

Celebrating Success and Transforming Lives.

The Eckerd Connects Success Award recognizes individuals who have overcome adversity, demonstrated resilience, and achieved remarkable success through their involvement with Eckerd Connects programs. These inspiring stories showcase the transformative impact of our programs in empowering individuals to overcome obstacles and build a brighter future.

ARIEL (AGE 24)

The pandemic had a profound and traumatic impact on Ariel. When the Florida Poly-Technical School she was attending transitioned to virtual classes, she struggled. At the same time, her father was sentenced to prison and Ariel dropped out of college to move back in with her mother in Texas. Her mental health was flagging. When she enrolled in Indian River State College, Ariel wound up in an altercation that would get her kicked off campus and terminated from school.

Ariel's Dad brought her to the Eckerd Connects Workforce Development Program, which gave her the support she needed. This talented young lady had forgotten just how skilled she was at computers and had lost confidence despite have attained two Adobe Certified Credentials in visual design and video. The Workforce Development team set up an internship for Ariel where she thrived and was then hired full-time. She is the only one working in her household and wants to seek additional work within the IT Industry to further help her family. With a 7-year-old computer, this dream seemed out of reach. Thanks to the Eckerd Connects Success Awards, she now has the quality computer she needs for work, and for when she goes back to college.

"I feel that after years of floundering, I can finally succeed with the help I've been so generously given. I hope that I will have the ability to repay this kindness ... Again, thank you so much. Without your support I know I would not be where I am today."

HOW TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESS AWARD:

Your support can make a difference in the lives of individuals striving for success. Consider making a contribution to the Eckerd Connects Success Award to help us continue our mission of transforming lives. Visit our donation page to contribute and make a positive impact today.

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PROGRAM:
Workforce Development

LOCATION: Port St. Lucie, FL

"I sincerely thank Eckerd Connects for all the help they have given me. Getting me interviews, honing my resume, sponsoring certifications, and an internship that became a full-time job at a local company Moore Solutions Inc. where I can grow and thrive."

Achievements:

Two Adobe Certified Professional Credentials, Increased confidence, found employment

ADDITIONAL STATS:

- Ariel volunteers with the City of Port St. Lucie's Care Community Cleanup Program and with other non-profit organizations.
- She works best in small group settings that offer hands-on experience.
- Her Certifications are in Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Premier Pro.