

JOBE Transitional Living Program

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Spring 2023 Newsletter

Celebrating our Graduates



Jobe Resident. Aaron graduates with honors from CSUN.

Congratulations to Aaron for graduating with honors from California State University Northridge (CSUN) with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. During Aaron's time at CSUN, he tutored several students, collaborated with his professors on research projects, and completed a summer internship with an aerospace company that offered him a position once he graduates! In addition to graduating and starting his career, Aaron has been accepted into graduate school to pursue a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering at CSUN!

Aaron is a former foster youth who joined the Jobe program in the middle of his freshman year of college and has reached many benchmarks including obtaining a driver license, purchasing his first car, and earning valuable work experience. As Aaron prepares to transition into independence, he will remain connected to Jobe through the aftercare program.

Congratulations to Xina for graduating from CSUN with a Bachelor of Arts in Entertainment Media Management. Xina displayed dedication throughout her college experience by prioritizing her education and always remaining focused on her studies. During her time at CSUN, Xina successfully balanced work and internships along with her coursework. Xina is the second resident of the Women's



Former Jobe Resident. Xina celebrates her graduation with her mother.

Program to graduate from a university. She is an example that hard work pays off and has become a role model for the other residents in the Women's Program. Xina states about her mother, Patricia (pictured above), that "without a mother like her, [she] could never have achieved what [she has] accomplished thus far." She intends to use her degree to secure a career in the media industry. Xina joined the program in 2019 during her freshman year of college. She successfully transitioned out of Jobe in February 2023 and remains connected through the aftercare program.

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Message from the Director

The graduating class of Jobe set a record number of four graduates for the class of 2023. We had three graduates from California State University Northridge and one from Chatsworth High School. As the Program Director of Jobe, I am extremely proud of all our graduates. Their dedication, resilience, and hard work have led each of them to this great accomplishment. At Jobe we firmly believe in the power of education as a tool to shape your future and open doors for opportunity. Every one of our graduates deserve a seat at the table of success. They have overcome unique obstacles and showed an unwavering commitment to their education. Adjusting to online learning during the pandemic was a testament to their outstanding determination for success. Our clients never let issues or obstacles define them. They define themselves. We encourage our graduates to embrace their past as a source of strength and motivation for the future. After graduating from school and transitioning out of the program, clients will always be welcomed back. JOBE will advise and support alumni in any way the program is able to. As I have said many times, "once you part of JOBE, you're always apart of JOBE."

Sincerely,

Keith Wieser
Program Director

Our Newest Residents



Jobe Resident. Alex joins the JOBE program.

Alex is a former foster youth who joined the program on his eighteenth birthday in March 2023. Alex recently graduated from Chatsworth High School and will be starting college this summer. His interests include watching Marvel movies, drawing, and painting. Since joining the program, Alex has obtained his driver permit and secured employment. Alex currently works at a local restaurant where he is earning valuable work experience. His goals include earning a driver license, purchasing his first car, and passing classes in his first semester of college.



Jobe Resident. Naima joins the JOBE program.

Naima is a twenty-year-old former foster youth who joined the program in March 2023. Naima needed stable housing and support in order to continue pursuing her goals. She currently works as a sales associate where she is developing customer service skills. Naima was born in Haiti and obtain U.S. citizenship in 2022. She is multilingual and speaks Creole, French, English and some Spanish. Naima will attend classes at Los Angeles Valley College starting this summer. Her goals include building her savings and passing her classes.

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Jobe Resident. Edwin graduates from CSUN.

Edwin joined the program in 2019 during his sophomore year of college. During his time in the program, he has reach numerous benchmarks including building his savings and earning valuable work experience. With his degree and the technology skills that he's developed, Edwin intends to start his career in either audio development or web development. As Edwin prepares to transition out of the program, he will remain connected to Jobe through the aftercare program.

Congratulations to Edwin for graduating from CSUN with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Edwin was a determined student who developed valuable skills during his college experience. He completed a 4-month long solo project in which he created an audio analyzer program. The program he created can be used to improve sound quality in music, podcasts, and more. Edwin also collaborated with classmates on a senior project to create a photo analyzer, which can be used to edit photographs.

Congratulations to Alex, one of our newest residents, for graduating from Chatsworth High School with a high school diploma. He will get an early start to college this summer at Los Angeles Pierce College. Alex is looking forward to creating his own class schedule and learning from professors who are knowledgeable and passionate about what they teach. He has already declared that his major will be Computer Science. He has always been interested in technology because it is constantly evolving over time. Alex aspires to use the knowledge and skills that he will develop in college to become a software developer or an information technology technician.



Jobe Resident. Alex celebrates high school graduation at "Success is our Future" event.

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Success Stories



Jobe Resident. Erick earns an internship and scholarship.

Erick joined the program in 2021. He currently attends CSUN and majors in Recreation Hospitality and Tourism Management. Erick aspires to become a flight attendant to travel the world and use the skills he's learned throughout his college experience. He recently earned an internship opportunity at LAX which will allow him to network and continue developing his skillset. Erick also recently earned a scholarship that was intended for a student who has overcome adversity. These accomplishments have motivated Erick to continue striving for success and following his dreams.

Clara joined the program in November 2022. She currently attends CSUN and majors in Child Development. Clara is on track to graduate in 2024. She is a member of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc., a sorority that focuses on academics, community service, and sisterhood. On April 27, 2023, Clara was inducted into the Gamma Sigma Alpha National Academic Greek Honor Society (GSA) for displaying outstanding academic performance. Being a member of GSA will offer Clara exclusive access to scholarship opportunities and regional and national recognition for continued academic achievements.



Jobe Resident. Clara gets inducted into the GSA Honor Society.

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.



1955 Chevy Nomad. Winner of the car show.

Rancho San Antonio Car Show

Jobe residents attended the 40th Annual Car Show at Rancho San Antonio on May 7, 2023. Rancho San Antonio, located in Chatsworth, is an organization that supports at-risk youth. Many Jobe residents, including Maya and Alex (pictured below), volunteered at the car show by barbecuing, serving food, and assisting with clean up. After volunteering, they enjoyed some delicious barbecue and spent the rest of the afternoon checking out the hot rods, classic cars, and muscle cars on display. Jobe promotes community service and encourages residents to volunteer their time to serve and support others in the community.



Jobe Residents. Maya and Alex volunteer at the car show.

Recent Birthdays



Jobe Resident. Alex celebrates his 18th birthday.



Jobe Resident. Kevin celebrates his 20th birthday.



Jobe Resident. Emmanuel celebrates his 24th birthday.

Jobe TLP Class of 2023



Jobe Residents. Left to right: Aaron, Xina, Edwin, and Alex at the Class of 2023 Graduation Party.

In Loving Memory of Daisy



Beloved Jobe Family Member. Daisy enjoying the backyard at Jobe.

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Jobe's unofficial therapy dog, Daisy. She was an integral part of the Jobe family and greeted everyone she met with a wagging tail and lots of love. For eight years, Daisy brought joy and companionship to everyone she met. She had excellent attendance and achieved "Employee of the Month" for several months in a row. She will be deeply missed by the entire Jobe family. Rest easy, dear Daisy.