

# FUTURE VISIONS

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How is ARIZONA@WORK involved in our community?

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## LETA GRADUATION SUCCESS!

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Could the Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA) graduation at Arizona Western College (AWC) on November 5 have been more moving? Father's pinning badges on sons, daughters pinning badges on mothers, brothers pinning badges on brothers... Sheriff Wilmot even got to hug a baby! Class 43 started off in a virtual classroom but through the hard work of dedicated instructors and administration that won't give up, this crew finished strong in-person!



Through the guidance of ARIZONA@WORK- Yuma County, seven of the ten graduates completed their training through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. WIOA funding is designed to strengthen America's public workforce system.

Yuma Police Officer Maiya Analia Gomez is one of those success stories. With the assistance of ARIZONA@WORK- Yuma County Youth Services, Maiya enrolled in WIOA and completed LETA with one of the highest grades in her class. Despite the many challenges she has faced as a young woman entering a predominantly male occupation, Maiya is very enthusiastic about her chosen path. Her plan is to gain as much experience as possible so she can become an outstanding training officer in the future. Maiya appreciates ARIZONA@WORK and WIOA helping her reach her dream of public service through law enforcement. You go, girl!

### COMING SOON!

- **2021: Regional Center for Border Health to open Medical Mall in San Luis, AZ**



## AWC + ARIZONA@WORK + NCCER = YUMA'S 1ST APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Arizona Western College (AWC) has top-notch instructors. ARIZONA@WORK- Yuma County has community and financial resources. The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) has accredited curriculum. What happens when these three powerhouses come together? Yuma County's very first apprenticeship program: 575 hours in the classroom & 8,000 hours of documented on-the-job-learning over a four-year period! This new program is so hot that 20+ applications are received each day!

Bruce Carroll, lead instructor, understands our community needs this program. He is so dedicated, in fact, he works extra nights and weekends to teach classes specifically for people working in the trade.



Presently, 14 first-year apprentices are enrolled and employed with six local sponsor contractors: Pilkington Construction, Liggett Electric, DMT Electric, Luxury Electric, Specialty Electric and D & H Electric.

Here's how it works: interested individuals talk to their employer about taking their career to the next level. Local and state-wide companies may also identify potential candidates. FYI: More experienced persons may test out up to 50% of the curriculum, reducing the time commitment.

Once both parties agree this is the correct path, the employee applies to the AWC Electrical Apprenticeship program. Contact Bruce (Herman.Carroll@azwestern.edu) for more info. Upon approval, ARIZONA@WORK- Yuma County gets involved to see what type of funding is available. In addition to the Pell Grant and other Federal Financial Aid, applicants may be eligible for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA) money that covers not only tuition but also some of the necessary tools. It *\*is\** possible to become a journeyman level electrician in 4 years (or less) with little to no student loan debt!

## FREE WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

Did you know you can get free help writing or revising your resume? Or that you can take a 1-hour class about modern etiquette in the virtual interviewing arena? A wide variety of workshops are available to the public in both an **in-person** and **virtual** platform. Workshop descriptions are available in both English and Spanish at <https://arizonaatwork.com/locations/yuma-county/adult-job-seekers> Sign up at the One-Stop Office to become eligible: YumaOneStop@ypic.com or (928) 329-0990.

## FAST FACTS

**143** number of jobs available NOW on <https://www.azjobconnection.gov/ada/r/>

**7** jobs listed at AZ Job Connection that offer on-the-job-training without prior experience