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ITEM NO. RA 9

Katrina Martinez

From: Christy Gans Pratt [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5:18 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Jobpath funding

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Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I am writing in support of increasing funding for JobPath. I am currently a JobPath participant, and JobPath is helping me finish my program! I am a nursing student who has spent years doing prerequisites because I'm also a single mom. When I finally got into the nursing program I was going to need to work part-time and that was terrifying. Jobpath has helped me keep bills paid and even helped me get the required uniforms. I could not have done it without them.

*Sincerely
Christina Pratt*

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From: Karla Aceves [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 5:56 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: JobPath Support

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Dear Pima County Supervisor,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing this email to show my gratitude and support for increasing funding for JobPath. I am currently a JobPath recipient for the nursing program at Pima Community College. Through COVID and while being unemployed, JobPath has allowed me to further my education and has guided me toward other financial resources available to me. Without JobPath, beginning my dream career of becoming an registered nurse would not be possible because I did not have the funds available to begin my courses. Once again thank you for the support you provide to JobPath and your consideration of increasing funds to help those financially struggling but are looking to expand their educational horizons like myself.

Best regards,
Karla Aceves

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From: Shelley Mutore [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:25 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Support for JobPath program

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Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I am writing to you this evening to show my support of increasing funding for the JobPath program. I was a JobPath participant several years ago, and the support they provided was very helpful to me. I earned my degree in Medical Laboratory Technology at Pima and was hired at Tucson Medical Center while still doing my student rotation. JobPath connected me to Arizona @ Work, a program that was able to pay most of my tuition and allow me to take classes without having to work at the same time. JobPath also provided me gas giftcards to help me commute to school. I had meetings with the director at the time every few weeks, during which we discussed how things were going and she offered a lot of emotional support that encouraged me to keep at it. I truly believe JobPath is helping students succeed in important careers every year! Thank you for the support you already provide to the program, which has helped so many individuals like myself. With your increased support, more students will be able to graduate and give back to the community by working in high demand jobs.

Sincerely,

Shelley Mutore

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Katrina Martinez

From: Danny Melin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 9:10 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Job Path Funding

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Pima County Supervisors,

I am writing in support of increasing funding for JobPath. I am currently a job path participant JobPath is helping me finish my program.

This last year has been very difficult. Being a nursing student during this pandemic has meant that I am putting myself and my family at a higher risk of exposure to the virus. My mother was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] awhile back, and she went without a paycheck for some weeks while she recovered. Without JobPath's support, I wouldn't have been able to afford rent or food (for myself and my family) and go to school at the same time.

JobPath has consistently supported me with tuition assistance, and gas cards that help me afford to go to clinicals at TMC and help administer shots at covid vaccination sites. Now more than ever, I'm able to see the real world impact I can make as a nurse helping my community. And without the funding that JobPath has extended to myself and fellow nursing classmates, none of it would be possible.

I ask that you please increase JobPath's funding. I know myself, and many other future RNs, need this help right now in order to help a drastically depleted healthcare industry. Allocating scholarship money during this pandemic is one of the most direct, and helpful things the Board can do to help students like myself. I truly hope you vote in favor for this program.

Sincerely,
Daniel Melin, ADN-RN Student
Pima Community College

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From: Irene aguilar [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 3:36 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I was a Job Path participant

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Dear Pima County Supervisors,
I am writing in support of increasing funding for JobPath. I was
a JobPath participant, and JobPath helped me finish my program!
The program helped me and many people during school time.
Thank you very much.

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From: Monique Peltier [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:13 AM
To: COB_mail

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Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I am writing in support of increasing funding for JobPath. I am currently a JobPath participant, and JobPath is helping me finish my program! I am currently in my 3rd semester of the RN program and will be graduating in December 2021 and hope to go on for my BSN. JobPath has helped me by supplying gas cards for me, when I can't put gas in my car to get to and from clinicals and even work, they have also helped with bills that come up that left me having to decide what ones am I going to pay and what ones am I going to let go for a little. JobPath is also a support system and they help me through difficult times and let me leave my worries with them. With having to go down to only working 24hrs a week, while going to school full time and being a single mother, it's been hard and an adjustment that I had to make and I know it's for the best but it is hard and JobPath has been there for me.

Sincerely,
Monique Peltier

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Bernadette Russell

From: Catherine Merrill [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 8:57 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: JobPath Support

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I am honored to serve as the President for the JobPath Board of Directors. I became aware of the organization when I was asked to give a presentation about my career to some high school students as part of the outreach program for NASA'S OSIRIS-REx mission. Following that presentation, I realized one of my co-workers was active on the Board of Directors and I started to learn more about the organization. I chose to increase my involvement because I, like many of the Directors, agreed with the mission of the organization. We say that we change paths and change lives. I have witnessed that in my time with the organization.

I want to remind you of some of the statistics of the program. JobPath has a strong reputation in our community with outcomes that make a difference for entire families. Prior to the Pandemic, in 2019, 90% of JobPath students were graduated from their programs of study. 85% of the graduates got a job in their field within 6 months of graduating. Those students saw an increase in their annual salaries of \$42,200. In 2020, during the Pandemic, JobPath was identified by Pima County to help distribute CARES Act Funds to those who were impacted by the pandemic. The nearly \$750,000 provided by CARES stabilized the lives of students and the community by ensuring that rents were paid, ebooks and distance learning technology was available, and that the students could continue their courses of study. As many of our students are getting their education in 'essential' fields, the progress of the students was vital for the community's health and stability.

We are now asking for an increase in funding this year to \$1.75M in hopes that we can continue the work this community needs.

I personally have known that everyone needs a little help from time to time. I received scholarships and support that enabled my education and career. Our students find us because they are actively working to better themselves and need assistance navigating through the academic and professional worlds. Our program gives financial support while also creating communities of people to form study groups, mentorship, and personally tailored guidance to overcome the barriers to completing education. This program has yielded dividends in the past, but it has been COVID that exposed all Americans to how fragile stability can be. The students that complete our program have worked their way off of public assistance to provide for themselves, their families and serve as examples to their communities that success and stability is possible.

Coming out of COVID, JobPath has been asked to expand our program in terms of services offered and the number of participants we serve. The funding that we are requesting will enable that growth that is so vital to the community. Your support will enable JobPath's ongoing project to create economic opportunities for women and parents displaced from the workforce because of COVID-19. This project will lead to sustainable careers that bolster the economic recovery in Pima County, AZ.

I ask for your support and thank you for your consideration.

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