



# JAMES IRWIN CHARTER SCHOOLS

Character Development and Academic Excellence

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## **Power Technical Student Graduates from Colorado Pathways in Technology Program**

Power Technical (PTEC), the pre-engineering, professional trade school of James Irwin Charter Schools (JICS), celebrates Jasmine Zink-Holland, the first Southern Coloradan to graduate with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science (Architectural Engineering) under the Pathways in Technology program (P-TECH).

In 2015, Governor Hickenlooper signed the Pathways in Technology bill into law ([HB15-1270](#)). P-TECH is an innovative partnership between a school district, a community college(s), and one or more local high growth industry employer(s). The student graduates with both a high school diploma and an industry-recognized associate degree, in addition to gaining relevant workplace skills.

On May 19th, there was a special celebration at The Pinery at the Hill with Jasmine, her family, officials from CDE, PPCC, District 49, and PTEC. Jasmine is not only a graduate from PTEC and PPCC, but she is also a James Irwin Charter School LEGACY graduate -- meaning she attended a James Irwin school from kindergarten to graduation.

Power Technical Early College, authorized by School District 49, offers character development and solid academics in addition to 90 minutes of "shop classes" per day. Currently, PTEC has 325 students in grades 6-14. Under the Pathways program, the state will pay for an Associate's degree in applied sciences from Pikes Peak Community College which comprises "grades 13 and 14."

With 2,036 students, James Irwin Charter Schools is an award-winning network of two elementary schools, one middle school, one high school and PTEC, a pre-engineering, professional trade school. Named after the late astronaut James B. Irwin, JICS opened its first school in 2000. All James Irwin schools emphasize character development, academic excellence and an understanding of our Western Heritage.

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