone Zylen Silas-Antone	<b>JUNE 11TH</b> Benjamin King Alex Bowman Joseph Zabawa III	<b>JUNE 17TH</b> Clorenda Humeyumptewa Raul Ruelas Kali Wind Maukhito Sehongva' Jose Anelia Jacuinde
<b>JUNE 8TH</b> Mylauni Antone Xandrian Miguel	<b>JUNE 13TH</b> Richard Villegas Samuel Justin	<b>JUNE 18TH</b> Myles Peters Shanna Narcia
<b>JUNE 9TH</b> Jason Smith Consuelo Alvarez	<b>JUNE 14TH</b> Amorie Narcia Ralph Martinez Brenley Hackney	<b>JUNE 19TH</b> Kellen Hoffman Josefa Lewis Michelle Smith
<b>JUNE 10TH</b> Marvin Lewis	<b>JUNE 15TH</b> Saul Ruelas Cecil Miguel Jr.	



# Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Celebrates 2025 Caesars Founders Award Recipients and Team Members for Caesars Entertainment Years of Service

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino honored its 2025 Caesars Founders Award Recipients at its Years of Service Gala on May 8. From left: Founders Award Honorees included Meghan Flanigan, Philip Munoz, Phyllis Woodall, Mark Narcia, Rachael Reed, Laura Berry, Denise Martinez, Kimberly Wiebe, Roldan Lapinid



(MARICOPA, Ariz. – May 15, 2025) Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino hosted its annual Caesars Entertainment Years of Service Event at The Events Center on May 8. In addition to acknowledging 85 Team Members with tenures from 5 to 30 years, the occasion also celebrated the 2025 Caesars Founders Award recipients.

The 2025 Caesars Founders Awards recognize the outstanding achievements and exceptional contributions of exemplary Team Members.

This year's awards recognized individuals who regularly and consistently delivered best-in-class service to Harrah's Ak-Chin guests and internal Team Members while demonstrating Caesars core values in three categories:

- Blaze the Trail: Team Member exemplifies leadership, integrity and ownership
- All-In On Service: Team Member exemplifies fun, service and connection
- Together We Win: Team Member exemplifies inclusion, care and teamwork

"Celebrating our team members at the annual Founders Awards and Years of Service event is truly special," said Michael Kintner, Senior Vice President and General Manager.

"It's inspiring to recognize the unwavering dedication of those who have been with us since our opening.

This occasion not only honors long-term commitment but also shines a light on the extraordinary accomplishments of our team members who consistently go above and beyond to make guests feel welcome and valued.

The Founders Award winners exemplify excellence, and I'm immensely proud of their contributions."

The 2025 Founders Award honorees are:

- Blaze The Trail**
- Laura Berry, Audio Visual
  - Philip Munoz, Slot Performance
  - Rachael Reed, Security

- All-In On Service**
- Meghan Flanigan, Executive Administration

- Mark Narcia, Hotel
- Phyllis Woodall, Wardrobe

**Together We Win**

- Kimberly Wiebe, Casino Cashiering
- Roldan Lapinid, Beverage
- Denise Martinez, Chop, Block & Brew

In further recognition of his commitment to leadership, integrity and ownership, Munoz was selected to represent Harrah's Ak-Chin as its Regional Winner in the Blaze the Trail category and will go on to compete for a companywide distinction at the national level.

Team Members from the past year who have reached significant Caesars Entertainment employment milestones were recognized during the event as well:

- 43 Team Members celebrating 5 years
- 18 Team Members celebrating 10 years
- 2 Team Members celebrating 15 years
- 6 Team Members celebrating 20 years
- 6 Team Members celebrating 25 years
- 9 Team Member celebrating 30 years

# Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino to Host Community Blood Drive

Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino is hosting three blood drives. The events are open to the public and appointments are strongly encouraged.

**When:** June 23, Sept 8 and Dec 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Bingo Hall at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino|15406 Maricopa Road|Maricopa, Ariz. 85139

"It is essential to support the community in which we live and work," said Samantha Gulick, Director of Marketing and Operations for Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino. "Our annual blood drive provides our team members and the community with a meaningful opportunity to give back. The simple act of donating blood can make a significant difference for hospital patients within our community and, when needed, for others across the country. That's truly remarkable."

Since becoming a community partner in 2000, Harrah's Ak-Chin has hosted 88 blood drives, registered 1,986 donors,

collected 1,582 donations, and potentially helped more than 4,746 individuals in need of blood.

To make an appointment, contact Ashmi Nafiz ([anafiz@caesars.com](mailto:anafiz@caesars.com)) or Cinthya Diana Soto ([csotoperez@caesars.com](mailto:csotoperez@caesars.com)) or visit [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org) and enter Blood Drive Sponsor Code: Harrah.

Blood donors will receive an appreciation pack from the Harrah's HERO committee. They will also be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of the following:

- One-night stay at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino
- \$100 gift certificate for Chop, Block & Brew
- \$30 gift certificate for Agave's Restaurant



Ak-Chin Circle  
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER



# FATHER'S day

SUNDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>

## FIT FOR A KING

12" PIZZA UP TO 2 TOPPINGS  
6 WINGS  
ROOT BEER FLOAT

### \$24



ALL 22OZ DRAFTS \$5

**Ak-ChinCircle.com**

16000 N. Maricopa Rd. Maricopa AZ 85139

Harrah's  
AK-CHIN CASINO

JUNE 2025

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SUNDAY FUNDAY SHOPPING!



INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH AT AGAVE'S RESTAURANT



WIN YOUR SHARE OF  
\$600,000 IN PRIZES

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS THIS SUMMER



# Ak-Chin Child Development Class of 2025

Photos by Runner Staff, Education Staff, and Graduate Families



Class of 2025 continued from Front

The Runner will once again have the distinct privilege and honor to celebrate and cover these ceremonies, that will definitely be full of unforgettable moments.

We were excited to attend the first of many celebrations for our community scholars at Central Arizona College, Signal Peak Campus, May 16, 2025.

On May 20, 2025, Maricopa Elementary held two kinder ceremonies where many of our students promoted.

That evening, Ak-Chin was very well represented with 8th graders who promoted from Maricopa Wells Middle School.

May 21, 2025, twenty-four of Ak-Chin's youngest scholars all dressed in red gowns and mortar boards promoted from the Ak-Chin Child Development Program.

Later that day, Leading Edge would promote three of our middle-school students. That evening more ceremonies would be celebrated with our members, as Desert View in Tucson, and Maricopa's newest, Desert Sunrise held their high school graduations.

May 22, 2025 was very busy, with 5th grade promotions held at Saddleback Elementary and Maricopa Elementary, as well as an 8th grade promotion ceremony at A+ Charter School.

That evening we had another large group of students walk the field at Maricopa Ram Stadium for their high school graduation, while another graduation was held at Vista Grande high school in Casa Grande.

We were also aware of a member who would be graduating from Las Vegas, on May 28, and at least one more graduating in June.

We would like to acknowledge the Ak-Chin Education department, who worked tirelessly alongside us to ensure we had every student's name and ceremony dates/locations that they had in their ROI files.

We could not have been able to schedule and plan to attend these ceremonies without their help. We also appreciate you sharing photos for those moments we

missed.

We also appreciate all the parents who shared their student's photos with us to put in the Runner. We truly appreciate you all.

Although, we attended many of these events, and received photos and information as well, we know we were not able to capture all our graduates and young scholars during their celebrations.

So, we would like to take this opportunity to kindly ask the students and families to please reach out to us, so we can share your scholar's special moments in the Runner.

**If you would like to share a story, pic and/or wish for your graduate, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact us at 520-568-1375 or send us an email at: runnernews@ak-chin.nsn.us**

**AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**Education Department**  
 42507 W. Peters & Nall Road • Maricopa, Arizona 85138 • Telephone: 520-568-1280

**AK-CHIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*The Ak-Chin Indian Community Scholarship Program's purpose is to provide financial support for the promotion of education and employment of community members.*

**Eligibility requirements for the Scholarship Program:**

- You must be an Enrolled Member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community;
- You must have received your High School Diploma or a GED Certificate;
- You must have an Official Letter of Acceptance from the institution you will be attending;
- You must have an approved Academic Plan of Study, a degree-seeking plan; and
- Don't forget to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**The Scholarship Program deadlines are as follows:**

<b>FALL Semester</b> June 30	<b>SPRING Semester</b> November 30 December 1	<b>SUMMER Session</b> April 30
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**Ak-Chin Scholarship Program contact:**

Lenny Dempsey, Enrollment / Academic Advisor  
 Physical Address: 46521 W. Farrell Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139  
 Mailing Address: 42507 W. Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, AZ 85138  
 Email: LDempsey@ak-chin.nsn.us  
 Direct: (520) 568-1291, Cell: (520) 483-6954  
 Main: (520) 568-1280

## Graduation Shout Outs



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 GRADUATE!**  
**DARIA SHARISE DAVILEE GARCIA!**  
 With all your determination and challenges you faced throughout your high school years, you did it all! We know it was not easy at times, but was all worth it and rewarding, right? Now to take a break to enjoy some time to yourself before you continue to strive for all you had set forth, such as your goals and dreams in life. As always, we will continue to be your support, by your side and guidance when needed. We still can't believe that Dad's Highness, the last of the "Terror Squad" and BaBa's last grandbaby has completed high school...now to look forward to all the great-grandchildren to make us proud and happy with their future accomplishments! We love you for always and again **CONGRATULATIONS!**  
 Love: Dad, Mama, your brothers, sister, sister-in-law's, nieces and your "Ax"



Congratulations to Anaise Valles-Diaz on promoting from the 8th Grade!  
 We are glad you accomplished another goal in life, now on to the next, which is the beginning of your high school years. The first year will be a bit tough, but just know it will be alright. Enjoy every bit of your time there, cause before you know it, you will be a Senior! Again, Congratulations and you have all the love and support behind you!  
 From: "Sha", "Skip" and family

To: MiAnna Garcia, Amare Santiago, Alonsa Machado, Octavio Machado, Jr., Johnny Perkins and Christian Soliz  
 Congratulations Graduates! Knowing you made your families oh so proud of you!  
 From: "Skip", "Sha" and family

Congratulations to all our Community Graduates!  
 From the Runner

Jeffery Peters  
 (son of Terrance Peters)  
 "You've spent countless hours studying & made sacrifices to better yourself for the future. You've shown so much determination & it's truly inspiring to see how far you've come."



I Love you to the moon and back.  
 I can't wait to see where this new chapter in life takes you. I know you can conquer anything you set your mind to.  
 We Love You, Mom & your sister Love



**CONGRATULATIONS PERCY - YOU DID IT-SUPER-DUPER PROUD OF YOU!!!**  
 Wow!!! Our first baby grandson has finished high school! We know you had a few struggles along the way, but now you are done, done, done with high school and ready to relax for a bit! Keep doing great things and remember **WE LOVE YOU!**  
 Love, Bapa and Luma



**CONGRATULATIONS OLIVER AND DANIEL JR.**  
 Yippee to OP and DJ!!! We are **SUPER-DUPER PROUD OF YOU TWO!!** Enjoy your summer and get ready for new adventures and learning!  
 Love, Bapa and Luma

Congratulations to our Godson Johnny Perkins!  
 Great job Johnny, we are very proud of you!  
 Love Goddaddy and Godmama

Congratulations to Teagan!  
 Way to go Teagan - so, so proud of you!  
 From the Funner Runner Gang



# Congratulations Class of 2025!



# Good Luck Class of 2029!





# KINDER & FIFTH GRADE PROMOTIONS

