

2016 Graduation Edition



We are very proud and privileged to announce that 12 of our former foster youth graduated in the past year.

- 7 students are University Graduates, with 3 of them entering graduate programs.
- 2 students graduated from Community College and transferred into Universities.
- 1 student earned her high school diploma and will start community college in the fall
- 1 student completed his welding certification program
- 1 student earned her Master Degree in Public Administration.

This is an amazing accomplishment, which we celebrated at Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena on July 9th. More than 50 program participants and guests attended the graduation event. The 12 graduates were invited to the stage to say a few words about their huge accomplishments. Their speeches were heartfelt and reminded us of the importance of the work and dedication that it takes to accomplish such a significant goal.

Graduation is an amazing accomplishment for these

young adults. Statistically, less than 50% of foster youth graduate high school. Only 10% attend college and less than 3% graduate from college. With support from the team at Journey House, each of these students showed the strength to beat the odds and complete their education.

The team at Journey House is incredibly proud of each and every one of these graduates. Some received financial assistance from Journey House for tuition, book purchases, rental assistance, and other expenses to cover the costs of attending college. More importantly, they all receive emotional support and were able to find a sense of family and belonging at Journey House. They call and vent about their frustrations with teachers and assignments, roommates, and relationships. They come to Journey House because they find comfort and sense of home that most have never had.

We are proud to be a part of the lives of each of these graduates. With your continued support, we will be able to help many more former foster youth complete their education and make a successful transition to being a productive and valuable members of the community.

Special Thanks

We particularly want to thank Lake Avenue Church, especially Claire Wiggins and Maya Macedo-Nolen of their Community Outreach Ministry, for the use of their meeting room. Their generosity gave us a very comfortable and private place to host a graduation party. Thank you

We also thank Miguel Torres for videotaping the event and taping individual interviews with each graduate. You can see the video on our website JourneyHouseYouth.org

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2016



Olivia

Bachelor Degree in Kinesiology from Cal Baptist University
Applying to Graduate School for
Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy



Evelyn

Associate Degree for Transfer in Sociology from East Los Angeles College
Attending UC Santa Cruz as double major in
Sociology and Gender Studies, 2018



Zarkhi

Bachelor Degree in Music Industry from
University of Southern California
Started own Graphic Design and Marketing Business



Judeana

Master's Degree in Public Administration from
Cal State University Los Angeles
Employed at the office of the Los Angeles County CEO, Sachi Hamai.



CONGRATULATION TO OUR GRADUATES



Jessie

Welding Certification from Los Angeles Trade Technical College
Employed at the office of
Department of Children and Family Services



Miani

Bachelor Degree from Syracuse University.
Attending David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA, 2020



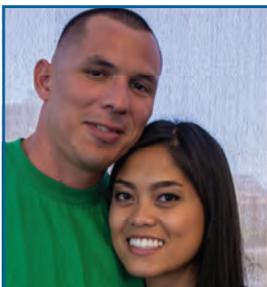
Lucero

Bachelor Degree Sociology from University of Southern California.
Attending USC School of Social work to earn her
Master's in Social Work, 2018



Victor

Associate of Arts Degree for transfer from Pasadena City College
Attending Cal State University Dominguez Hills
majoring in Psychology.



GRADUATES UNABLE TO ATTEND



Terra

Bachelor Degree in
Biochemical Engineering UCLA
Attending Grad School at
UC San Diego Class of 2020



Ana Laura

High School Diploma from
Learning Works High School
Pasadena



John Chang

Bachelor Degree in
Neuroscience
UCLA

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 2, 2016

Journey House is having another dinner fundraiser. As last year, the program will be orchestrated by our former foster youth participants. Each table will again include 2 youth, so guests can discover, in a very personal way, what life is like as a foster child – now as an adult.



We will also duplicate our successful silent auction. Please feel free to donate something to this auction. New this year – a cash prize raffle to help support college expenses. Invitations will be mailed in early October.

For more information, please call 626-798-9478

Journey House Endowment

Our endowment, managed by the Pasadena Community Foundation, is in its second year and is growing every so nicely. The purpose of the Endowment is to provide a permanent source of financial support for our future college and vocational students. The need to support young emancipated foster youth will be never end. To contribute to this worthy endowment, please send check to Journey House with "Endowment" written on the subject line.

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Mission Statement

Journey House supports former foster and probation youth to live fully independent, successful lives. Founded in 1983, Journey House provides emotional support and guidance, as well as financial aid to help them with the cost of attending college and vocational schools.