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## NATIONAL PASS STUDENT OF THE YEAR

National PASS is proud to award the 2020-2021 Student of the Year Scholarship to Victoria Pineda-Nava of Mulberry, Florida!



The scholarship provides \$500 per semester for two years, for a total of \$2000. We are excited to provide this opportunity to a well-deserving PASS scholar! Applicants were submitted from member states and a committee comprised of NPCC members served as judges.

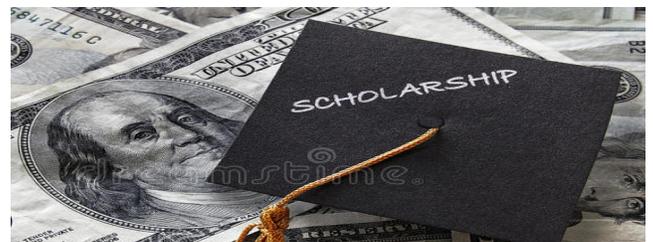
Victoria's family travels from Florida to South Carolina, Georgia and Michigan to work. Migrant Interventionist Dani Higgins shared, "With the pandemic and all of the changes, PASS made finishing the credits more accessible for Victoria.

Victoria has lived in a migrant camp since I've known her. She also works in the fields and at a stand, but she finds a way to get her work done." Victoria writes, "PASS has given me, and other migrant students, the opportunity to not be held back by life's circumstances, but to have a way to succeed."

Victoria's essay will be featured in our Success Stories publication this spring. Additionally, we will publish essays from each state's nominees. We're looking forward to sharing their stories!

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## Algebra 2A and 2B Revisions

Algebra 2A and 2B were released in 2006. The 2021 revision, currently underway, will consist of several key improvements. First, concepts and lessons will be re-ordered to improve cohesiveness and conceptual understanding. This course will be a natural progression for those who complete the new Algebra 1A and 1B. Page numbers have been added within the Mentor Manual to allow easy referral back to where a concept was taught. An index of links to web pages for each unit will be provided. An alignment chart for each member state will be available in the Mentor Manual. National PASS will notify ePASS users and member State Directors when this revised course will be available. As we transition, the third edition (old) of Algebra 1A and B, will be deleted and all downloads and distributions of the old course should be destroyed.

## FLORIDA PASS ON CANVAS

By Joe Spencer

The Florida PASS program has been working to provide online versions of traditional PASS courses. In the spirit of inclusivity and flexibility, we have been working to do this in a manner that embraces these traits traditionally so well espoused by the PASS program. Given that the cost of developing our own online platform far exceeds our means, we are developing online courses using a learning management system (LMS) and other communication tools to deliver course content and instruction to students. An LMS is the software or platform used to provide students and teachers a means to interact, to access course content, to view and complete assignments and quizzes, etc. The Florida PASS program uses the Canvas LMS to bring our online courses to students and teachers. An online PASS course unifies course textbooks, video tutorials, student-teacher communication, course assignments, quizzes, feedback and more into an effective platform for driving student learning and credit accrual. However, in keeping with the PASS philosophy, we are developing a system that provides far greater flexibility than most other online courses for credit accrual. In an online PASS course:

- Students can receive support from local teachers and/or remote teachers.
- Students can switch back and forth between the traditional PASS course and the new online course.
- Students and teachers can use online resources provided by PASS without enrolling into an online course.

Florida PASS courses will be available in a traditional format to a completely online one. In addition, as a student's needs change, the delivery of the course can be adjusted. In short, an online PASS course consists of certain components, such as online testing, online textbook, online activities, and online instruction. The student will be able to use any combination of online and offline components, traversing the gamut from traditional course to fully online course and any permutation along the way.



## ADDITIONAL REVISIONS

National PASS has completed an update of **Preparing for College**. The revision included a substantial improvement to the Mentor Manual. The mentor will find instructional suggestions and ideas for support before and after each lesson. The answer key has been improved with the addition of lesson and page numbers where the content is taught within the unit. Exemplars have been provided as well. Websites and other information were updated throughout the unit to ensure the most current information available. The course is in partnership with iSOSY.

National PASS would like to thank **Wendy Pliska** for volunteering to revise the course *Learning English Through Literature*, specifically focusing on eliminating issues that are in conflict with what we know about diversity, equity and inclusion. Wendy is currently an Academic Support Instructor at McFarland High School in Wisconsin. She holds a master's degree in Education and a Reading Specialist endorsement. She is trained in trauma and restorative practices. At the time of publication, we do not have a deliverable date for the revision, but participating State Directors and dissemination centers will be notified.



## Presentations and Updates

National PASS was honored to present at the Texas Migrant Interstate Program's virtual spring conference. Lori Pevoto from ESC Region 20 in Texas co-presented, providing procedures and marketing for Texas PASS.

Janet Reynolds presented a Zoom recording for NASDME on May 4<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, during the virtual conference, Victoria Pineda-Nava was presented the National PASS Scholarship!

The National PASS Committee met on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We celebrated the scholarship winner and thanked those who reviewed the essays to select a winner. It was noted that ePASS, the host of our curriculum, mentor manuals and important references for PASS affiliates, will be receiving a significant upgrade, including a change in design and security improvements. Users will be kept updated. Sue Henry (NE) requested we create a Spanish version of the new Algebra 1A and B. National PASS is also preparing for the Biology revision. Finally, National PASS has ceased printing and distribution of Ethnic Studies due to outdated statements that do not support inclusivity and equity.



## ZOOM MEETING PRESENTATIONS

If you are considering PASS as an option for migrant students in your state OR if you are a participating state and would like information and support, we are happy to participate in your Zoom (or other format) meeting. Current presentations available are:

- **Implementing PASS**
- **PASS Program Overview**
- **Mentor Training Basics**

We can also provide a question/answer style session.

## You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself & others.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.



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