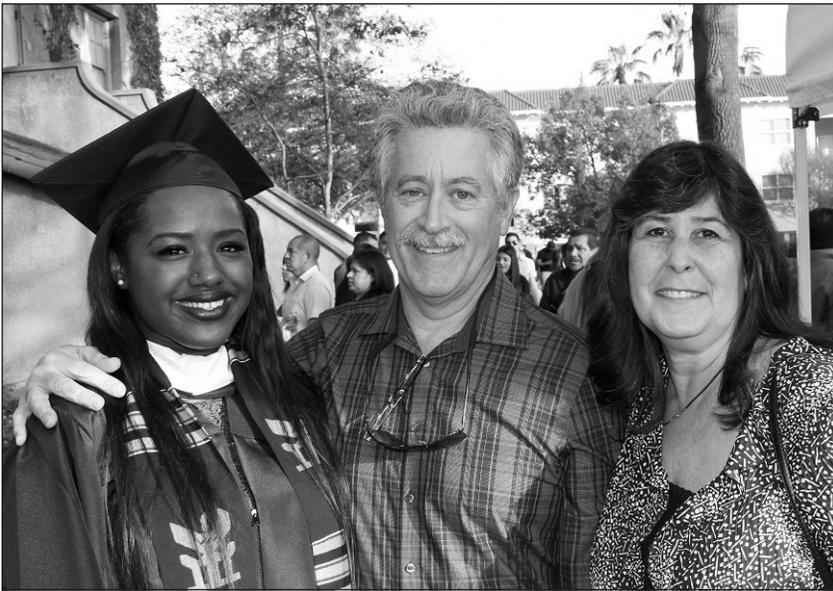


Domonique Graduates



Domonique with "Adopt-A-Student" donors, Tom and Debra Schweiner

In February 2014, I received my Bachelor's Degree in Speech Communication from the University of La Verne. Journey House staff helped me apply and finance my stay at ULV after I graduated from Pasadena City College. Though I have experienced many challenging and unexpected hardships in my life, I have always stayed positive about pursuing my goals for a brighter future.

The University of La Verne gave me the experience of real independence and higher learning with support from professors who actually care about their students. I struggled with money and had to advocate for myself to live on campus.

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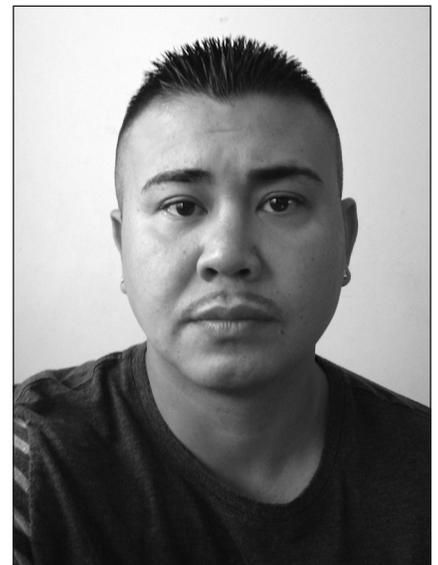
Tim's Note:

As Domonique leaves the University of La Verne, Christopher enters as a Freshman. It took him a while to see the value of a formal education, but after years of struggling from one job to another, it dawned on him that any future advancement will depend on him obtaining a higher degree. Because he remained in contact with Journey House after his emancipation, it was easy for him to ask for assistance in getting back into the education scene, and it is our joy and honor to assist him.

IN CHRIS' OWN WORDS:

I've been an at-risk youth since the age of 11. It all started out relatively petty; me doing whatever I wanted to do, running wild and neglecting my school work. Eventually I got into serious trouble and was taken away from my family. I found myself going from one hopeless group home to another until I came to Journey House at age 16. While at Journey House I finally found a mentor and teacher who would challenge me to dream and persevere. I've always been very intelligent and cognitive since a very early age. My father is an electrical engineer who challenged me to always apply myself. I lived at Journey House for two years where, once again, I was challenged to apply myself and set goals. However at the time, girls were more important to me and I got involved with a steady girlfriend and didn't focus on too much else after that. I joined the work force at the age of 18, and ever since then I've always scraped by and struggled financially.

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Christopher Continued The main reason for this hardship was that I did not have a marketable education and degree. So, fast forwarding, I am now 29 years old, working two full-time jobs and barely making ends meet. I finally figured out that now is the time to finish my college education. I've been contemplating going back to school for some time but never took the initiative to apply. I am happy to say that I have finally made that commitment. I am so lucky to be admitted into the University of La Verne's business administration program starting in August 2014. This was all really just a dream and a hope at first, but without the help, guidance, encouragement, and support of Journey House, none of this would have become a reality. In a way it's pretty scary leaving work, where I am very comfortable (but not happy with what I am doing) to having no income and living off a meal ticket. But this is my journey and it's taken me a long time to understand that this is something that I must do because I truly believe that failure is not an option for me. ---- Christopher



Domonique Continued

I worked three jobs while being a full-time student. In retrospect, the life-long friendships and relationships that I made with classmates, my involvement in the Black Student Union, and with others at ULV made it all worthwhile. The University of La Verne is a remarkable school which I'm so privileged to be a part of. Some of my most memorable moments that I will carry with me forever were the intellectual conversations I had with students and professors at dinner every Wednesday evening. I will also forever remember the other meals I had with classmates, even though they were not always as intellectually stimulating. I sacrificed my time, some relationships, and my beauty-sleep, but I know that it was all worth it.

Now, I move forward and want to start my career and help people who struggle with their own life consequences, just like Journey House has helped me. A contact I made through Journey House has culminated in a job for me at Wells Fargo Bank. ----- Domonique

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Spencer won 5th place in the national speech tournament by presenting a persuasive essay at Eastern Michigan University. He will be graduating with his Bachelor Degree in Communications and Mathematics in 2015.
- Laura is graduating from Muir High School with her high school diploma in May 2014.
- Crystal continues to succeed at SFSU as a senior. She is currently working for a domestic violence shelter and will complete her Bachelor degree in 2015.
- Rudy recently wrote us from state prison saying that he has two years to go but continues to get in trouble for using cell phones.
- Daniel was hired at Flintridge Center in Pasadena as an outreach coordinator and is helping us get other Journey House clients into a union apprenticeship program.
- Martin and Evelyn are in the final process of getting their citizenship.
- Chas returned to Journey House after leaving the Marine Corps. and continues to request services.

Meet Jasmine



In March, we received a call from the office of L.A County Supervisor Michael Antonovich. Mr. Antonovich is a long time Journey House supporter. The purpose of the call was to refer a 21 year old former foster youth, Jasmine, to our program. She currently works at the L.A. County office of Health Services.

She was eight months pregnant when we met her and is now a proud mother of a bouncing baby girl. Jasmine is highly motivated to return to school and continue her dream of becoming a nurse. She is yet another foster youth who fell through the cracks of the foster care system after her emancipation. She never received after-care supportive services from the L.A. County Independent Living Program, even though she is eligible for those benefits. Now that she is in our program she will be receiving supportive services (furniture, clothing, children's toys, groceries, government assistance, etc.). But more importantly, she now has emotional support for herself and her

two children and a place to rely on for assistance. Jasmine never met her biological family, yet shows us that she is determined to overcome adversity and be successful in life. We are delighted that Antonovich's office called us.

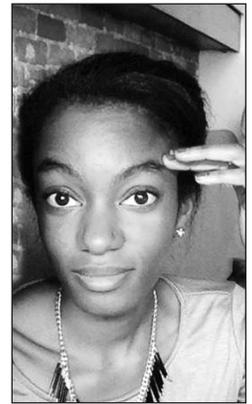


Non-profit collaboration has become a key element of being able to continue providing services for our youth.

Recently, Events for a Purpose hosted and coordinated a "Black and White: event that benefited 3 local non-profit agencies including Journey House.

We want to extend our gratitude to Stephanie (pictured right), for pioneering a single event that benefits more than one non-profit agency and brings people from all walks of life together to celebrate the work that is being done in our communities.

For more information about Events for a Purpose, email: stephanie@efapusa.org

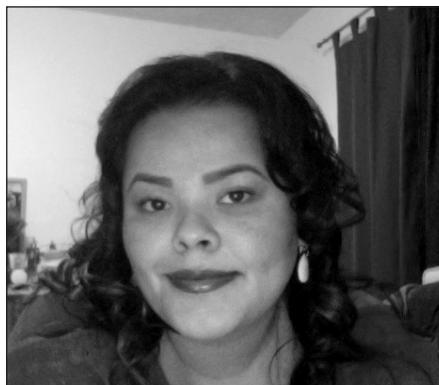


Watch out Saint Mary's College of California, Here I Come!

Hi my name is Selenia. I am so thrilled to be accepted to Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga. I will be transferring to SMC as a Junior since I completed two years at Pasadena City College and Mission College. Attending a university and earning a Bachelor's Degree has been a life-long dream of mine. While in the foster care system, I never imagined that I would have this opportunity. Now I need to find out how to pay for college.

Journey House has been a great supporter of my education and has bought me books and even paid for some of my bills and meals when I just haven't been able to do it on my own. I know that Journey House will continue to help me find scholarships that will fund my education,

and through their "Adopt-A-Student" program, I am hoping to be able to continue on my academic journey with a bit more financial support.



I currently live in the San Fernando Valley on my own, work full-time and go to school full-time, and I maintain a 3.5 grade point average. It has been very difficult to maintain myself at times, but I am committed to my education and dedicated to succeed. I really want to continue my higher education and focus full time on school. With

your support of Journey House, you will be helping me complete my dream of earning my Bachelor's Degree at Saint Mary's College.

----Selenia

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The Pasadena Business Network Mixer, the Rotary Club of Pasadena, the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Yelp.com, and Fandom Charities all hosted special events that benefited Journey House.

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