

April 17, 2024

Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: JobPath's Vital Role in our Community

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing/here today to show my support for Job Path and how critical they've been for me during my time as a Nursing (RN) student.

Before enrolling with Job Path, I struggled as a single mother of four while taking classes to satisfy the program requirements as I applied for nursing school. Financially I was struggling to pay for housing costs, food, and supporting my children as an only parent. The situation was very challenging physically, mentally, and emotionally. I knew that this degree would be the pathway for a better life for my children and me and that I would also be doing something that is in great need in my community working as a nurse in healthcare. I was committed to accomplishing this goal and Job Path was there to help facilitate my success.

There is no way I would have been successful in completing my program without Job Path. Job Path is facilitating better lives through education opportunities that serve the community and this is a win for us all including the future generations that have parents who participate.

As a Job Path student, I've received financial assistance to pay for school-required items like books and tuition as well as help to commute to school and pay for things that allow me to focus and be successful in a very demanding and challenging program like rent, and utilities. I have been encouraged and supported to succeed with workshops that teach financial literacy and gain soft skills to prepare for the workforce. Job Path has also been a community bridge to connect me to other opportunities.

The support I receive from JobPath goes above and beyond that of Interfaith community services with Single Mothers as Scholars.

If the Board of Supervisors cuts JobPath funding, I know the support I receive from them will be cut jeopardizing my success in my program. I encourage you to vote to continue funding JobPath at the same level at the very least. The future success of students just like me is at stake.

Sincerely,

Nichole Feng
Your District #

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for JobPath and its invaluable assistance throughout my journey as a Pima Community College Aviation Technology student.

I cannot overstate the significance of JobPath in enabling me to complete my studies, particularly considering the financial challenges inherent in pursuing full-time education.

As a JobPath participant, I have benefited from financial aid, career guidance, and even emotional support when needed. This comprehensive support is instrumental in nurturing a robust middle class, especially through community college programs that offer opportunities for stable, resilient careers impervious to automation.

Reducing funding for JobPath would not only jeopardize my ability to succeed in my academic program, but it would also have broader implications for the community. By cutting support for JobPath, the Board of Supervisors would be limiting access to essential resources and services that help students overcome financial barriers and achieve their educational goals.

Investing in programs like JobPath is an investment in the future of our community. By providing students with the support they need to complete their education and enter the workforce, we are contributing to the development of a skilled and knowledgeable workforce that drives economic growth and stability.

Furthermore, as a father, completing a challenging academic program like Aviation Technology not only fills me with personal pride but also secures a better future for my family. JobPath's support has been instrumental not only in furthering my education but also in ensuring the financial security of my household. By investing in programs like JobPath, the Board of Supervisors not only supports individual students but also strengthens families and communities by providing opportunities for upward mobility and stability.

Ultimately, maintaining or increasing funding for JobPath is not just about supporting individual students; it's about investing in the future prosperity of our community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Elliott Del Aguila

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