

What is your dream job, and how do you plan on achieving it in the future?

My name is Kalliah Amerie Beas. I am a 5th grader at Solomon Elementary School in a rural town called Solomon, AZ. My dream job is in Early Childhood Education. It has always been a passion of mine, to be able to help children with their education. Being raised in a small town, we lack a lot of childcare facilities, and even have a lack of educators at local schools.

I plan on achieving my dream job in the future by applying for the Gila Institute for Technology, the "GIFT" Program, when I am a Junior in High School. The "GIFT" Program will allow me an opportunity to get a head start on Education/Early Childhood Education courses, while still in High School. It is then my plan to attend Eastern Arizona College (EAC), after I graduate High School to continue with my studies in Education/Early Childhood Education, and obtain my Associate of Applied Science (AAS), and eventually transfer to University of Arizona (UofA) to continue with my remaining credits needed, in order to obtain my Bachelors of Arts in Education (B.A.E). Eventually, it will be my goal to continue with UofA to obtain my Doctorate of Education, to be used in Educational Leadership.

Once I have achieved the steps necessary to be able to obtain the degrees I need to be successful in Early Childhood Education, I plan on opening up my own Childcare Facility. In my vision, I will offer extended hours of operation, to accommodate a wide variety of parents' schedules. I also plan on offering bilingual services in both English and Spanish, for those interested in their children being bilingual. My Childcare Facility will not only offer an engaging and nourishing curriculum throughout the day, but also nutritious meals and snacks for the children that are being cared for.

With the support of my parents, and a long road ahead of me with strategic planning, I intend to eventually reach my goal and serve my community.