

# THE PINNACLE POST

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## 23-24 CELEBRATION ISSUE

### POINTS OF PRIDE

- ★ **2024 ARIZONA STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY** It is our pleasure to report that 23 PHS Graduates have earned the Arizona Seal of Arts Proficiency (Music - 4, Theatre - 8, Visual Arts - 11). For earning this seal each student will receive two items a certificate and a pin in addition to the seal on their diploma. In the coming weeks, these students will also be receiving the diploma seals from ADE, which should be placed on the front of the diploma before the student receives it at Graduation. Congratulations!
- ★ **PINNACLE VISUAL ARTS** Congratulations to two PHS visual art students, Alaina Novey (11th grade) and Emily Pye (10th grade) on their success in the 2024 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition for the Southwest Region. Alaina received a Silver Key distinction for her mixed media work *Butterfly Virago* and a Gold Key distinction for her mixed media portrait *If I Can Dream*. Emily received an Honorable Mention for her acrylic painting *Eye of the Storm*. Works that receive a Gold Key distinction will move on to the National Competition.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the country's longest-running regional and national creative art and writing competition, occurring annually each Fall. It is open to all 9th-12th grade students and includes lots of categories in visual arts and writing-- it is definitely worth checking out! For more information, visit <https://www.artandwriting.org/>.



*Butterfly Virago*

Mixed media: colored pencil on burned paper, silk roses, cut paper butterflies, and barbed wire

Alaina Novey, 11th Grade

**Silver Key**



*If I Can Dream*

Mixed media: magazine pieces, guitar picks, and leather fringe on canvas

Alaina Novey, 11th Grade

**Gold Key**



*Eye of the Storm*

Acrylic paint on canvas

Emily Pye, 10th Grade

**Honorable Mention**

- ★ As many of you know Raquel and I took 10 kids to Tucson for three days to compete against other students from around the state in various culinary competitions. I wanted to share our results with everyone. These are outstanding representatives of our program and school as a whole. Please congratulate them when you see them!

These students placed in the top three of all competitors in their respective disciplines:

- Natalie Cordova - 2nd Place in Culinary Display - cookies
- Dylan McDermott - 2nd Place in Mise en Place Challenge
- Evan Soukup - 3rd Place in Mystery Basket

The following students achieved scores that earned them the following medal equivalents:

- Lailah Hughes - Gold in Cupcake Decorating
- IdaMaria St. Angelo - Silver in Culinary Display - Appetizers
- Jack Fizz - Silver in Chicken Fabrication
- Jack Fizz - Bronze in Baking and Pastry
- Jack Schafer - Silver in Mise en Place Challenge
- Rhythm Taylor - Bronze in Cake Decorating
- Ryley Weiderhoft - Bronze in Cake Decorating
- Sydney Mason - Bronze in Cake Decorating

Thank you all for your support of these students and your continued support of culinary. It is really great to witness firsthand how amazing these students are and how well they represent themselves and our school.

- ★ **YOUNG ARTISTS' SHOWCASE** On March 8th, Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona held the opening reception and award ceremony for their annual *Young Artists' Showcase*. This showcase is a juried exhibition, meaning only works pre-selected by a juror are admitted into the show. 4 Pinnacle students had their work chosen during this process and put on display at this event. Senior student, Hailey Carter, was additionally recognized at this reception by receiving 3rd Place overall. This showcase is a wonderful experience for students to present their work in a professional gallery setting, and the quality of work amongst all the participating schools is extraordinary. If you happen to find yourself in the area, it's worth taking a look! The show runs through March 29th. More info can be found [here](#).



Pictured (left to right): Ms. Greenland (instructor), Veronica Potter (senior), Eve Forrey (sophomore), Hailey Carter (senior), and Maya Gearhart (senior)

- ★ **S.T.A.R. MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM** Congratulations to Pinnacle Freshman, Gabe Webb and Sienna Matt, S.T.A.R. mountain bike teammates, who recently competed in the NICA State Mountain Bike Championships in Tucson. They both had amazing races with Gabe finishing in 3rd place on the podium in the State for Freshman Boys and Sienna had the 1st place podium finish as the Arizona Girls Freshman State Champion. Gabe and Sienna will be racing again in the fall with the Arizona Cycling Association so be sure to ask them, or Coach Karen Silven, if you're interested in joining the team.



- ★ **PINNACLE DECA** Congratulations to junior, Aris Rajwani, on being elected into the AZDECA State Officer Team. Aris is 1 of 8 students in all of Arizona to be elected into this position.




- ★ **PINNACLE DECA** Congratulations to senior, Joelle Wecklein, on receiving a \$1000.00 scholarship from the Arizona DECA organization!



★ **PINNACLE DECA** A big congratulations to our Pinnacle DECA program on all of their accomplishments at the 2024 Arizona DECA State Competition! Amongst the many individual accolades, the program also earned the Diamond Level Community Service Award for all their hard work in giving back to the community. 22 students qualified for the international competition as well!!

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




## CONGRATULATIONS

 Aadarsh Vikram Sophomore	 Mackenzie Bertz Junior	 Rinoshia Netala Sophomore	 Alex Flecky Freshman	 Erion Bejta Senior
 Skyy Teegarden Senior	 Logan Alvstad Senior	 Jeremy Dewey Junior	 Rushel Patankar Junior	

ICDC National Qualifiers : Case-Study Roleplays and Selling Presentations

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## CONGRATULATIONS

 Olivia Hirsch Senior	 Alex Wolman Freshman	 Landon Stone Senior	 Joelle Wecklein Senior	 Aris Rajwani Junior
 Londyn Green Senior	 Gianna Ryan Senior	 Aavi Shah Sophomore	 Raven Teegarden Freshman	

ICDC National Qualifiers : Case-Study Roleplays and Selling Presentations

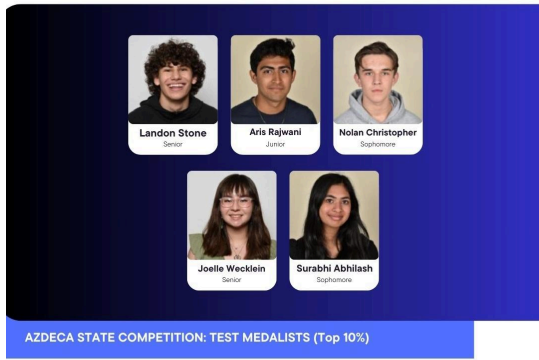
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## CONGRATULATIONS

 Olivia Hirsch Senior	 Skylyer Teegarden Senior	 Londyn Green Senior	 Bryson Carlson Senior	 Joelle Wecklein Senior
 Alana Williams Senior	 Daksh Singh Senior	 Gianna Ryan Senior	 Tyson Cable Senior	

ICDC National Qualifiers : Writtens Category

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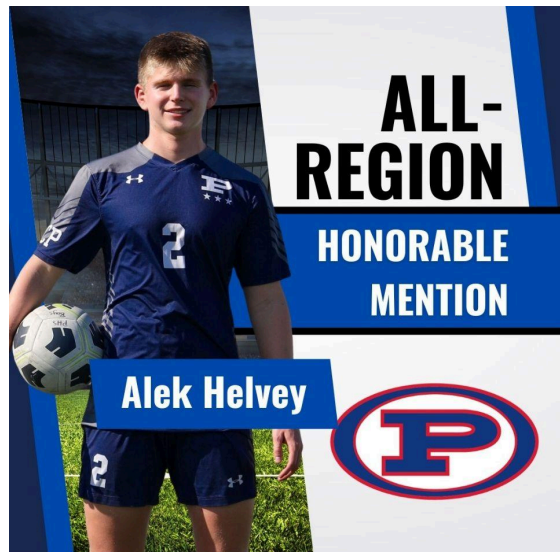
# CONGRATULATIONS



- ★ **PINNACLE TRACK AND FIELD** Congratulations to Seniors, Stephanie Johnson, on achieving a school record in discus for track and field at the recent "Meet on Mayo" Event.



- ★ **PINNACLE BOYS SOCCER** Congratulations to Seniors, Cannon Wilkinson, Alek Helvey, and Cooper King, for earning the title of Honorable Mention for the 6A Desert Valley Region.



★ **PVEA PROPS AWARD** Congratulations to Junior, Alex Blecha, on setting a new school record in the pole vault!



- ★ **PVEA PROPS AWARD** Pinnacle High School is proud to share that Ms. Jade Keller has won the PVEA Props Award for excellence in Education. Ms. Keller, a member of the English Dept, was given this honor for her dedication to teaching her students and her ability and willingness to assist her colleagues. Among her many accomplishments are Teacher Academy, School City Coach, and an amazing mentor to her students. Congratulations Ms. Keller!



- ★ **PINNACLE'S BLACK STUDENT UNION** On February 23rd and in honor of Black History Month, Pinnacle's Black Student Union enjoyed brunch at Soul Food restaurant SugarJam, in Phoenix. This annual outing allows the students to commiserate while engaging in two things set deeply in Black culture: Soul Food and soul sounds - thanks to the restaurant's in-house deejay! Special thanks to Ms. Turner and Mr. Parries for organizing the trip. The group was thankful to have Mr. Hurley and SRO Russell along for the ride as well!



- ★ **WRESTLING**



CONGRATULATIONS  
**ALL-DISTRICT  
MEN'S  
WRESTLING  
TEAM**



CHRISTOPHER KING



CONGRATULATIONS  
**ALL-DISTRICT  
MEN'S  
WRESTLING  
TEAM**



LOUIS GACCION



CONGRATULATIONS  
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WOMEN'S  
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ASHLEY GACCION



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GRADY LYONS



CONGRATULATIONS  
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CARTER FAWCETT



CONGRATULATIONS  
**ALL-DISTRICT  
MEN'S  
WRESTLING  
TEAM**



YIN REDMAN



★ COACH OF THE YEAR



- ★ **NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS** Congratulations to Pinnacle’s own Adam Gramlich, Sareena Gupta, Grant Huber, Tyler Nelson, Jack Turner and Ava Usher! All have become National Merit Finalists. Congratulations!
- ★ **PINNACLE GIRLS BASKETBALL** Congratulations to Heather Steadman who was honored as the 6A Desert Valley Region Player of the Year.



- ★ **PINNACLE GIRLS SOCCER** Congratulations to the Desert Valley Player of the Region! Morgan was selected by all the coaches in the region to win this selection and we couldn’t be prouder. Very well deserved Morgan!



★ **PINNACLE GIRLS SOCCER** Congratulations to all of our All Region First Team selections for the 23/24 season.



★ **PINNACLE GIRLS SOCCER** Congratulations to all of our All Region Second Team selections for the 23/24 season.



★ **PINNACLE GIRLS SOCCER** Congratulations to all of our All Region Honorable Mention selections for the 23/24 season.



★ **PINNACLE GIRLS BASKETBALL** Congratulations to Pinnacle Girls Basketball Coach Erica Farnsworth, Coach of the year 6A Desert Valley!



- ★ **PINNACLE ROBOTICS** Congratulations to Pinnacle Robotics! Here are the results from our State Robotics Competition this weekend. The students performed very well. They ended the competition in 16th place in our division. Overall it was a great year for Robotics. If you see any of our members, please congratulate them.

Members:

Ryan Delmarter, Alan Goyas, Michael Huang, Ryan Mahmoudi, Sam Myers, Tim Nelson, Aneri Pandya, Sridhanya Satish Archana, Viola Stolarski, Landon Stone, Trey Torres, Fred Washigton, Logan Weiler, and Jonathan Zucker

- ★ **PINNACLE WRESTLING** Our 2024 AIA Wrestling State placer: Congratulations to a season full of hard work, a lot of growth, and a podium finish. Let's Go Carter Fawcett (157) 6th place! And that's a wrap for the 2023-2024 season! See you next year on the MAT!



- ★ **PINNACLE WRESTLING** has five wrestling athletes going to state, starting on Thursday at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.  
 Congratulations to our 2x Sectional Champ for the ladies.  
 Sectional Tournament Champion:  
 Ashley Gaccion (114)

Congratulations to our Boys Division I Section IV Sectional placers AND State Qualifiers!!

Christopher King (120) 🏆 Runner-Up

Aiden McDaniel (150) 🏆 Third place

Carter Fawcett (157) 🏆 Third place

Grady Lyons (175) 🏆 Third place

It has been a great season by all and we are very proud of everyone's hard work!

- ★ **COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING CEREMONY**  
 Football national letter of intent signing day ceremony for the following student athletes:



Spencer Halvorson



Mason Hughes



Cooper King



Travis Gutierrez



Alan Soukup

- ★ **PINNACLE SPORTS MEDICINE** On Friday a group of PHS Sports Medicine students competed in a HOSA Sports Medicine competition at the Arizona Athletic Trainer Association Conference. This was Pinnacles 1st time competing and appearing at the conference, and out of 300 competitors **Alexis Ho Lem placed 3rd!**



- ★ **PINNACLE ROBOTICS CLUB** Good Morning! Our Robotics Team had a fantastic weekend. We competed in the Valley of the Sun Qualifier on Saturday at ASU West and did an exceptional job. Our team finished 10th place overall in the qualifying matches and was chosen as a member of the winning alliance team. They also came in 1st place for the Innovate Award. All of this said, that means they qualified for State Competition February 16th and 17th. If you see one of the members of our team, be sure to congratulate them on their hard work.

Robotics Team Members:

Ryan Delmarter, Alan Goyas, Michael Huang, Ryan Mahmoudi, Sam Myers, Tim Nelson, Aneri Pandya, Sridhanya Satish Archana, Viola Stolarski, and Landon Stone



- ★ **PINNACLE PHOTOGRAPHY (FBLA)** We are thrilled to share the fantastic news about our success at the recent FBLA event this weekend held at Grand Canyon University. **From Pinnacle High School** A special congratulations goes to Digital Photography Student **Hannah Leakey** for her outstanding achievement, coming in **FIRST PLACE** in FBLA Regionals Commercial Photography Category. This is a remarkable accomplishment, and I am incredibly proud of her talent and dedication. Off to STATE we go!!



- ★ **PINNACLE THEATRE COMPANY** Just wanted to share that Pinnacle Theatre represented PHS well this weekend at the Northern AZ Festival of Theatre. Those students with "Superior" ratings will be invited to the International Thespian Festival in June. The rundown looks like this:

**Superior:**

- Ariel Yanofsky - Lighting Design
- Cody Parker - Duet Acting
- Atlas Rae - Duet Acting
- Sareena Gupta - Duet Musical & Monologues
- Skylar Else - Duet Musical



**Excellent:**

Marco Johnson - Solo Musical  
Lexi Shaw - Solo Musical  
Aidan Jolly - Monologues  
Gee Rodi - Scene Design  
Sydney Loo - Short Film, Animated  
Kai Riley - Duet Acting  
Eli Fucetola - Duet Acting  
Josephine Bradley - Duet Musical  
Ava Hoelzen - Duet Musical  
Keira Myrick - Musical Dance, Duet  
Jade Schouten - Musical Dance, Duet

**Good:**

Parker Morrison - Short Film, Live Action

And both of our Tech. Challenge Teams won 3rd place. Those students are:

Jospehine Bradley  
Abigail Cohen  
Skylar Else  
Sareen Gupta  
Marco Johnson  
Gee Rodi  
Lexi Shaw  
Ariel Yanofsky



★ **PINNACLE BASKETBALL B-INSPIRED GAME** Thank you very much to everyone who supported our 2nd Annual B-Inspired Legacy Night. We had over 100 shoe donations (we are still counting), made over \$1500 in tshirt and sweatshirt sales for our B-Inspired Scholarship, and shared Brandon's incredible story with all who attended the game. There were many alumni who attended, media, and close family friends to Brandon. Special thanks to the following for their extra time and efforts:

**Joel Newbury-** Joel literally does everything and he does it very well! We appreciate you Joel!

**Chris Dickerson-** Chris single-handedly cleaned the bleachers- picking up food, food wrappers, garbage etc. It took him hours and it was much appreciated.

**Rosemary Jacob & Vicki Moore:** family, friends and alumni check-in

**Faulynne Grice:** helping Joel and I to make this event so meaningful

Lani Morales: doing anything we ask her to do :)

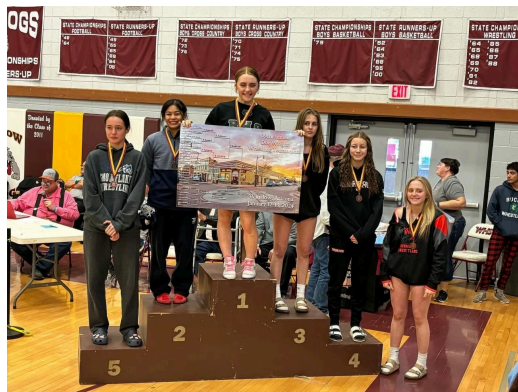
Stugo & Craziess for Signs & Balloons- thank you Kristi and Kelly

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/sports/high-school/2024/01/13/arizona-high-school-basketball-rewind-brandon-wechslers-legacy-pinnacle/7217400007/>



★ **PINNACLE WRESTLING** Our Pioneers had a great weekend of wrestling at the very tough 59th annual Doc Wright Invitational, finishing in 11th place out of 38 teams.

- 👏 Congratulations to our tournament placers:
- Ashley Gaccion (120) 2nd place
- Chris King (120) 5th place
- Yin Redman (144) 6th place
- Krush Sowers (HWT) 4th place

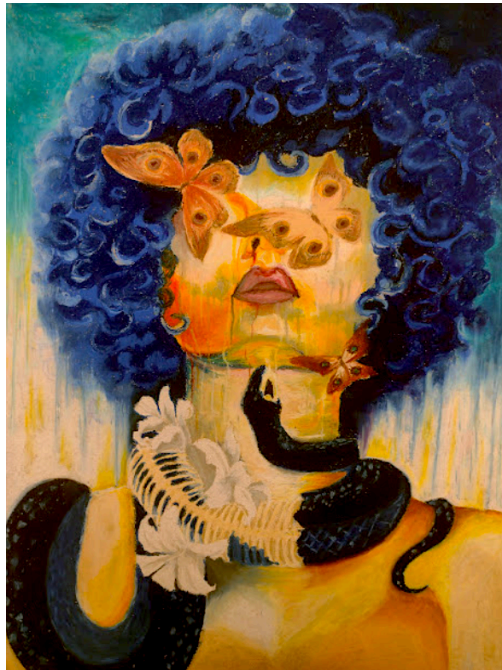


★ **STUDENT MURAL** Pinnacle alum Jasmine and junior Kailah Dauderman completed the long-awaited S.T.E.A.M. mural in the upstairs C-Building. Both worked very hard and

dedicated time to complete this work of art. Be sure to check out their awesome work next time you are in the building!



- ★ **NEW HORIZONS ART EXHIBIT** Congratulations to seniors Jada Schlossmacher and Addison Mannos, who have their incredible works of art on display at the Shemer Art Center. Their work is featured in the Center's annual *New Horizons* exhibit, which celebrates the top works of 2 students at each high school throughout the valley. Both students represent the pinnacle of artistic skill, perseverance, and creativity on our campus. The show is on display at the Shemer Art Center from January 10th through February 15th and admission is free!



★ **FLINN SCHOLARSHIP SEMI-FINALIST** The Flinn Scholarship announced 80 Semifinalists from the class of 2024. Pinnacle HS is delighted to announce Ava Usher as one of those semifinalists. Congratulations to Ava Usher!



- ★ **PINNACLE SIGNING DAY** Congratulations to Seniors, Krush Sowers and Jack Franklin on signing their National Letter of Intent for football. Krush will be playing for Southern Utah University and Jack will be playing with the Air Force Academy.



- ★ **NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS** I am proud to announce that Pinnacle has three new National Board Certified Teachers: Chrissy Bonifasi, Antonella Feyerer, and Suzy Hunt! They have successfully passed content assessments and submitted written components reflecting on their practice as professional educators for board review, proving themselves to be Accomplished Educators. They join the ranks of about 4.5% of all teachers nationwide. Congratulations also to Jason Jones and Jade Keller who are currently in the process. They both submitted part of their overall components last year, for which they learned they earned qualifying scores this past weekend. We wish them the best as they continue their process. Congratulations Chrissy, Antonella, and Suzy! We're so proud of you.



- ★ **NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATION** Congratulations to our very own, Nurse Tony, on receiving his National School Nurse Certification! We are happy to have such a great health services team at Pinnacle! Pinnacle has never been in such great hands!



- ★ **THE PINNACLE WRESTLING TEAM** continues to flourish! Our Pioneers completed their first **Varsity** tournament of the season, at the 50th Annual Jerry Benson Invitational, earning a 6th place finish! Our **Freshman and JV** wrestlers were also putting in the work over the weekend at the 19th Annual Paradise Valley JV Duals going 2-2 on the day as a team. They fought to the end of every match. It was a weekend to be proud of for all our Pioneer wrestlers!

Over all results are as follows

Christopher King (126) 🏆 Runner-Up

Ryder Surgenor (132) 🥉 3rd place

Carter Fawcett (157) 🏆 Runner-Up

Grady Lyons (175) 🌟 7th place

Ayden Novey (190) 🥉 6th place

Krush Sowers (HWT) 🌟 7th place

Also, congratulations for beating Mesa HS for the first time in school history. Good luck with the remainder of your season!

- ★ **PINNACLE DECA** This month, Pinnacle DECA had the opportunity to travel to Austin, Texas for an annual leadership conference. Students toured Austin City Limits music venue and learned about the rich entertainment history that had occurred there. They also embarked on a scenic river cruise and learned about Austin's explosive growth due to the technology industry in the city. Students also got to observe the law-making process in action at the State Capitol and visited the University of Texas at Austin. Workshops on chapter development, college selection, career paths, current industry trends, and community outreach were the focus of the 3 day DECA conference. Additionally, Pinnacle DECA students participated in Marketing competitions against 2000 students from around the country. Seven out of ten AZ medalists were from Pinnacle HS DECA! The students who traveled to Austin had an exciting opportunity to network with business-minded students from around the globe, learn about college and career opportunities, and apply their skills to real-world scenarios.



- ★ **ALL DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL** Congratulations to Senior, Lucy Boyd, on earning the title of District Volleyball Player of the Year! And being named on the All District Volleyball Team.



- ★ **ALL-DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL** Congratulations to Hope Westra and Amanda Tremeroli on being recognized on the All District Volleyball Team!



- ★ **HONORABLE MENTION** Congratulations to Junior, Blayne Seligmiller, on earning All-District Honorable Mention for volleyball!





★ **ALL-DISTRICT** Congratulations to Junior, Wyatt Horton, on being named the 2023 All-Region Offensive Player of the Year!



★ **ALL-DISTRICT 1ST TEAM** Congratulations to Cooper King, Mac Richard's, Jack Franklin, and Krush Sowers as being amongst the best in the region for football!



★ **HONORABLE MENTION** Congratulations to Luke Hoover, Cole Thornton, and Dylan Fricke on being recognized as Honorable Mentions for the 6A Northeast Valley Region!





★ **ALL-DISTRICT 2ND TEAM** Congratulations to Spencer Halverson, Dean Vincent, Alan Soukup, and Mason Hughes on being recognized as All-Region 2nd Team!



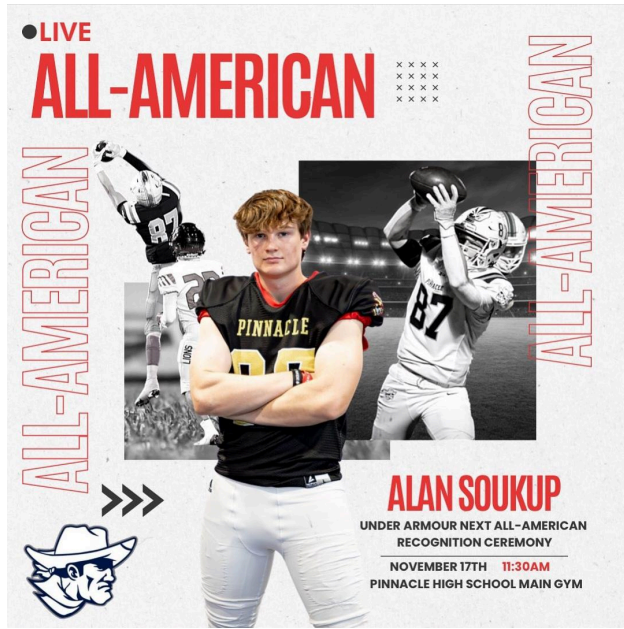
★ **PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL IS AN A SCHOOL** We are excited to announce that we have earned an A letter grade from the Arizona Department of Education! Congratulations Pinnacle!



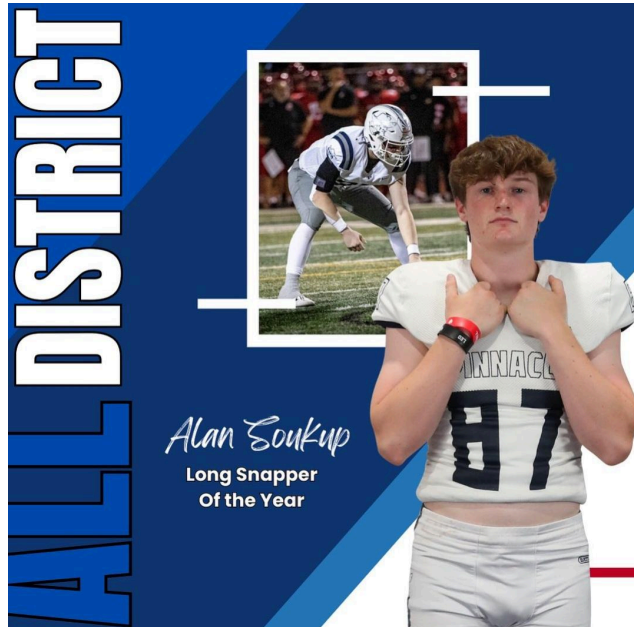
- ★ **COACH OF THE YEAR** Congratulations to Pinnacle Football Head Coach, Dana Zupke, on being named All-District Football Head Coach of the Year!



- ★ **ALL AMERICAN** Congratulations to Senior, Alan Soukup, on being named an Under-Armour All American of the Year!



★ **ALL-DISTRICT** Congratulations to Senior, Alan Soukup, on being named All-District Long-Snapper of the Year!



★ **ALL-DISTRICT** Congratulations to Senior, Cooper King, on being named All-District Defensive Player of the Year!



★ **HONORABLE MENTION** Congratulations to Jace Pina, Michael Laufenburger and Keenan Johnson on being named All District, Offensive Honorable Mentions!



- ★ **HONORABLE MENTION** Congratulations to juniors, Ethan Lanese and Jack Gasior, on being named All District Defensive Honorable Mentions.



- ★ **ALL-DISTRICT** Congratulations to Mason Hughes, Mac Richards, Krush Sowers, and Travis Gutierrez on being named All District, Offensive 1st Team



★ **ALL-DISTRICT** Congratulations to Dean Vincent, James Joppru, Jack Franklin, Dylan Fricke, and Spencer Halvorson on being named All District Defensive First Team



 All District  PV Schools  
**DEFENSIVE**  
**1ST TEAM**



**DYLAN**  
**FRICKE**

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**21 - P/DB**



 All District  PV Schools  
**DEFENSIVE**  
**1ST TEAM**



**JACK**  
**FRANKLIN**

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**55 - OL/DL**

 All District  PV Schools  
**DEFENSIVE**  
**1ST TEAM**



**DEAN**  
**VINCENT**

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**6 - LB**

 All District  PV Schools  
**DEFENSIVE**  
**1ST TEAM**



**JAMES**  
**JOPPRU**

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**91 - DL**

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**DEFENSIVE**  
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**SPENCER**  
**HALVORSON**

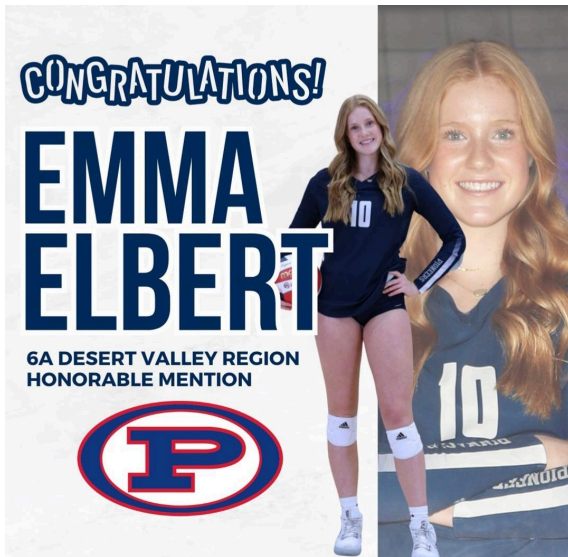
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**12 - DB/RB**

★ **ALL-DISTRICT** Congratulations to Junior, Wyatt Horton, on being named the All District Player of the Year for Football!



★ PINNACLE VOLLEYBALL Congratulations to our Volleyball athletes that were named Honorable Mention for the 6A Desert Valley Region!





★ **PINNACLE VOLLEYBALL** Congratulations to Junior, Hope Westra, on being named All-Region 1st Team for Volleyball!



- ★ **PINNACLE VOLLEYBALL** Congratulations to Senior, Lucy Boyd, on being named All-Region 2nd Team for the 6A Desert Valley Region!



- ★ **PINNACLE MARCHING BAND** The Pinnacle band competed in the state competition this past weekend against 30 other schools and won the bronze trophy. Great job to our band and thank you to Mr. Chris Blue for all your hard work!



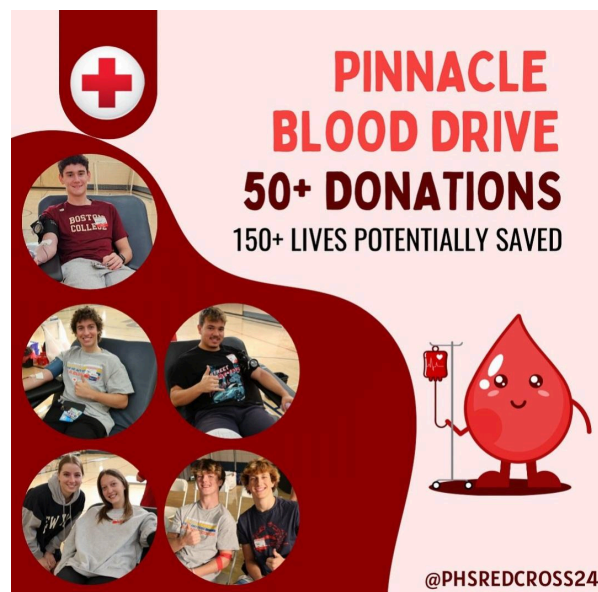
- ★ **GIRLS GOLF COACH OF THE YEAR** Congratulations to All-District Coach of the Year for Girls GOLF, Ryan Evans! We appreciate all you do!



- ★ **PINNACLE THEATRE COMPANY** PHS Theatre Troupe 6565 had at the State Thespian Festival this weekend representing Pinnacle High School. We took home two of the top awards in the state of Arizona for our work in community service, school service, and theater production. If you see these students make sure to congratulate them for all of their hard work.



- ★ **PINNACLE BLOOD DRIVE** A BIG thank you to the 50+ students, faculty, and community members who decided to donate blood at our blood drive, hosted by the @phsredcross24 in conjunction with the American Red Cross Association!



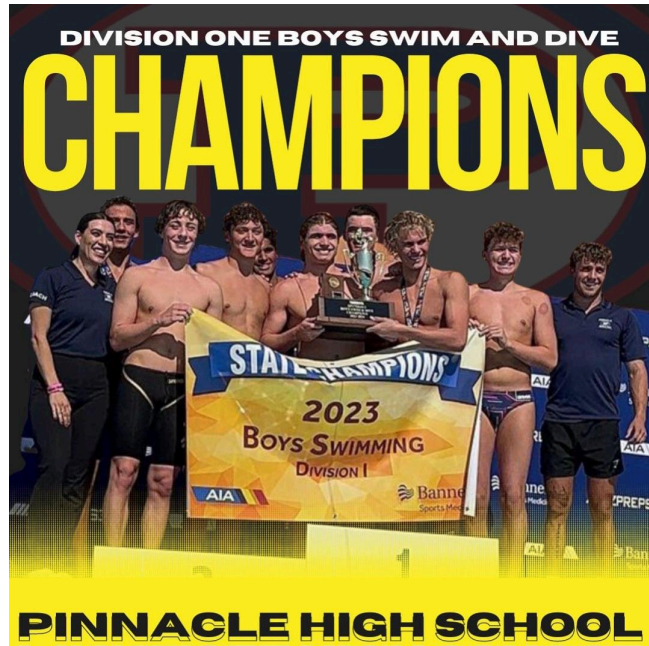
- ★ **PINNACLE FIELD ENSEMBLE** Congratulations to the Pinnacle Field Ensemble on taking home THREE first place victories in their competition this weekend! We are proud of you.



- ★ **PINNACLE SWIM & DIVE** Congratulations to Reese Sweeny, Kailah Dauderman, Elena Cowell, and Marine Ingram on placing 6th in the state in the 200 freestyle relay race!



- ★ **PINNACLE SWIM & DIVE** Congratulations to the boys Swim and Dive Team on winning the title of Division One Boys State Champions for Swim and Dive!



- ★ PINNACLE SWIM & DIVE Congratulations to Senior, Eddie Flynnon taking 4th place in the 50 freestyle race at the state championship meet!



- ★ PINNACLE SWIM & DIVE Congratulations to Sophomore, Hudson Martz, on taking 3rd place in the State Championship for the 500 boys freestyle!





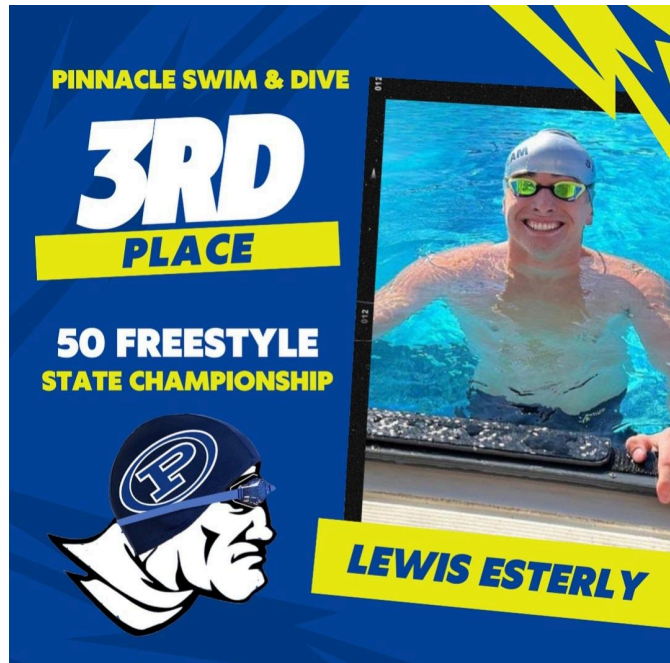
- ★ PINNACLE SWIM & DIVE Congratulations to Senior, Jeremy Rosen, on winning 1st place in the 500 freestyle state championship race!



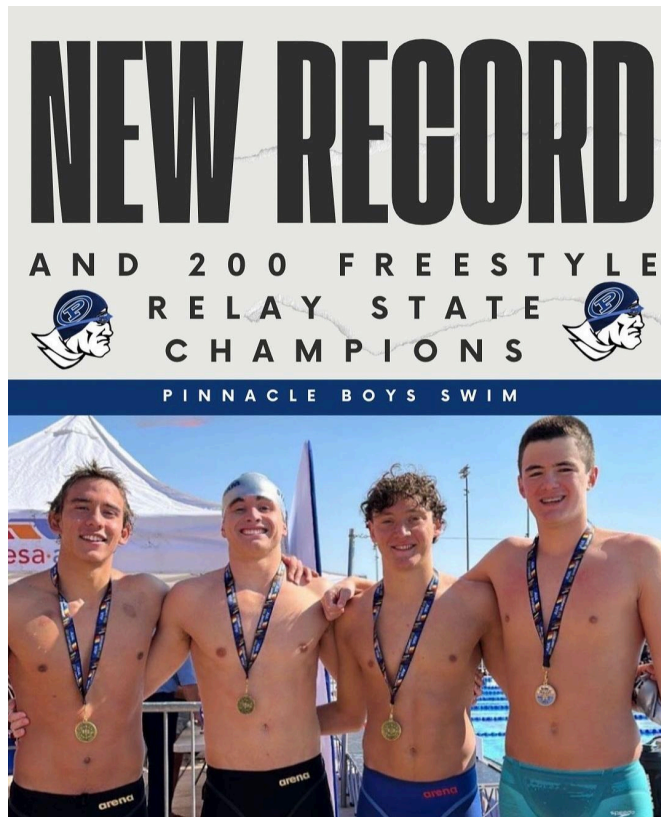
- ★ PINNACLE SWIM & DIVE Congratulations to Senior, Jeremy Rosen, on winning 2nd place in the 200 freestyle state championship meet!



- ★ **PINNACLE SWIM & DIVE** Congratulations to Junior, Lewis Esterly, on placing 3rd in the 50 freestyle state championship meet!



- ★ **PINNACLE SWIM & DIVE** Congratulations to Eddie Flynn, Lewis Esterly, Jeremy Rosen, and Brady Houlbar on setting a new record and winning the state championship for the 200 freestyle relay!



- ★ **PINNACLE PHOTOGRAPHY** Congratulations to Senior, Ryan Hanna, on receiving the Admin's Award for his photography at the Tiny Art Show, hosted by our Pinnacle Fine Arts Department.



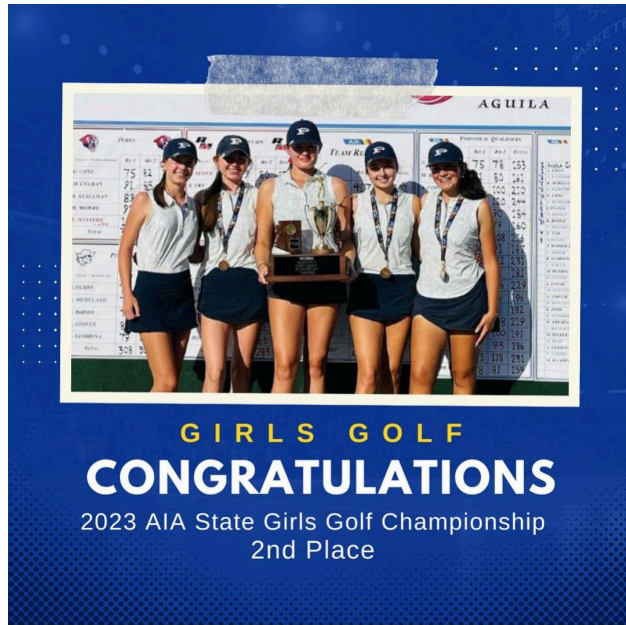
- ★ **PINNACLE PHOTOGRAPHY** Congratulations to Senior, Alex Arnold on winning "Best in Show: Photography" at the recent Tiny Art Showcase hosted by the Pinnacle Art Department. Great job, Alex!



★ **PINNACLE PHOTOGRAPHY** Congratulations to Senior, Sarah Johnson, on being named Honorable Mention in Photography at the Pinnacle Tiny Art Show Contest, hosted by the Pinnacle Art Department. Great job, Sarah!



★ **PINNACLE GOLF** Congratulations to our Girls Golf team on taking 2nd in the State at the 2023 AIA State Tournament! Go Big Blue!



★ **PINNACLE GOLF** Congratulations to our individual medalists at the AIA Girls Golf State Tournament! We are proud of our Pinnacle Girls Golf program and all they accomplished. Congrats to Kaitlyn Moreland, Samantha Olson, and Kiana Roddy!



★ **UNDER ARMOUR ALL AMERICAN** We are excited to recognize Senior and #1 long snapper in the nation, Alan Soukup, who has been named an Under Armour All American Athlete. We are excited to honor him at a ceremony during lunch on November 17th.



- ★ **OUTSTANDING STEM TEACHER** Congratulations to our very own, Coach Stumpf, on being accepted into the prestigious Arizona STEM Acceleration Program. We are proud to have great teachers on campus!



- ★ **OUTSTANDING ADJUNCT FACULTY** Congratulations to Dr. Jason Jones and Dr. Bridgette Wilde on being recognized as outstanding Adjunct Faculty with Rio Salado. Their students and respective department chairs at Rio Salado nominated them for this award. We are proud to have them as teachers at Pinnacle!



- ★ **PHS BAND AWARD** Congratulations to the Pinnacle Marching band who earned 1st place out of 10 bands this last weekend for the competition we hosted. We also won best marching, percussion and general effect.



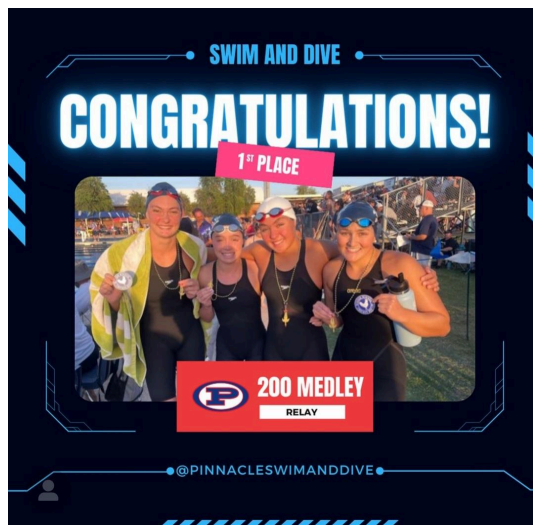
- ★ **PHS BOYS GOLF** Congratulations to the Boys Golf Team who have qualified for state! If you see James Rogers, Mason Collins, Liam Allen, Joey Allen, and Tyler Sehna with them, good luck. Great job gentlemen!



- ★ **PHS GIRLS GOLF** The Girls Golf Team has a new record. With their recent win, girls golf in 10-0 for their season. Great job girls!



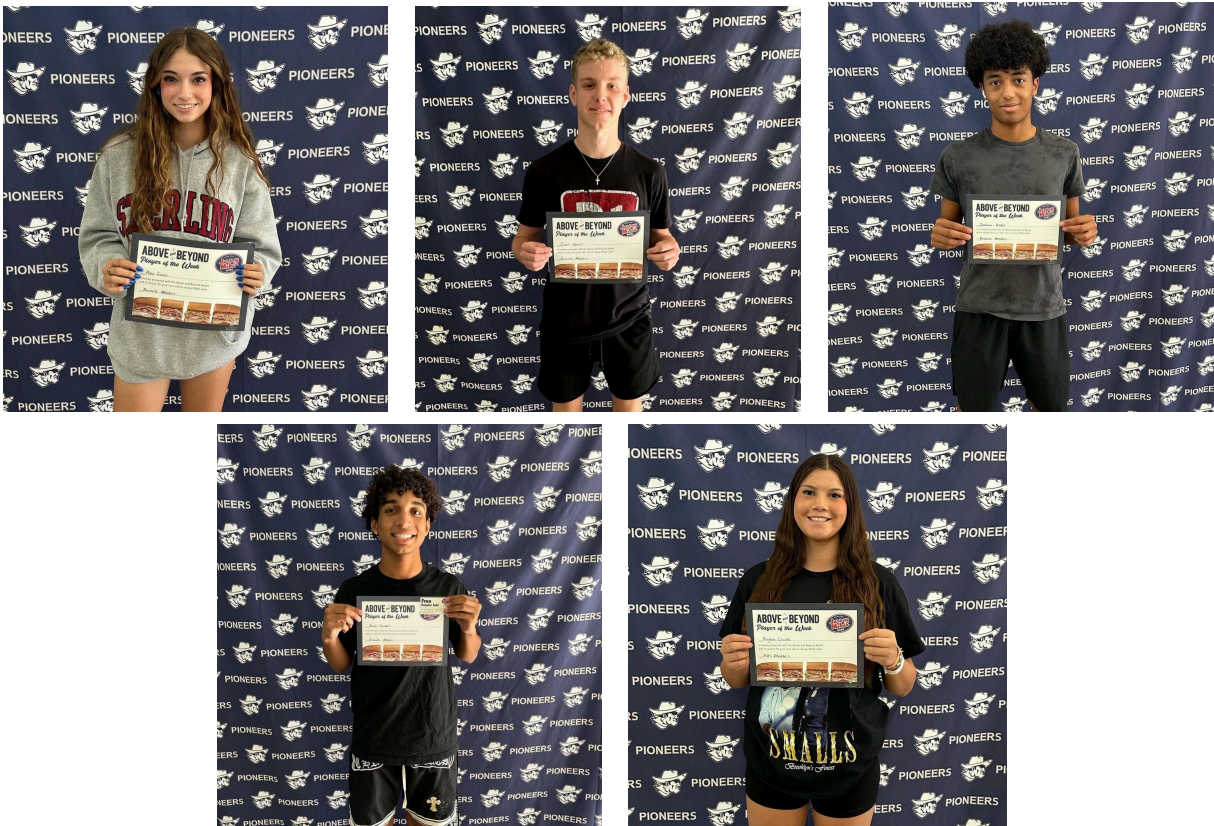
- ★ **PHS SWIM & DIVE** Congratulations to the Girls 200 medley relay team on their big win! Great job girls!



- ★ **PLAYERS OF THE WEEK** Great job to our “Players of the Week” sponsored by Jersey Mike’s #astudentabove campaign! Congratulations to Josh Pinder, Alex Faraci, Owen Jones,



Xavier Sanders, and Payton Crank. Thank you to Jersey Mike's for supporting student achievement.



- ★ **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS** The names of the National Merit Semi-finalists were released to the media on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023. Pinnacle High School is proud to announce the six Pinnacle Pioneers that have been named National Merit Semi-finalists. Please congratulate Adam Gramlich, Sareena Gupta, Grant Huber, Tyler Nelson, Jack Turner and Ava Usher!
- ★ **NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLARS** The names of the National Merit Commended Scholars were released to Pinnacle High School and the students were presented with their *Letter of Commendation*. Pinnacle High School is proud to announce the ten Pinnacle Pioneers that have been named National Merit Commended Scholars. Please congratulate Sera Arimori, Tyson Cable, Liam Flannery, Lukas Germinaro, Olivia Hirsch, Brianna Loo, Ryan Mahmoudi, Eric Meyer, Kayden Rapstad and Bradley Swalberg!
- ★ **COLLEGEBOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM AWARDEES** Congrats to the 2023 CollegeBoard's National Recognition Program awardees! The honor recognizes their academic excellence and hard work in high school, and that's a cause for celebration. Four Pinnacle High School students of 72,000 students from across the country earned academic honors from College Board's National Recognition Programs! Aseel Hammand and Keely Turner received an award from the National African American Recognition Award. Kristen Duncan and Kylie Hufnagel received an award from the National Hispanic Recognition Award. Congratulations!!!
- ★ **PINNACLE PIANIST PLACES 1ST** Sophomore Aadarsh Vikram auditioned for NAU's Flagstaff Piano Festival in Spring of 2023 and became one of 24 students that were selected to attend this event nationally. He was also awarded a tuition scholarship.

This was a week of immersion in piano performance with master classes and concerts from world class pianists, lessons from the professors at the Kitt music school, and a competition and recital at the end of the week.

Aadarsh learned a great deal and had an overall amazing experience. He placed '1st' in the competition and received a certificate plus a cash prize of \$1000! Aadarsh has also been offered a full ride scholarship, if he chooses, to study music at NAU!



## 2023 FPF Competition WINNERS

**1st Place:** AADARSH VIKRAM

**2nd Place:** NATHAN SPENCER

**3rd Place:** NATALIE SEYMORE

**Hon. Men.:** EDWARD WANG

- ★ **PINNACLE THEATRE COMPANY** had its first event this weekend - The 24 Hour Play Festival. The students auditioned, wrote, directed, teched and presented four 10 minute plays in a 24 hour period this weekend for a live audience Saturday night. Please wish those listed below a hearty congratulations on their fantastic shows.

Josephine Bradley, Olivia Catois, Skylar Else, Chloe Erka, Khrystyna Falendysh, Avery Finley, Eli Fucetola, Hunter Grinde, Sareena Gupta, Savannah Guzman, Alex Hansen, Gavin Harper, Marco Johnson, Aidan Jolly, Sophia Kapla, Carlie Kopp, Parker Landry-Skalina, Sydney Loo, Cory McElmurry, Aliya Melhado, Riley Mogull, Parker Morrison, Alex Nichols, Olivia Nicosia, Samantha Osborne, Cody Parker, Alexis Portnoy, Kai Riley, Gee Rodi, Claire Severs, Ollie Sloan, Colter Smitherman, Noah Snediker, Kacey Toolis, Ava Usher, Sophia Walder, Ariel Yanofsky, Atlas Ybarra, and Krystian Ziolkowski



- ★ **FROSTY THE SNOW FLOWER?** PHS advanced photo students started the year with a cool project. Students froze flowers, then took photos in various stages using natural light. They made composition and exposure decisions quickly, before their snow flowers melted away. Great job to Scarlett Patrow, Brooke Harper, Jake Abele, and Sean Kim.



- ★ **COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION** Congratulations to Keely Turner and Aseel Hammad who earned an academic honor from the National African American Recognition Program for their strong performance on College Board assessments and hard work in class.



- ★ **COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION** Congratulations to Keely Turner and Aseel Hammad who earned an academic honor from the National Hispanic Recognition Program for their strong performance on College Board assessments and hard work in class.



★ **FRESHMAN CAMP 2023:** The PHS Student Government hosted approximately 700 incoming freshmen at another successful Freshman Camp held on Wednesday, August 2nd! This year's Freshmen had the chance to participate in various activities that helped welcome and induct them to our school's norms and culture! It was a wonderful time seeing them for the first time as high school students!



**Welcome to the Class of 2027!**

- ★ **PINNACLE THEATRE COMPANY** has been busy over the summer. This past June PTC, Troupe 6565 attended the International Thespian Festival and had a blast. Please give a big congratulations to the following winners! Congratulations to Josephine Bradley, Sareena Gupta, Hayden Wasnesky, Colter Smitherman, and Krystian Ziolkowski.

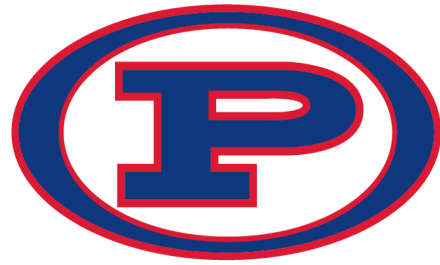


## SCHOOL NEWS

- ★ WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD A FRONT ROW SEAT TO WITNESS THE SUCCESS WE HAVE SEEN THIS YEAR WITH OUR PIONEERS! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR PIONEERS! HERE IS TO A GREAT 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

### QUICK LINKS

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