

Serving the youth of San Pasqual Academy since 2001, Access strives to improve the outcomes for students as they transition off campus and into self sufficiency. We have observed a strong correlation between work experience opportunities and employment retention upon leaving SPA. With over 150 employers and 500 paid interns who have participated in our program, we believe providing students with the chance to practice skills now, they will be better prepared for their future.

Career Center Highlights



Career Development

Provide one-on-one career counseling, job shadow, job readiness, job placement, access to resources and indemand career pathway opportunities



Earn While You Learn

Academic counseling and accountability. Financial incentives for behaviors that demonstrate a commitment to education. Financial incentives and stipends are available to support students participating in work readiness and employment activities along with meeting education and training goals.



Financial Coaching

Trainings on the basics of financial institutions, navigating interest, and money management. Upon completion students may open their own bank account. Provide one-on-one and group financial

education coaching on topics that include budgeting, credit, saving for emergencies, loans, and much more.

Student also receive assistance in opening up their own bank accounts.



Paid Work Experience

Students have the opportunity to have a paid internship on or off campus. This experience will help to build their

B.E.S.T. Courses

 Courses cover topics in Work Readiness, Financial Literacy, Life Skills Building, and Career Pathways.

P.E.T. Program

- "Pre-Employment Traineeship
- Younger students, ages 12-14, received stipends for exhibiting good work behaviors: punctuality, appropriate attire, a positive attitude, productivity, and honesty.

Career Fairs

- On campus access to Employers
- Opportunities to practice networking skills

The Dragons Lounge



The Dragons Lounge is a student run and operated coffee and smoothie bar located on San Pasqual Academy's campus. It operates as one of the many on-site work experience opportunities for youth looking to get involved with the program.

Other work experience sites have included careers in: Culinary Arts, Retail, Recreation, Healthcare, Agriculture, Auto Mechanics, Animal Care, Hospitality and Tourism.