

# New Way Senior Newsletter

February 24, 2017

## MRS. MORGAN'S CORE

Mrs. Morgan's homeroom continues to work hard in their CPD150 class at PVCC. Every week the students collaborate with each other and with their class peers as they work to learn the material, complete assignments, and prepare for quizzes. Most recently they have been focusing on study skills and tips for college success. This week they are also exploring mindfulness and meditation. Next week on New Way's campus the students will continue in their financial literacy lessons as they learn about the differences between credit and debit cards and how they work.

## MRS. KEATHLEY'S CORE

As week six of Rio Salado wraps up tomorrow, students are almost half way through their fourteen week online courses. Math students have steadily progressed through weekly homework and exams; they will tackle their midterms this coming week. English students have diligently worked through various reading and writing assignments while strengthening their written expression and collegiate reading skills. Looking ahead to Spring Break, Rio Salado curriculum will not pause for our school holiday. Students will still be required to complete all of Week 9's assignments. If students' travel plans will prevent them from focused Rio Salado worktime and access to a computer, we encourage students to work ahead and commit outside time to prepare for this holiday. Some classes offer extended deadlines, students will need to communicate with their Rio Salado teacher as soon as possible if they wish to utilize this support.

## TRANSITION WORKSHOPS

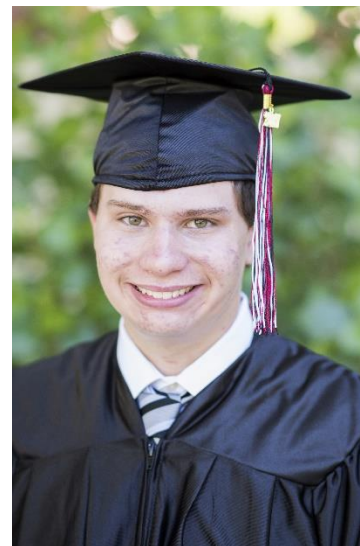
On Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, New Way Academy will welcome the President of [Independent Living Experience](#) (ILE) to campus as she presents our March Transition Workshop in the New Way Library from 5:30 to 6:30pm. ILE is a customized support service agency for individuals who desire a life of independence. They have offices all over the country and we are fortunate enough to have an ILE office here in Phoenix, Arizona. The ILE team collaborates with students and families to develop and maintain skills in a variety of areas: personally meaningful employment, stable living environment, financial security, safe and balanced relationships, active and predictable social life, and healthy lifestyle. ILE offers both counseling supports and on the job training. We encourage all senior families to attend this special presentation.

## TRANSITION BLOG

New Way's Transition [Website](#) is frequently updated with community events, workshops, and opportunities. We encourage you to visit this website as a valuable resource. Most recently, we have posted about summer [programs](#). Should you come across any valuable information you would like to share, please email it to [keathley@newwayacademy.org](mailto:keathley@newwayacademy.org) and we would be more than happy to post it for other families to view.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The transition team is so excited to celebrate Zachary Brown as our February student of the month! Zachary embarked on a new adventure with his classmates this semester as he enrolled in the CPD150 course at Paradise Valley Community College. Throughout this course Zachary has been an excellent role model to his classmates as he practices self-advocacy with his college instructor and refines his writing and study skills. We are also proud of Zachary's personal achievement of passing the driver's permit exam. He shares that he practices driving with his dad every week and is looking forward to driving on the open road very soon. Furthermore, Zachary challenged his fear of heights during the high school's PALI trip when he attempted and successfully completed one of the high ropes course elements. All of these examples show Zachary's amazing growth and perseverance these past few months. Way to go Zachary, we are SO proud of you!



## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 13-17** | Spring Break  
**March 29** | Transition Workshop: Independent Living Experience  
**April 14** | April Recess – No School  
**April 12** | Transition Workshop: Post-Secondary Accommodations  
**May 18** | Senior Dinner  
**May 17** | Senior Field Day  
**May 25** | Graduation