

# Distinguished Graduate

# 2022



## Nicole Harris

HUMAN SERVICES

*“The caged bird sings with a fearful trill, of things unknown, but longed for still, and his tune is heard on the distant hill, for the caged bird sings of freedom.”*

– Maya Angelou

Nicole Harris started the journey to continuing her education with SAC in August of 2018. Many don't know this about her, but she dropped out in her senior year of high school in 1999. Nicole worked many dead-end jobs before moving from Virginia to Texas.

When she came to San Antonio in August of 2007 with her two sons, then ages 7 and 3, she started a job working for the VA in the cafeteria. Nicole took the opportunity to go back to school in 2013 and complete her GED.

Nicole passed all five tests and was able to have her mother watch her only child finally walk across the stage and receive her high school diploma. For Nicole, it was a great accomplishment to graduate, and an amazing feeling to have her children there with her.

Now, eight years later, Nicole is about to graduate, with honors, as a human services addiction counselor. Nicole is still in shock at her growth as a student and as a person. She is not only helping herself, but she is in the field to help others learn and gather information about themselves, and how to process and cope with everyday life. Nicole is excited to embark on this next chapter of her journey and to show her children it is never too late to further yourself.

