



## Arabella “Renee” Pimetel

Kansas Department of Commerce,  
Kansas Health Profession  
Opportunity Project (KHPOP)



**Arabella “Renee” Pimetel**  
Kansas Department of Commerce

Divorce and personal family matters affected Arabella emotionally and sometimes impacted her ability to concentrate. After meeting with a respiratory therapy director and a case manager, she created an action plan, consisting of group study sessions and tutoring services. The plan succeeded, and she has flourished in her studies.



**Arabella "Renee" Pimetel**  
Kansas Department of Commerce

Renee obtained her associate degree through Seward County Community College as well as her respiratory therapy license. Renee has been offered employment through Sheeran Thompson Allied Rehabilitation Services located in Hiawatha, Kansas as a Respiratory Therapist. This employment opportunity offers Renee the possibility to build a new life for herself and her children.



## Brittany Davis

Action for a Better Community (ABC),  
Rochester Health Profession Opportunity  
Grants (ROC-HPOG)

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*This collaboration of agencies and training facilities is a combination of services that has helped me begin a career in healthcare that will lead to greater self-sufficiency.  
Thank you!*

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**Brittany Davis**

Action for a Better Community (ABC)

After several run-ins with the law, Brittany was introduced to ROC-HPOG. Her initial intake with Program Navigator Lydia Alston-Murphy was a very eye-opening conversation as Brittany found out more about herself and learned her motivation and drive comes from being the head of a household of four.



**Brittany Davis**  
Action for a Better Community (ABC)

With the guidance of ROC-HPOG, Brittany has completed her Certified Nursing Assistance training and is in the final stages of a hiring process at Hill Haven nursing home.



## Andrea Galicia

Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County, Health Workforce for the Future

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*When I see patients who need help, and work next to professionals who provide that help, it inspires me. I feel compelled to work on my skills and practice growth to become one of those providers who make a difference in an individual's life.*

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**Andrea Galicia**

Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County



The WDC and its partners worked closely to ensure Andrea was able to find the support resources she needed to stay on track. Andrea was able to receive funding and Navigator support for her final quarter through the WDC's HPOG 2.0 project, Health Workforce for the Future, and to successfully complete training and the credentialing process that followed.





**Andrea Galicia**

Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County

**Andrea is a June 2016 graduate of the Health Workforce for the Future program. She passed her RN licensing exam in September 2016.**



## Angela Cuffe

Central Community College, Project HELP

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*With the assistance of Project HELP, I know that I will continue to succeed in my nursing career. After all, they have gotten me where I am today. Before the program, my life and job situation was pretty routine. I really wanted something more in the medical field. When I was feeling stressed and ready to give up, the program was there to keep me focused and encourage me to continue on.*

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**Angela Cuffe**  
Central Community College

Married at the age of 19, Angela had four children in five years, left a domestically violent marriage and survived for years on a one-parent income. After two failed marriages, raising four children on her own, failing classes, and crying many tears, she says that fighting her way up to become a nurse was the best decision she has ever made.



**Angela Cuffe**  
Central Community College

Angela is now a LPN/licensed administrator, and she was recently elected secretary for the northeast district of the Nebraska Healthcare Association and awarded the position of LPNAN regional ambassador for Nebraska Region III.



## Christine Rowsey

Volunteers of America Michigan

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*I will never forget the day that I was selected for the grant. HPOG has changed my life forever. I will be eternally grateful for this opportunity. HPOG has given me the opportunity to draw my life the way that I want it to go. Without the assistance from HPOG, none of this would be possible.*

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**Christine Rowsey**  
Volunteers of America Michigan

Christine's life changed when she lost her son. Through it all, the nurses were her biggest encouragement and support. So even though she did not have the funds to return to school, HPOG helped her find a way to obtain her nursing degree.



**Christine Rowsey**  
Volunteers of America Michigan

**Christine graduated in September 2016  
as a Licensed Practical Nurse.**



## Danielle Levine

Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, Inc., Health Care Advancement Program (HCAP), Gateway Community College

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*I felt secure in the safety net that was the HCAP staff at the American Job Center. I knew that their main concern was my success. I knew that if I had any issues- family, money, in the course, etc.; they would be there to encourage and support me.*

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**Danielle Levine**

Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

In February 2016, Danielle lost her job in Human Resources and struggled with chronic unemployment. Danielle says that HCAP and the HPOG grant were amazing benefits to her life and employability.



**Danielle Levine**

Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

**Danielle was inspired to continue her education and fully realize her professional goals of ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church.**



## Donald Latshaw

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, GoodCare  
Healthcare Training



**Donald Latshaw**  
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys

During a time of unemployment, Donald lost his home, driving him to seek shelter at the Staunton Valley Mission. Then he enrolled in the GoodCare program after meeting with a case manager and has been highly motivated since day one.



**Donald Latshaw**  
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys

**Donald is currently enrolled in Blue Ridge Community College Certified Professional Coder/Medical Office Assistant Program. He recently received a “Gold” level on his Career Readiness Certificate assessment.**



## Getachew Haile

Workforce Development Council of  
Seattle-King County, Health  
Workforce for the Future



## Getachew Haile

Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County

Getachew came to the United States in May 2015 from Ethiopia where he had practiced as a nurse. With the assistance of his HWF Navigator, Getachew enrolled in Nursing Assistant (NAC) Training, which he successfully completed in May. On July 5, Getachew began working as a Nursing Assistant at Aegis Living.



**Getachew Haile**

Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County

Now employed, he continues to work closely with his HWF Navigator and Welcome Back Center staff to prepare for the next step in his career.





## Glenda Lee Mejia

Montefiore Medical Center

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*I needed to be there for my children. I did not want them growing up like me, losing my mother at the age of five years old and never growing up with my father. I wanted to be healthy and able to raise my daughters.*

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**Glenda Lee Mejia**  
Montefiore Medical Center

Glenda faced several challenges after relocating to New York City from Puerto Rico at the age of 16, speaking only her native Spanish. That same year, Glenda moved out of her mother's home and began living with a much older, abusive partner who was battling a drug addiction. Struggling to make ends meet, Glenda was inspired by her eldest daughter's success as a Registered Nurse and reverted back to her passion: assisting others.



**Glenda Lee Mejia**  
Montefiore Medical Center

In August 2016, Glenda and her daughters were all accepted to enroll in Best Choice's four week Home Health Aide training program. Now in her fifties, Glenda looks at her HHA and HPOG experience as a second chance at life.



## Jaleesa Chambers

Workforce Development Board SDA-83, Inc.,  
PHOCAS

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*I will forever be grateful to PHOCAS. My life has changed tremendously, and I am elated to have been chosen for this program.*

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**Jaleesa Chambers**

Workforce Development Board SDA-83, Inc.

While working as a private sitter at Care Solutions, she recognized a desire for a better future for herself and her young child. Refusing to let past circumstances dictate her future, when her grandfather told her about PHOCAS, she ran at the opportunity. She says that knowing the financial burden was not an issue was half the battle.



**Jaleesa Chambers**

Workforce Development Board SDA-83, Inc.



Health Profession Opportunity Grants

OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE

**Jaleesa plans to work one year as a Licensed Practical Nurse before returning to school to pursue her Registered Nursing degree.**



## Kia Redfearn

South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
Project HOPE



**Kia Redfearn**

South Carolina Department of Social Services

Kia Redfearn, a single mother of three girls, ages 16, 13, and 4 months, was laid off from work and soon thereafter, was confronted with a failed marriage. It was the continuous support and encouragement of the Project HOPE staff that allowed her to not give up on her dream.





**Kia Redfearn**

South Carolina Department of Social Services

**Kia graduated from Florence-Darlington Technical College with an Associate's degree in Dental Hygiene in May 2016.**



## Michele Heckman

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit,  
Work Attributes Toward Careers in  
Healthcare WATCH Project



**Michele Heckman**  
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

A single mother of three, Michele was underemployed as a home health aide, had a daughter with serious health issues who was no longer eligible for health insurance, and working double shifts. When Michele's hours were reduced, she applied for SNAP benefits. The WATCH Project offered her the opportunity to take the next step along the nursing career pathway, a step that would lead to a job with more consistent hours that paid a higher wage.



**Michele Heckman**  
Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

Soon after her graduation, Michele accepted a job with the Obstetrics Department at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA, working in labor and delivery. It's a job where, "every day I get to go to a birthday party," according to Michele.



## Pam Goberdhan

Schenectady County Community College  
(SCCC)

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*I had put my life on the back burner for so many years; I'm ready to achieve something for me. I could not have done this without HPOG.*

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**Pam Goberdhan**

Schenectady County Community College (SCCC)

Newly separated from her husband and a mother of three children, 2 boys and a girl, she had given up her career in insurance in 2005 to focus on the lives of her husband and her children. With the end of her marriage, gone was her independence and the ability to provide financially for her family. In the spring of 2016, she received the phone call that she had wished for – she was accepted in the HPOG program at Schenectady County Community College and could begin classes to become a Certified Nurse Aide.



**Pam Goberdhan**  
Schenectady County Community College (SCCC)

By the summer of 2016, Pam had completed her CNA training and was about to finish her Home Health Aide training. She is working toward completing her RN license and working in the field of pediatrics.



## Carol Guerrero

San Jacinto Community College District,  
Health Care Pathways Partnership Grant

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*I am finally doing it, and it's all thanks to the HPOG Program. I am very grateful to them because in a couple of months when I ace that Coding Exam; I know I am going to be in a better position to actually make more money. I will forever be grateful to them for this opportunity they have given me.*

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**Carol Guerrero**  
San Jacinto Community College District

A single mother of three who decided to take charge of her life, Carol is the sole provider of her children and does not receive any type of assistance from their father. She knew she could not afford to go back to school, which was a necessary step to greater pay and career advancement. That's when she applied for and was accepted into the HPOG program at San Jacinto College.



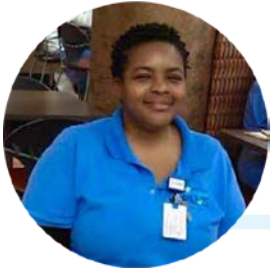
**Carol Guerrero**  
San Jacinto Community College District

**Carol is currently enrolled in  
Medical Billing and Coding training at  
San Jacinto College.**



## Unique Harris

Buffalo and Erie County Workforce  
Development Consortium, Inc.



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Unique did not have a car, so she would need to rely on public transportation to get to her classes at Erie Community College's Pharmacy Technician Program. HPOG Buffalo was able to help her with a bus pass each month, ensuring that transportation would not be a barrier.



**Unique Harris**

Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium, Inc.

After working with HPOG Buffalo's Career Pathways Navigator, she applied for and was offered a job at Kaledia Health System as a pharmacy technician. She feels that HPOG Buffalo has given her a new start in life and hopes to continue with her education next year by enrolling in community college.



## Trenton Neal

Volunteers of America Texas



**Trenton Neal**  
Volunteers of America Texas

When his father was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, Trenton was his primary caregiver and enrolling in training was not his priority. He was referred to the Volunteers of America Texas by his best friend, and when VOA Texas was awarded HPOG funding, he immediately wanted to enroll in the pharmacy tech program.



**Trenton Neal**  
Volunteers of America Texas

Trenton learned how to balance his career goals while caring for his dad. Paired with an employment coach, he completed his pharmacy tech training, never missed a day in class, and is currently interning at Walgreens.