



Congratulations FFA High School Graduates *Class Of 2024*

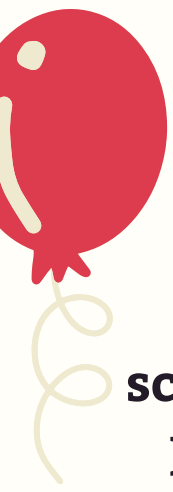
Eggleston Family Services is proud to present our 3 High School graduates!

By overcoming setbacks and looking at adversities as opportunities for growth, these three youth persevered and succeeded! Only approximately 56% of foster youth in CA graduate from high school, so their graduation is definitely something that deserves much acknowledgment!

Youth 1 is the first in her family to successfully finish high school and receive a high school diploma. She graduated from her school of origin, Jordan High School in Long Beach. While in high school, she participated in Jordan High's Law Enforcement, Emergency, and Public Safety Program.

After taking a psychology class in high school, she decided to pursue a career in psychology. She will be starting her higher education journey at El Camino College in Torrance in the Fall of 2024, with plans to transfer to a 4-year university, ideally UC Davis, and become a first-generation college graduate. Her goal is to continue on to graduate school with aspirations to become a forensic psychologist.





Youth 2 graduated from West Covina High School, and while in high school, he was a high achieving student. Two months into his senior year, he transitioned to transitional housing, where he lived independently while successfully completing his senior year. He participated in UCLA's First Star Bruin Guardian Scholars Academy, a program that partners with DCFS to support foster youth with graduating high school and enrolling in post-secondary education. During the summer of 2023, he took part in the program's residential summer immersion program where he spent three weeks living at the dorms at UCLA while participating in various academic and life skills workshops and activities. His hard work and dedication paid off, as he was accepted into UCLA and will be attending UCLA this coming fall, with the goal of obtaining a BA in Business Administration. He is excited to begin a new chapter in his life and is very motivated to one day run his own business.

Youth 3 graduated from La Puente High School and will be attending Mt. SAC community college in the fall of 2024. His goal is to earn an Associate's degree and join the police academy, with the goal of becoming a law enforcement officer. While in high school, he was on the varsity football team and part of the Student's LA Run Club. He would say he didn't want to run, but being part of this club gave him the training and the confidence to participate in and complete the LA Marathon in March 2024. He indicated that this is one of the high school memories he will never forget.

CONGRATULATIONS to our high school graduates, and to our Social Workers Lourdes Pena-Alanis and Georgina Perez as well as our Resource Parents, Beverly Kendrick, Maria & Antonio Perez, and Maggie Melchor, who provided them with the unwavering support they needed to achieve this monumental milestone!