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April Remer



As a non-traditional student, Harrison native April Remer has faced unique challenges on her path to graduation. Her love for life and helping others is evident in everything she does. Her passion for helping people is what truly sets her apart, which is why she came to Arkansas Rehabilitation Services to achieve her dreams.

ARS assisted April in obtaining her degree in Media and Communications from the University of Arkansas. She is now well-equipped to pursue a career in broadcasting and media. Her experience working at the university's radio station, KUAF, has also provided her with valuable skills and knowledge in this field, and she is eager to take on new challenges.



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Malachi Dominguez

Malachi Dominguez's journey towards achieving his goal of employment would not have been possible without the invaluable assistance provided by both his house manager and JOBS4YOU, as well as the resources and services of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS).



After graduating from high school in May 2022, Malachi expressed his interest in pursuing a career, and his house manager put him in touch with JOBS4YOU.

Through JOBS4YOU, he was taught valuable job skills that enabled him to create an impressive resume, practice mock interviews, and learn essential tips for landing his dream job. JOBS4YOU then referred him to ARS where he met with his counselor to begin the process of finding the perfect job.

The collaboration between JOBS4YOU and ARS made it possible for Malachi to find his ideal job at the Arkansas Museum of Art and later at Food for Good by Pepsi, where he works in packaging.

Malachi expressed his appreciation saying, "he is thankful for JOBS4YOU and ARS" and "he would recommend others to Arkansas Rehabilitation Services".



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Matthew Johnson



Matthew Johnson's journey to meaningful employment was not without its challenges, but through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, he was able to overcome them. His disabilities of Autism and ADHD presented unique social challenges that required specialized support to overcome.

After hearing about the services ARS provides, he connected with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor who developed a customized plan to help him gain job skills. This plan included participation in the Project Search program, a nine-month training program designed to equip individuals with disabilities with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to work effectively in any job setting.

Thanks to this program, Matthew was able to develop the necessary skills to thrive in his current role as a teacher assistant at Pediatrics Plus where he makes a positive impact on the lives of the children he works with every day.





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Michelle Grazier

Michelle Grazier's journey to owning her own business began with a simple dream and an immense passion for her craft. When her full-time employment as an esthetician came to a halt due to COVID, she could have easily given up and surrendered to the circumstance. But instead, she chose to be resilient and found work as a barista while working part-time as an esthetician.

Wanting to take her skills and expertise to the next level to serve more clients and make a bigger impact, she turned to ARS and its small business assistance program for help.

After receiving her much-needed funds, Michelle quickly secured a space for her business, Revive Esthetics, inside a local salon. With her business officially open, she was able to leave her barista job and focus solely on growing her own business.

You can check out Michelle's work on Facebook or Instagram and see for yourself just how far she has come since her first visit to ARS.





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Nathaniel “Luke” Munn



Nathaniel “Luke” Munn was a student at Valley View High School in Jonesboro, Arkansas who was struggling with ADHD and a learning disability for most of his life. After speaking to one of his teachers, he was introduced to Arkansas Rehabilitation Services.

He met with his VR Counselor, who guided him in setting achievable goals and finding a program that suited his skills. He wanted to apply for Project Search, a nine-month program that would provide him with work experience. After his first rotation, he was offered a job at St. Bernard's Medical Center as an Operating Room Aide. He was eligible for benefits, including 401K, immediately.

When asked about his time at ARS, Luke said "I love my job because of the interaction I have with the patients and co-workers. I am so glad I connected with ARS. I was unsure of myself and didn't know what I was good at but now I have found something I love and am good at. Thanks ARS, my teachers, and Project Search for giving an opportunity to become successful working citizen."



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Tevin Poole

Tevin Poole had always dreamt of becoming a licensed barber, but his disability had hindered his path to success. That was until 2022 when he found Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, and his life changed for the better.



ARS not only provided him with the necessary support to complete his program at DeSigner Barber School, but also assisted him with his accommodations for the Arkansas State Board of Barbers Exam. Tevin was ecstatic to have passed the

exam and earned his license, finally making his dreams come true.

Tevin is now envisioning his future as a traveling barber. He is overjoyed and grateful for ARS' invaluable assistance that helped him attain this achievement.