



Opportunity Education

PATHWAYS PROGRAM™

 **QUEST FORWARD ACADEMY SANTA ROSA**

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The Pathways Program helps all Quest Forward Academy students focus and optimize their high school experience to achieve success in their future lives. Students explore paths beyond high school and identify the best fit for their interests and strengths, whether that's trade school, college, the military, or a job with training opportunities.

Students gain knowledge from professionals and develop skills through workshops, service learning experiences, and internships aligned with their goals. By the time they graduate, students will have achieved competency in the three pillars of the program:

1

Interest and Career Exploration

What am I interested in and what kind of work do I want to do?

Students identify their strengths, explore their values, learn about the economy and professions, and explore opportunities that might be well suited to their interests and strengths.

Session topics include:

- Create Your Path
- Understand Yourself
- Experience Careers

2

Foundations of Professionalism

How can I succeed in the workplace?

Students practice important workplace skills, clearly present and communicate information, develop their resumes and LinkedIn profiles, and learn how to effectively work with colleagues.

Session topics include:

- Communicate Like a Pro
- Make a Good Impression
- Work with Others
- Real-World Skills

3

Personal Finance

How can I succeed financially?

Students gain confidence, skills, and knowledge to manage their personal finances and pursue the path of their choice. They set financial goals for themselves and understand available financial resources.

Session topics include:

- Earning and Spending
- Saving and Investing
- Credit and Loans
- Risk Management



Graysen, Class of '22, discovered an exciting career path while working and learning during his internship.



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PATHWAYS NETWORK™



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The Pathways Network is an active community of Quest Forward Academy graduates who take part in events, workshops, job opportunities, and personalized coaching to achieve success in their pathway.

Free membership is offered to all Quest Forward Academy graduates for up to six years beyond graduation.

The years after graduation are pivotal, and the Pathways Network builds upon the work of the Pathways Program to help members achieve their goals, overcome challenges, and thrive.

Every Quest Forward Academy graduate has access to the following services and benefits:



One-on-One Coaching

Coaching is designed to help Network members make optimal use of their education or training opportunities, identify and resolve challenges, set and meet their goals, plan the use of available resources, and more.



Events

The Pathways Network hosts events throughout the year, with guest speakers, networking activities, and panel discussions. Events focus on young adult life and optimizing early careers, such as personal finance, health and wellness, career development, and professionalism.



Career Opportunities

The Network supports its members' efforts to build a purposeful career with internship and work opportunities, job-seeking resources, and industry experts to serve as career mentors.



Supportive Community

The Pathways Network is a nationwide community of peers with similar opportunities and challenges. Members learn from others navigating similar experiences as well as network with graduates in relevant industries.