

## David Sordia, Arizona

David Sordia had always dreamed of getting his high school equivalency diploma and having a meaningful career, but he never had the educational support to motivate him toward his goals. Believing in the idea “procrastination is a disease; if you want something bad enough, you need to be willing to work for it,” he eventually decided to attend Rio Salado College. According to David, it was the best decision he has ever made.

The adult education program at Rio Salado provided David with the one-on-one support he needed. He had educational support from his instructors and motivational support from his success coaches. Every day he met with his student success instructor and coach, Michael Major, to review test scores and create an individual action plan for success. With support, David became highly motivated and finished the program quickly. His success coach and instructor assisted him with career guidance, resume building, and professional career skill development to ensure his success after completion of the program.

David obtained his GED® credential within two months of starting the program. He developed a personal sense of confidence through the educational and support services provided by Rio Salado. Following completion of his program at Rio Salado, David decided to enter the field of law enforcement. He entered the Phoenix Police Academy in January 2018. Upon successful completion of the police academy he became an officer for the Phoenix Police Department in May of 2018. David now works to keep the Phoenix community safe. He hopes to inspire others, stating, “If you want it, work for it and earn it! Don’t stop reaching for your goals.”