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ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

*Jeffco Prosperity Partners
& Head Start Families*

Welcome

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Jefferson County Human Services Executive Director

Keynote Speakers

Lesley Dahlkemper

Jefferson County Commissioner

Brittany Pettersen

U.S. Representative (CO-07)

Tara Peña

Jefferson County Public Schools Chief of Family, School & Community Partnerships

Jessica Hansen

Jeffco Prosperity Partners & Power of Partnership Director

Ambrosia Williamceau

Jeffco Prosperity Partners Graduate

Charlotte Williams

Jeffco Prosperity Partners Graduate

Maria Abeyta

Jeffco Prosperity Partners Graduate

Award Ceremony

Cristal Hernandez-Cruz

Suzanne Godbey

Zoe Colvin

Jeffco Prosperity Partners Family Coaches

Dinner & Activities

Outdoor family fun and BBQ

Event
PROGRAM



WELCOME

to our celebration



Thank you for joining us and a very special congratulations to the exceptional individuals we are celebrating this evening. This ceremony is a testament to your unwavering determination, resilience, and hard work that has brought you to this point.

Tonight, we honor each step taken on your journey toward prosperity. We recognize the strength it took to overcome obstacles that seemed insurmountable, moments of self-doubt, and the challenges that tested your resolve.

Your achievements extend beyond personal milestones. You have set a powerful example for your children, showing them the value of hard work and perseverance.

You have inspired your peers with your tenacity and resilience. And you have enriched the JPP community with your stories of success and transformation.

As you move forward on your path, embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead with the same courage and determination that brought you here.

Continue to set ambitious goals, continue to strive for excellence, and continue to be your best selves. Dream big, work hard, and never lose sight of the incredible potential within you.

Congratulations to each and every one of you. We are immensely proud of your achievements and excited to see the remarkable futures you will create. Your story is just beginning, and we cannot wait to see the impact you will continue to make on the world.

"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."

— Ruth Bader Ginsburg

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Toward Honorees

All honorees are celebrated for taking steps toward self-sufficiency and prosperity.

The Academic Achievement Award honors individuals who exemplify the extraordinary determination required to overcome adversity and barriers to self-sufficiency. Honorees are celebrated for achievements in academics through gaining new skills, moving toward academic milestones, completing professional and educational certifications, and earning degrees.

Completing academic milestones allows for future career planning and goals. Through these achievements, individuals are making advancements in their lives to be successful and prosperous.

Academic Achievement honors include Working Toward Academic Goals and Achieved Academic Goals.

"Education is one thing no one can take away from you."

-Elin Nordegren

Working Toward

ACADEMIC GOAL

Adriana Mead, Working Toward Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Degree

Amanda Sailer, Working Toward Associate's Degree in Integrative Health

Ambrosia Williamceau, Working Toward Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology

Ashleigh Krasnisky, Working Toward Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education

Ashley Vigil, Working Toward Veterinary Degree

Beatriz Gonzalez, Working Toward GED and ESL Program

Gaby Gonzalez, Working Toward Associate's Degree in Social Work

Heather Buss, Working Toward Bachelor's Degree in Counseling

Jennifer Cleveland, Working Toward Master's Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Jessica Davis, Working Toward Bachelor's Degree in Business Management

Kapri DeCordova, Working Toward Wellness Certificate

Kyla Serna, Working Toward Associate's Degree in Applied Science for Medical Assistant

Laura Garcia Jimenez, Working Toward GIS Certificate

Lisa Cothran, Working Toward Medical Office Administration and Human Resources Certification

Maria Abeyta, Working Toward Real Estate License

Michelle Amaya, Working Toward Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Certificate

Nathaniel Brady, Working Toward CDL Program



Olga Pozo Salinas de Alizo, Working Toward ESL Program and Integrated Management Systems Certification

Priscila Ynez Cortes, Working Toward ESL Programs and Nutrition Certification

Raquel Romero, Working Toward Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education and Licensure

Roxanne Fimbres, Working Toward High School Diploma

Sergio Guzman, Working Toward Bachelor's Degree in Business Management

Solangel Ramos, Working Toward Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership

Stephanie Vargas, Working Toward Cosmetology and Esthetician License

Stevie Vigil, Working Toward Phlebotomy Certification

Sydnee Duckworth, Working Toward GED

Yareli Hernandez Desello, Working Toward Medicine and Health Care High School Summer Program at Duke University

Yessica Vazquez, Working Toward Cake Decorating/Culinary Certification

Achieved ACADEMIC GOAL



Aida Antelo, Completed Drivers License Test

Alex Martinez, Completed OSHA Certificate

Alyssa Fimbres, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

Amanda Davis, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

Amy Minney, Completed Qualified Medication Administration Person (QMAP) Certificate

Carlos Covers, Completed Cybersecurity Certificate from the University of Denver

Christina White, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

DeShawn Brown, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

Fiona Malone, Completed High School Diploma

Griselda Hernandez, Completed Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration from Pima Medical Institute

Jacqueline Rodriguez, Completed Esthetician Certificate

Janae Trujillo, Completed Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Certificate

Julia Rodriguez, Completed Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

Kylee Harrington, Completed Billing and Coding Certificate from Red Rocks Community College

Laura Garcia Jimenez, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

Lesly Dewoody, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

Nathanial Brady, Completed Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Permit

Olga Pozo Salinas de Alizo, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

Patience Hutchcraft, Completed Bookkeeping Certificate from Cross Purpose

Raquel Romero, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

Rochelle Ortiz-Talavera, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

Sarah Tallbird, Completed Integrative Health Professions Degree in Energy Medicine from Red Rocks Community College

Shavalene Tenorio, Completed Dental Assisting Certificate from Denver Dental Assisting School

Sunny Greer, Completed Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate in Early Education from Red Rocks Community College

Taylor Bailey, Completed Esthetician Certification from Emily Griffith Technical College

Tresann Waites, Completed Sterile Processing Certificate and Passed CRSC Board Exam





Award Honorees

EMPLOYMENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Employment Achievement Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate extraordinary determination, perseverance, motivation, and hard work. Honorees are celebrated for achievement in employment through entering the workforce, obtaining more stable employment, advancing in careers, and achieving job promotions or increased wages. Honorees have worked hard to progress toward their dreams and take continued steps toward success.

Ada Maldonado
Aholibama (Oli) Hinojos
Aida Antelo
Alex Martinez
Alia Vasquez
Amanda Davis
Amber Stokes
Ashleigh Krasnisky
Audrey Smallcanyon
Beatriz Gonzalez
Brittany Whiteley
Camilo Jimenez Gomez
Carlos Covers
Christine Eze
Cierra Nusbaum
David Golosky

DeAnna Gallegos
DeShawn Brown
Elaine Jimenez
Felisha Martinez
Gabriela Loreda
Heather Behr
Heather Buss
Jacqueline Rodriguez
Josh Koch
Kacee Line
Kaitlyn Christner
Kamella Ritchie
Kapri DeCordova
Kayla Nakata
Kylee Harrington
Laura Garcia Jimenez

Lerissa Lopez
Lesly Dewoody
Lisa Cothran
Mariah Torres
Melissa Stokes
Michelle Amaya
Nathan Staley
Olga Pozo Salinas de Alizo
Patience Hutchcraft
Raquel Romero
Rochelle Ortiz-Talavera
Shavalene Tenorio
Solangel Ramos
Sunny Greer
Taylor Bailey

"If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one."

- Dolly Parton

ECONOMIC STABILITY

ACHIEVEMENT

toward honorees

The Economic Stability Achievement Award, inaugurated in 2019, celebrates individuals who embody the motivation, hard work, and achievement necessary to overcome barriers on their journey to economic security.

Honorees are celebrated for moving toward economic stability and experiencing gains through credit repair, debt reduction, completing finance courses, housing stability, home ownership, and financial empowerment. Honorees have worked to advance their knowledge and are dedicated to making decisions that benefit their future.

Aly Medrano	Haley McFadden
Aida Antelo	Janae Trujillo
Ambrosia Williamceau	Jessica Mekuto
Beatriz Gonzalez	Kamella Ritchie
Britnay Kirkland	Mallory Matulik
Charlotte Williams	Melissa Stokes
Ditza Perez Hernandez	Raquel Romero
Erica Porter	

2024 New Home Owners

Amanda & Chris Nimerfroh
Brittany Whiteley & Nathan Staley
Maria Abeyta

"No matter who you are, no matter what you did, no matter where you've come from, you can always change, become a better version of yourself."

—Madonna

Jeffco Prosperity Partners GRADUATES

The Jeffco Prosperity Partners Graduate Award honors the incredible families and individuals who have flourished and are thriving in all JPP program areas. This prestigious award celebrates the highest level of accomplishment, achieved through dedication and perseverance.

Becoming a JPP graduate is no easy feat. Reaching this pinnacle of success represents the resilience, hard work, and transformative journey of each honoree.

These graduates have embraced every challenge and opportunity, emerging stronger and more empowered.

In their pursuit of excellence, our graduates have also shown an extraordinary commitment to being the best parents and caregivers by creating a legacy of hope and opportunity for their children.

Our graduates' stories inspire us all with their commitment to personal growth, their pursuit of dreams, and their ability to overcome obstacles.

"All dreams are within reach. All you have to do is keep moving towards them."

— Viola Davis

GRADUATES

Together Prosperity Partners

Ambrosia Williamceau

Ambrosia is a devoted mother of two wonderful children, a loving wife, a veteran, and a cherished member of the JPP community. She joined JPP in 2022 with aspirations to create a better life for her family, focusing on paying down debt, improving mental health, and advancing her education. Today, Ambrosia graduates from JPP debt-free and well on her way to earning her bachelor's degree.

Ambrosia's hard work has paid off in numerous ways. She and her husband, Leo, are both enrolled at Metropolitan State University of Denver, working toward their bachelor's degrees in Information Technology. They have significantly improved their financial stability by increasing their savings and credit scores.

Ambrosia has set a powerful example for her children, showing them the value of hard work and how perseverance can turn hopes and dreams into reality. Although she has crossed the finish line at JPP, she will continue to strive for success with future goals of maintaining financial wellness, completing her degree, and being an amazing mama to her two children.





GRADUATES

JPP Prosperity Partners

Charlotte Williams

Charlotte is a determined mother to twins whose path to success exemplifies the power of perseverance, community support, and personal growth. Since joining JPP in 2019, Charlotte has achieved significant milestones in financial security, her career of caring for others, and debt reduction, all of which have greatly improved her family's life. Today, she graduates from JPP with a community behind her, valuable financial skills, a meaningful career, and a new home with a yard.

Charlotte attributes much of her success to the learning opportunities and community support offered by JPP. Her pride in her career and the substantial reduction of her debt are testaments to her hard work and dedication. Charlotte served as a leader on the JPP Family Advisory Board, where she helped guide and develop programming that enhanced services for the JPP community. Over the years, Charlotte has used her voice and experiences to provide meaningful feedback to policy leaders and service providers. The small groups and family-oriented community have been instrumental in her development, offering valuable insights, encouragement, and a sense of belonging.

Charlotte's story inspires everyone in the JPP community, encouraging them to pursue their dreams with determination and support. She continues to advance in her career and work towards becoming debt-free, building a better future for her family.



GRADUATES

Jeffers Prosperity Partners

Maria Abeyta

Maria is a doting mother of three incredible sons with a little girl on the way, a loving wife, and an inspiring member of the JPP community. When Maria joined JPP in 2019, she had a clear vision for her future: to pay down debt, continue her education, and launch her childcare business. Today, Maria graduates from JPP as a proud homeowner with a thriving childcare business and a bright future ahead.

Maria has gained the self-confidence to achieve major milestones, such as mastering business accounting, which has enabled her to become self-sufficient and significantly increase her income. Her relentless drive and determination have been a constant source of inspiration to those around her.

Although her time with JPP has come to an end, Maria's journey is far from over. Maria believes in giving back to the community just as the community has supported her. Her future goals include paying off her mortgage early and pursuing a real estate license to invest in properties and provide low-income housing for families in need. She also looks forward to traveling with her children and is excited to welcome their baby girl later this year.

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

-Helen Keller

THANK YOU

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We extend our deepest gratitude to the City of Arvada for their generous sponsorship to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our community members. Your support not only made this event possible but also reinforced the importance of community support in fostering growth and success.

...and to our valued funders



Your belief in our work not only uplifts those we serve but also inspires hope and encouragement for all those on their journey toward prosperity. Your support has highlighted the strength and resilience of our community, inspiring all of us to strive for our best selves. Thank you for being a valued partner in creating positive change in our community. Your generosity and community spirit are deeply appreciated by everyone at Jeffco Prosperity Partners and Head Start.



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when you know better, do better."*

- Maya Angelou