

## RichmondWORKS, Employment & Training (Your One-Stop to Success!)

RichmondWORKS, (RW), has partnered with Kaiser Permanente School of Allied Health Sciences, (KPSAHS) since 1998 and has helped to sponsor KPSAHS students in medical/health careers. KPSAHS located in Richmond, CA, offers degrees and certificated programs in Radiology, Sonography, Phlebotomy, and Nuclear Medicine and most recently launched a Medical Assisting Program. This past September, KPSAHS graduated ninety-eight students of which five students who received funding assistance through RW and guidance from Monica Castrillo, their Career Counselor. The following are snapshot success stories of the five students who earned their Bachelor's Degree or Certificate in Radiography.



M. Castrillo, L. Jacobson



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### **Liberty Jacobson**

After working as a registered Dental Assistant for 11 years, I realized I would not be able to advance in this field, and needed a career change and decided on Radiography; this road has been long and difficult and I want to thank RW for the financial support, as well as the emotional support of Monica Castrillo who constantly encouraged me to keep going. Thank you.



M. Castrillo, L. Gee, E. Espejo & D. Sergent



L. Gee & E. Espejo,



M. Castrillo & D. Sergent w/daughter

### **Laura Gee, RT(R)**

I worked in the Design industry for many years but when the economy took a down turn, I realized that I needed to be in a stable and growing career so I applied for the Radiography program offered at KPSAHS. I could not have accomplished this without the support of my family, friends, fellow classmates and Ms. Monica Castrillo from RichmondWORKS.

### **Enrique Espejo**

I grew up in Richmond and after holding several jobs, I began to think about a Medical Career where I could help people and give back to my community. I was accepted into KPSAHS Radiologic Technology Program, and RW subsidized a part of my tuition. Monica Castrillo from RW checked in with me offering support throughout the entire program and I truly appreciate RW in assisting me to conquer my career dream.

### **D'Ambra Sergent**

After working in the insurance industry for 14 years I realized I needed something more and so I shadowed with an x-ray department and realized that this is what I wanted to do. Between the loan that I received from the school and the grant from RW provided, the entire cost of my school program was covered with minimal out-of-pocket expenses on my part.

### **Lisa Ramey**

After doing some research, I realized I wanted to pursue a career in health care. I then found RW, an incredible organization that provided me and several of my classmates an opportunity to receive help with the high costs of education. Monica Castrillo was a breath of fresh air. She was very helpful and responsive. I am very happy I learned of RW!!

These graduates are on their way to a career professional Radiology Technologists earning up to \$35 per hour!

