



Pathway Newsletter

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We Wrap Up 2024 With Gratitude
Thank You For Your Support Of Avenue Scholars



Empowering the Next Generation of Skilled Professionals
Edgar's Path to Success at Enterprise Precast Concrete



Featured top left: Edgar O. next to the wheel of a Mi-Jack Travelift Rubber Tired Gantry (RTG) Crane. Lower left: Edgar climbs into the Mi-Jack RTG. From left: Shawn Wentworth, General Manager, Enterprise Precast Concrete; Anthony Tate, Career Services Coach; Edgar O., Scholar; Gary Kult, Plant Manager, Enterprise Precast Concrete; Flannery Abrahamson, Office Administrator, Enterprise Precast Concrete.

As Avenue Scholars continues to significantly impact the lives of teens and young adults facing adversity, the success stories of our Scholars demonstrate the program's effectiveness. One such story is that of Edgar, a graduate of Ralston High School and a dedicated student.

Edgar, a high-achieving student at Metropolitan Community College, is studying Construction and Building Science in construction management. He demonstrates dedication to his career at Enterprise Precast Concrete, which manufactures and supplies high-quality architectural precast components, including panels and custom fabrications. Over nearly three years, Edgar's responsibilities have expanded significantly. As a new hire, Edgar began working with foam used on insulated panels, then he progressed to bricklaying, outside washing, moving bricks, and panel preparation. His career advanced further as he joined the load crew, where he was responsible for strapping, setting up, and loading heavy precast panels onto trailers.

Edgar's most recent role involves heavy machine operation, requiring hours of training to develop expertise. He is one of three operators at Enterprise Precast Concrete who is trained to use the specialized Mi-Jack Travelift Rubber Tired Gantry (RTG) Crane for placing and storing panels efficiently.

The precast concrete panels Edgar handles can be up to about 40 feet wide by 12 feet high. A single panel can weigh several tons. The responsibility of safely maneuvering these expensive and heavy components underscores the confidence Edgar has earned from his supervisors.

Ongoing Support for Career Success

Avenue Scholars' commitment extends beyond initial employment with Career Services Coaches, like Anthony Tate (pictured above), regularly checking in with the Scholar and their employer. This continuous support has been important in Edgar's

success as he grows and takes on more responsibilities at Enterprise Precast Concrete.

Through supportive relationships, individualized coaching, education, and practical training, Avenue Scholars guarantees careers for its Scholars, connecting them with high-demand industries and ensuring their long-term success.

Thank You For Your Support Of Avenue Scholars On Giving Tuesday!



Thanks to your generosity, Avenue Scholars experienced a remarkable **176% increase in donations** on Giving Tuesday 2024 compared to the previous year. These contributions help us continue our mission of guaranteeing careers for our Scholars through supportive relationships, individualized coaching, education, and training.

We are grateful for all the ways you support Avenue Scholars and help us fulfill our important work. The funds raised on Giving Tuesday are specifically dedicated to career training and education for our Scholars.

If you missed the opportunity to support us on December 3, we encourage you to keep us in mind as you consider your end-of-year gifts. Your continued support means a great deal to us.

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