

# THE NEED FACING SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES IN NORTHWEST ARKANSAS IS GROWING AT A PACE WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

The total amount of scholarship funding awarded for the 2026 Summer session increased by 61% compared to the 2025 Summer session. At the same time, credentialing and workforce development scholarship funding increased by 62%, as more single parents pursued fast-track training programs that led directly to stable careers and higher wages.

Behind every number is a parent working late shifts, studying after their children go to bed, and fighting to create a better future for their family. They are carrying so much already. Continued support from our community helps ensure they do not have to carry it alone.

## Today, we urgently need your support.

Without additional donor investment, we risk being unable to meet the current demand for scholarships and supportive services that help single parents stay in school and complete their education.



Your gift is more than financial support. It is tuition paid, childcare covered, gas in the tank, and hope for parents working toward financial stability.

Your donation today helps ensure we can say "yes" to the next deserving applicant. Please consider giving now so we can continue to show up for the people who need us most.

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*Franklin Romke*

## DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS BRUNCH

On Saturday, April 4th, SPSFNWA proudly hosted the annual Distinguished Scholars Brunch, an inspiring celebration of academic achievement, perseverance, and the power of community support. The event honored outstanding students in our program as they received scholarships recognizing their hard work, determination, and commitment to building brighter futures for their families.



Jac Shaddox

The brunch also celebrated the incredible generosity of the families, individuals, and businesses whose support makes these life-changing scholarships possible. Donors had the meaningful opportunity to meet their scholarship recipients, hear their stories, and see firsthand the impact of their investment in education and opportunity.

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One of the most powerful moments of the morning came from current recipient Jac Shaddox, whose moving keynote address shared her journey as a single parent pursuing law school. Her story of resilience, determination, and hope left attendees inspired and reminded everyone in the room why supporting single-parent families through higher education matters so deeply.



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# BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA is deeply committed to empowering single parents through the transformative power of education. As our organization continues to grow and serve more families across Northwest Arkansas, we are excited to share our vision for the Building for Success Capital Campaign. This future campus will provide a welcoming, supportive environment where single parents can pursue their educational goals, access critical resources, and build lasting stability for themselves and their children.

Thanks to an extraordinary \$1.5 million lead gift from the Willard and Pat Walker Charitable Foundation, our future home will be named the Pat Walker Center for Success, home of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of NWA. This remarkable



investment honors Pat Walker's legacy of generosity and belief in the power of education while bringing us closer to creating a permanent, purpose-built space dedicated to supporting single-parent families.

Because of the unwavering support of our community, single parents are able to pursue degrees, strengthen their financial futures, and create new opportunities for their families. You understand the determination and sacrifice it takes for single parents to achieve their dreams, and your generosity helps make those dreams possible.

The new campus will serve as a place of encouragement, opportunity, and hope, helping create lasting stability and brighter futures for generations to come. We invite you to join us in making this historic vision a reality for the families who are shaping the future of Northwest Arkansas.

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## HELP FILL OUR PANTRY AND SUPPORT SPSFNWA FAMILIES

Keeping our Dry Pantry stocked means our recipients have access to important everyday essentials while pursuing their education.

Want to help? Simply scan the QR code to shop our online wish list. Your selected items will be delivered straight to the SPSFNWA office, making it easier than ever to give back.

Every donation helps lighten the load for the families we serve.



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- Cleaning Supplies
- Toothbrushes



Shannon Campbell, COO & Frankie Rankin, CEO

SPSFNWA was awarded the 2026 Community Partner Gold Medal Award as part of the University of Arkansas State and National Awards Reception.

# GRADUATION CELEBRATION

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, SPSFNWA proudly hosted our annual Graduation Celebration honoring 91 graduates from the Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026 semesters. The evening was a powerful celebration of perseverance, sacrifice, and the incredible determination of single parents who have worked tirelessly to achieve their educational goals while caring for their families. We are grateful for our Graduation Celebration Sponsor, Christine Lebert.

Surrounded by supporters, loved ones, and the SPSFNWA community, graduates were recognized for reaching this life-changing milestone and for the lasting example they are setting for their children. The event provided graduates with complimentary professional headshots, individual graduation portraits, and family photos, capturing moments of pride, joy, and accomplishment that will be treasured for years to come.

Donors, board members, community ambassadors, and SPSFNWA staff and alumni gathered alongside graduates to celebrate their achievements, offer encouragement, and reflect on the resilience it took to reach this moment. The room was filled with emotion, gratitude, and hope as graduates prepared to step into the next chapter of their journeys with confidence and for the new opportunities ahead.

Each graduate's story is a reminder that education has the power to transform not only one life, but entire families for generations to come.



## CONGRATULATIONS FALL 2025, SPRING 2026, AND SUMMER 2026 GRADUATES

### FALL 2025

**Amber Earley**  
University of Arkansas  
**Ashley Berry**  
Petra Allied Health  
**Autumn Crow**  
Arkansas State University  
**Brenda Rios**  
University of Arkansas  
Global Campus  
**Chelsea Plascencia**  
University of Arkansas  
Fort Smith

**Courtney Davidson**  
North Arkansas College  
**Erykah Cowley**  
Petra Allied Health  
**Jesy Melgar Ramos**  
Petra Allied Health  
**Jazmin Harmon**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Joshua Hoffman**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Kathleen Fahey**  
University of Arkansas

**Kaylyn Parker**  
Petra Allied Health  
**Kimberly Acuff**  
University of Arkansas  
Little Rock  
**Kimberly Crabtree**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Lacy Durham**  
University of Arkansas  
Little Rock  
**Laura Parsons**  
John Brown University

**Meghan Alexander**  
Northwest Technical  
Institute (NWTI)  
**Liz Hamilton**  
Franklin University  
**Melanie Law**  
Arkansas State University  
**Michelle Harrison**  
John Brown University  
**Sara Vidal**  
University of Arkansas

### SUMMER 2026

**Amanda Hernandez**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Breana Hornback**  
Petra Allied Health  
**Courtney Samson**  
University of Arkansas  
**Darlyne Ward**  
Paul Mitchell the School  
**Elizabeth Jeffries**  
Career Academy of Hair Design  
**Erin Shields**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Griselda Duran**  
Petra Allied Health  
**JaQuayla Hill**  
Northwest Technical  
Institute (NWTI)  
**Jasmine Pugh**  
Petra Allied Health  
**Jeniffer Barrientos**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Kassy Davis**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Landree Cunningham**  
Career Academy of Hair Design  
**Maylene Snyder**  
Northwest Technical  
Institute (NWTI)  
**Mayra Lopez**  
Petra Allied Health  
**Mikayla McNeese**  
Northwest Technical  
Institute (NWTI)  
**Shyanne Romine**  
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Institute (NWTI)  
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Petra Allied Health  
**Tia Wilson**  
Crowder College

### SPRING 2026

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Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
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Crowder College  
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Community College  
**Amie Renard**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Andi Stoller**  
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Community College  
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Petra Allied Health  
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Community College  
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University of Arkansas  
**Chelsea Kendrick**  
University of Arkansas  
**Claudia Cardosa**  
Petra Allied Health  
**Courtney King**  
University of Arkansas  
**Crystal Branch**  
University of Arkansas

**Desiree Demchak**  
University of Arkansas  
**Ebony Castro**  
University of Arkansas  
**Elise Edrington**  
University of Arkansas  
**Emily Michael**  
University of Arkansas  
**Grace Peppers**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Haidyn Wolf**  
Northwest Arkansas  
Community College  
**Heather Hannah**  
Crowder College  
**Hope Mitchell**  
Arkansas State University  
**Jamie Mauck**  
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Career Academy of  
Hair Design  
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Walden University  
**Joni Thompson**  
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Medical Sciences  
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University of Arkansas  
**Katherine Loyola**  
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Petra Allied Health  
**Lisa Luhrs**  
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**Lizbeth Blanco**  
University of Arkansas  
**Lynn Le**  
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Petra Allied Health  
**Marisol Montelongo**  
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Community College  
**Marquita Payne**  
Crowder College  
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