Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

We are thankful for our dedicated team members who are working every day to provide support and essential services to the residents of JOBE. The strengths of JOBE are the outstanding, dedicated staff and our resilient residents who persevere through all challenges. The dedication of the JOBE staff gave hope to the residents that they had the support to succeed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Overnight, classes were switched to online courses and college campuses were shut down. The JOBE residents immediately adapted and completed the semester mostly through Zoom. This has been especially challenging for our seniors, Edwin D. and Kevin. Both of whom graduated in May 2020. Edwin was part of a group that built a plane this semester for a required Mechanical Engineering class. Building the plane required working on weekends and evenings. Kevin majored in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminal Justice. JOBE continues to comply with all CDC and county requirements during the pandemic. Residents are adhering to the “Safe at Home” order and are wearing protective gear provided by JOBE when they do go into the community. All employees are wearing face coverings, washing their hands frequently, sanitizing common areas periodically throughout the day, and practicing social distancing. Although this is a difficult time, we are working together to do our part to keep everyone at JOBE safe and healthy during this unusual time.

Sincerely,

Keith Wieser
Program Director
Introducing our Newest Residents

Aaron is an eighteen-year-old former foster youth that joined the JOBE program in April 2020. Aaron is a very well-rounded young man with many interests. He is involved in multiple clubs on campus, speaks German, loves to cook, and is very sociable. Aaron’s goals include obtaining a driver license, enrolling in an engineering internship, and utilizing the scholarship that he was awarded to a culinary school. Aaron has been a great addition to the JOBE program.

Darryl is a twenty-four-year-old former foster youth that joined the JOBE program in May 2020. Darryl needed stable housing because he recently lost his job and housing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Darryl previously worked as a Data Analyst prior to being laid off. He is currently actively seeking employment. Darryl earned bachelor’s degree in Mathematics from Cal-State Los Angeles in 2019 and is awaiting acceptance into graduate school for Fall 2020. Darryl is talented at playing the guitar. He is also quite the thrill seeker and has gone skydiving, bungee jumping, and ziplining. Darryl’s goals include obtaining employment, continuing to build his savings, earning a master’s degree in Business Administration, and learning how to surf.

Lucky Strike!
As a kickstart to the Spring 2020 semester, JOBE residents and staff joined for a group outing. Delicious food was enjoyed during lunch at El Torito. Afterwards, the group headed to Matador Bowl for a little friendly competition. This was a first-time experience for a few of our residents, but one resident, Shalamar, showcased his hidden talent of excellent bowling skills. Who knew he could bowl so well? Overall, it was a fun day filled with laughs and quality time spent.

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