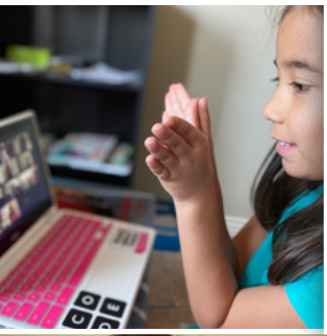




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CELEBRATING OUR
EXTRAORDINARY
ACHIEVEMENTS















DEER VALLEY
Unified School District

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Student Achievements

Arizona DECA State Conference



Clara McAdams, Barry Goldwater High School

Marketing Communications Event State Champion
- Clara McAdams, Barry Goldwater High School, Sophomore

Principle of Hospitality & Tourism Event State Champion
- Apramey Akkiraju, Mountain Ridge High School, Freshman

School Based Enterprise State Champions
- Mikayla Keys, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior
- Manasi Khandekar, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior

Buying and Merchandising Operations Written Event State Champions
- Manasi Khanderkar, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior
- Anaika Sangelkar, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior

Travel and Tourism Event State Champions
- Manasi Khanderkar, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior
- Anaika Sangelkar, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior

Automotive Service Management State Champion
- Salil Naik, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior



Sandra Day O'Connor High School Team

Speech and Debate Team State Champion
- Sandra Day O'Connor High School Team



Mackenzie Bremser, Mountain Ridge High School

Educators Rising State Conference

Lesson Planning & Delivery-STEM Category State Champion
- Mackenzie Bremser, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomore

Educators Rising National Conference

Lesson Planning & Delivery-STEM Category National Champion

- Mackenzie Bremser, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomore



Introduction to Event Planning Team, Mountain Ridge High School

Future Business Leaders of America State Conference

Introduction to Event Planning State Champion Team, Mountain Ridge High School

- Adarsh Banda, Freshman
- Mrida Igor, Sophomore
- Tanvi Konda, Sophomore

Sales Presentation State Championship Team, Mountain Ridge High School

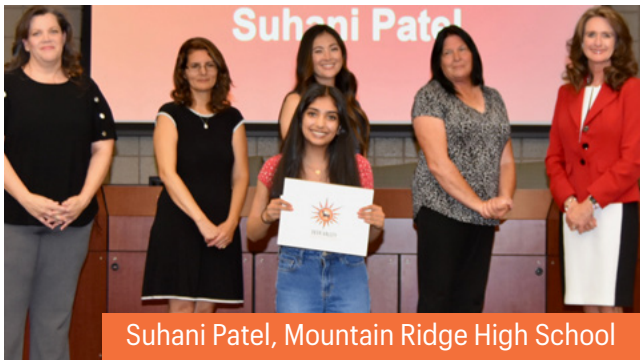
- Manasi Khandekar, Junior
- Aisiri Samak, Junior
- Anaika Sangelkar, Junior

Introduction to Business Presentation Championship Team, Mountain Ridge High School

- Tanvi Konda, Sophomore
- Prathana Prasad, Sophomore
- Bhavagna Yellamraju, Sophomore

Computer Applications, Computer Problem Solving & Networking Infrastructure State Champion

- Salil Naik, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior



Suhani Patel, Mountain Ridge High School

Help Desk State Champion

- Suhani Patel, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior

Hospitality & Event Management State Champion

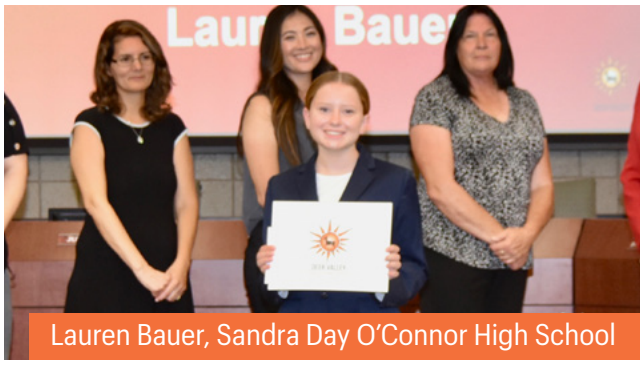
- Aisiri Samak, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior
- Anaika Sangelkar, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior

Accounting State Champion

- Anaika Sangelkar, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior

Introduction to Business & Introduction to Business Procedures State Champion

- Bhavagna Yellamraju, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore



Lauren Bauer, Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Accounting I State Champion

- Lauren Bauer, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman

Sports & Entertainment Management Event State Champion

- Rheagan Gellings, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

Introduction to Financial Math State Champion

- Ansh Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman

Insurance & Risk Management Event State Champion

- Neil Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior



Aniya King, Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Entrepreneurship State Champion

- Aniya King, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

Accounting II State Champion

- Shay Manumaleuga, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

Journalism State Champion

- Rohan Patel, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

Health Care Administration State Champion

- Esha Saraswat, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

Sports & Entertainment Management State Championship

- Esha Saraswat, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

Marketing Event Champion

- Ria Saraswat, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior



Samantha Sharlot, Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Public Speaking Champion

- Samantha Sharlot, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

2nd Place - Accounting 1

- Gavin Georgiou, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

2nd Place - Accounting 2

- Nathan Hancock, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

2nd Place - Business Ethics

- Hannah Lorenzo, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior
- Peighton Gellings, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior
- Rohan Patel, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

2nd Place - Business Law

- Samantha Sharlot, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

2nd Place - Computer Problem Solving

- Tyler Buividas, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

2nd Place – Economics

- Ria Sarswat, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior



2nd Place - Hospitality & Event Management
- Samantha Sharlot, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

2nd Place - Intro to Business Communications
- Esha Saraswat, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

2nd Place - Intro to Event Planning
- Lauren Bauer, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman

2nd Place - Organizational Leadership
- Tyler Buividas, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

2nd Place - Publication Design
- Tyler Buividas, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

2nd Place- Sales Presentation
- Ansh Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman
- Neil Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

2nd Place - Securities & Investments
- Neil Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

2nd Place - Sports & Entertainment Management
- Ansh Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman
- Neil Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior
- Rohan Patel, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

3rd Place - Accounting 2
- Jesse Frey, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

3rd Place - Intro to Business
- Esha Saraswat, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

3rd Place - Intro to Business Communications
- Ansh Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman

3rd Place - Intro to Business Presentation
- Esha Saraswat, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

3rd Place - Organizational Leadership
- Hannah Lorenzo, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior



3rd Place - Personal Finance
- Neil Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

3rd Place - Political Science
- Ria Sarswat, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

4th Place - Accounting 1
- Grace MacDonald, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

4th Place - Accounting 2
- Valentina Klauer, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

4th Place - Business Communications
- Tyler Buividas, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

4th Place - Digital Video Production
- Ava Aguilar, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior
- Nathan Edlebeck, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior
- Tyler Stoller, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

4th Place - Intro to Social Media Strategy
- Rheagan Gellings, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

5th Place - Business Communications
- Ria Sarswat, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

5th Place -Hospitality & Event Management
- Aayushi Datta, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore
- Ananya Thekkemelepatt, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore





Neil Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School



Amisha Chokshi, Mountain Ridge High School

5th Place - Insurance & Risk Management
- Ansh Khurana, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman

5th Place - Intro to Public Speaking
- Victoria Kirova, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman

5th Place – Journalism
- Hannah Lorenzo, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

5th Place – Marketing
- Delani Dermer, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman
- Kendall Lockwood, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman

5th Place- Political Science
- Rohan Patel, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

5th Place - Publication Design
- Aniya King, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

Family, Career & Community Leaders of America

Interior Design Event State Champion Team, Sandra Day O'Connor High School
- Mackenzie Greene, Junior
- Leopold Matej, Junior

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Awards

Cultural Diversities & Disparities in Health Care
- Amisha Chokshi, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomore

Pathophysiology State Champion
- Bhvagna Yellamraju, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

Sports Medicine State Champion
- Lorelei Panas, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomore

HOSA Arizona State Pin Design Champion,
- Teagan Severns, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

3rd Place - CPR/First Aid
- Sneha Velaga & Keerthi Vengatragavan, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomores

4th Place - Dental Terminology
- Paityn Thirsk, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

5th Place - Clinical Nursing
- Payton Kedley, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore



Skills USA

2nd Place - 3D Visualization and Animation

- Dawson Springberg, Boulder Creek High School, Junior

3rd Place - Advertising Design

- Juliana George, Boulder Creek High School, Senior

Arizona Stock Market Game State Champions

- Mason Hild, Sierra Hively and Bridger Brewer, Boulder Creek High School, Seniors

AzMerit High Scores

The following students scored the highest possible scale score in both English Language Arts and Math

- Violet Kaye, Canyon Springs STEM Academy, 8th Grade
- Bentley Waaraniemi, Diamond Canyon School, 3rd Grade
- Gurveer Grover, Highland Lakes School, 4th Grade
- Shay Nelson, Highland Lakes School, 4th Grade
- Kenzie Cota, Highland Lakes School, 5th Grade
- Joseph Phetteplace, Highland Lakes School, 6th Grade
- Aiden Young, Highland Lakes School, 7th Grade
- Alyssa Kalk, Hillcrest Middle School, 7th Grade
- Chloe Chagolla, Sierra Verde STEAM Academy, 5th Grade
- Reese Poczulp, Sierra Verde STEAM Academy, 7th Grade
- Dax Powers, Sierra Verde STEAM Academy, 7th Grade
- Ethan Vaughn, Sierra Verde STEAM Academy, 7th Grade
- Jonathan Azurin, Sonoran Foothills School, 4th Grade
- Sarah Hayden, Stetson Hills School, 4th Grade
- Marlowe Dockter, Terramar Academy of the Arts, 6th Grade
- Bailey Fetter, Terramar Academy of the Arts, 6th Grade
- Sarah Vaughn, Terramar Academy of the Arts, 8th Grade
- Christian Bala, West Wing School, 8th Grade



Deer Valley Education Foundation Battle of the Books, 1st Place Team, The Unikornz, Stetson Hills

Deer Valley Education Foundation Battle of the Books

1st Place

- The Unikornz from Stetson Hills School, 5th Grade - Tyler Bedgood, Kaylor David, and Cole Flores

2nd Place

- Fireworks from Las Brisas Elementary, 6th Grade - Samantha Beutler, Makenna Carroll, Alyssa Sarver

3rd Place

- Bookworms from Sunset Ridge School: Shae Holfeltz, 6th Grade and Sandra Hullinger, 5th Grade

International Career Development Conference

Automotive Service Management Finalist

- Salil Naik, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior

Junior Achievement of Arizona's 18 Under 18 Award

- T.J. Borowsk, Canyon Springs STEM Academy, 8th Grade

Project Smile AZ recognized by the Arizona Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family

- Hurshneet Chadha, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomore

Seal of Biliteracy Awarded

Barry Goldwater High School – 5

- Jalene Mackmer, Senior
- Hannah Park, Senior
- Andrew Sweilem, Senior
- Daniel Valeev, Senior
- Abel Zambrano Ortega, Senior



Boulder Creek High School – 34

- Jason Bartolomeo, Junior
- Amanda Buster, Senior
- Nicolas Casarella, Senior
- Preston Channer, Senior
- Emily Clark, Senior
- Kayla Clark, Senior
- Rebecca Davidov, Senior
- Jonathon Duran, Senior
- Emily Feemster, Senior
- Jeannie Gibbs, Senior
- Bayli Gray, Senior
- Mariana Gurerrero Castro, Senior
- Ilian Guzman, Senior
- Olivia Hall, Senior
- Sophia Hawkins, Senior
- Alex Helwig, Senior
- Helen Holmes, Senior
- Kiana Inez, Senior
- Elizabeth Klein, Senior
- Priya Krishnaswamy, Senior
- Taylor Kyle, Senior
- Georgette Lazan, Senior
- Carolyn Lee, Senior
- Lauren Linneman, Senior
- Haven Mares, Senior
- Alyssa Masterson, Senior
- Isabella Mastrangelo, Senior
- Ryan Mau, Senior
- Morgan Mehrtens, Senior
- Weiss O'Connor, Senior
- Marysselene Quihui Ramirez, Senior
- Maxwell Setto, Senior
- Gabriella Threedy, Senior

Deer Valley High School – 10

- Andre Adam, Senior
- Maya Almanaseer, Senior
- Paul Child, Senior
- Gavriela Dimas, Senior
- Randy Espinoza, Senior
- Aaron Nuanez, Senior
- Edith Reyes Correa, Senior
- Angela Toves, Senior
- Maxamillian Wilson, Senior

Mountain Ridge High School – 24

- Abdula Alkhafaji, Senior
- Lauren Aoyama, Senior
- Elizabeth Arapi, Senior
- Ravi Bhakta, Senior
- Bryce Bustamante, Senior
- Morgan , Senior
- Chen Yue Fan, Senior
- Alexis Gleydura, Senior
- Julia Guerrero, Senior
- Sophie Jensen, Senior
- Juheon Jun, Senior
- Gabrielle Kirsch, Senior
- Caleb McBee, Senior
- Alexandria Nearman, Senior
- Elizabeth Pablos, Senior
- Natalie Peters, Senior
- Lana Renter, Senior
- Xavier Salazar, Senior
- Aden Schulze-Miller, Senior
- Tyson Townsend, Senior
- Guillermo Vazquez Galindo, Senior
- Chang Xu, Senior
- Jonathan Yosafat, Senior
- Rehan Zafar, Senior

Sandra Day O'Connor High School – 39

- Haley Allen, Senior
- Sadie Alvarado, Senior
- Matthew Andolino, Senior
- Alyssa Bacon, Senior
- Mikayla Bridges, Senior
- Edward Chen, Senior
- Katherine Dusza, Senior
- Kaitlin Fisher, Senior
- Jacob Flake, Senior
- Isabel Gonzales, Senior
- Nadia Gonzalez, Senior
- Kerrigan Horn, Senior
- Devyn Huerta-Whitney, Senior
- Alexandra Jefferies, Senior
- Caleb Johnson, Senior
- Payton Jundt, Senior
- Joann Kuriakose, Senior
- Lara Layugan, Senior
- Amani Lebbon, Senior
- Hannah Lorenzo, Senior
- Max Lyons, Senior
- Emma McCammond, Senior
- Madeline McDaniel-Pulver, Senior
- Maanav Mukundan, Senior
- Reese Musso, Senior
- Andy Nguyen, Senior
- Rohan Patel, Senior
- Alaina Perreault, Senior
- Noa Ramsey, Senior
- Ria Saraswat, Senior
- Kylea Scherer, Senior
- Madelyn Smith, Senior
- Isabella Souza, Senior
- Ashlen Sperry, Senior
- Samantha Stumpf, Senior
- Emily Tsang, Senior
- Chantel Visser, Senior
- Kallie Watson, Senior
- Dylan Winman, Senior

College Board National Hispanic Scholar 2020-2021

- Christian Rodriguez, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior

Pay it Forward Award, Arizona's Family

- Savannah Wright, Barry Goldwater High School, Junior



Suhani Patel, Mountain Ridge High School

2020-2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education

- Suhani Patel, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior

SEWA International Presidential Volunteer Service Gold Award

- Aval Daryani, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior

2021 High School Senior Merit Award from Congressman David Schweikert 6th District of Arizona

- Brody Beckman, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior

Phoenix City Council District 1 Outstanding Young Man & Young Woman 2021

- Bryce Bustamante, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior
- Eden Sapien, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman Student Advisory Council Nomination

- Gabriel Habeeb, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior

Total Scholarship Offers to DVUSD Seniors – $73,072,377

- Barry Goldwater High School – $4,546,570
- Boulder Creek High School – $14,341,194
- Deer Valley High School – $9,144,385
- Mountain Ridge High School – $26,786,845
- Sandra Day O'Connor High School – $18,253,383

C-Cap Cooking For Scholarships Competition Winner

Full Tuition Bachelors Scholarship to New York Culinary Institute at Monroe College

- Spencer Wild, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior

2020 Heisman High School Scholarship Winner

- Madelyn Smith, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

Athletic Achievements



Caelle Armijo, Sandra Day O'Connor High School

State Champions

Girls Swim: 100 Yard Freestyle State Champion

- Caelle Armijo, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Freshman



Rick Popper,Boulder Creek High School

Boys Swim: 50 & 100 Yard Freestyle State Champion

- Rick Popper, Boulder Creek High School, Senior

Girls Wrestling 132 lb Division I State Champion:

- Bree Garcia, Barry Goldwater High School, Junior

Boys Wrestling 132 lb Division III State Champion

- Andrew Sweilem, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior

Boys Track 100 & 200 Meter

- Aiden Harvey, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior



Bree Garcia, Barry Goldwater High School



Hillcrest Middle School Spiritline

Junior High Pom & Cheer State Champions
- Hillcrest Middle School Spiritline

Girls Sand Volleyball Pair USA National Beach Tour Junior Championships Qualifying Team
- Deer Valley High School



Max Lyons, Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Sports State Runners-up

Boys Golf
- Max Lyons, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

Boys Volleyball
- Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Girls Beach Volleyball
- Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Boys Track Shot Put
- Semajay James, Deer Valley High School, Junior

DVUSD Pursuing Victory with Honor Recognitions

Team of the Year 2020-2021
- Football, Sandra Day O'Connor High School

School of the Year
- Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Coach of the Year
- Steve Casey, Sandra Day O'Connor High School



High School Male and Female Athletes of the Year

Female High School Athlete of the Year
- Rylee Holtorf, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior

Male High School Athlete of the Year
- Jacob Cisneros, Boulder Creek High School, Senior

Unsung Hero
- Debbie White, Athletic Director Secretary, Deer Valley High School

Courage Award
- Aspen Brookshire, Barry Goldwater High School, Sophomore

Under Armour All-American High School Player to Watch
- Madison Girnius, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior
- Devynn Sukung, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior
- Alissa Uhlenhop, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior



Girls Beach Volleyball, Sandra Day O'Connor High School



Andrew Sweilem, Barry Goldwater High School



Melissa Hobson, Sandra Day O'Connor High School



Boys Volleyball, Sandra Day O'Connor High School

USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award

- Mountain Ridge High School Girls Volleyball

2021 Southwest Youth Football All Star Showcase Player

- Nique'o Anderson, Greenbrier Elementary School, 6th Grade

AzCentral Sports Awards Boys Athlete of the Week

- Mason Henkels, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior – Volleyball
- Luke Kearney, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior – Basketball

Student Featured on Kelly Clarkson Show for act of Sportsmanship during Football Season

- Brahm Luyt, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore

Arizona Cardinals Offensive Player of the Year

- Jacob Cisneros, Boulder Creek High School, Senior

Fine Arts

National Association for Music Education All-National Concert Band Member

Alto Saxophone 1

- Darryl Leung, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior

Arizona Music Educators Association Elementary & Jr. High All-State Orchestra

- Rose Boender, Highland Lakes School, 6th Grade
- Danielle Johnson, Highland Lakes School, 6th Grade
- Emily Kim, Highland Lakes School, 7th Grade
- Erik Potts, Highland Lakes School, 8th Grade
- Shriya Saravanan, Highland Lakes School, 5th Grade
- John Schrade, Highland Lakes School, 6th Grade
- Sami Smith, Highland Lakes School, 6th Grade
- Louie Tucker, Highland Lakes School, 6th Grade
- Ian Young, Highland Lakes School, 8th Grade
- Claude (CJ) Battle, Village Meadows Elementary, 6th Grade
- Kori Bentley, Park Meadows Elementary, 6th Grade
- Addison Hutchinson, Park Meadows Elementary, 6th Grade

Arizona Music Educators Association All-State Band

Mountain Ridge High School Students

- Jackson Aoyama, Sophomore
- Lauren Aoyama, Senior
- Ethan Best, Junior
- Aiden Bowers, Junior
- Evrim Gulser, Senior
- Darryl Leung, Senior
- Jackson Ourada, Senior
- Frankie Perry, Junior
- Allyson Ritter, Sophomore
- Anthony Ruan, Senior
- Maxim Strong, Senior
- Cooper Taylor, Freshman
- Tyler White, Sophomore
- Drake Zinn, Junior

Arizona Music Educators Association All-State Jazz Band

- Maxim Strong, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior

Arizona Band and Orchestra 2021 All-Region Band & Orchestra

Mountain Ridge High School Students

- Malak Alkhafaji, Freshman
- Yousif Alkhafaji, Freshman
- Brandy Anderson, Junior
- Jackson Aoyama, Sophomore
- Lauren Aoyama, Senior
- Kristian Bailes, Sophomore
- Ethan Best, Junior
- Zachary Bollig, Junior
- Aiden Bowers, Junior
- Sean Collins, Senior
- Sarah Cooney, Sophomore
- Hyrum Davis, Sophomore
- Arda Gulser, Freshman
- Evrim Gulser, Senior
- Noah Harris, Junior
- Brendan Hilditch, Junior
- Taylor Jacot, Junior
- Hannah Jeon, Freshman
- Justin Le, Senior
- Darryl Leung, Senior
- Braden Lyster, Sophomore
- Shota Magick, Sophomore
- Sophia Marchner, Junior
- Jade Marston, Freshman
- Cayden Nicholls, Junior
- Jackson Ourada, Senior
- Tej Patel, Senior
- Frankie Perry, Junior
- Allyson Ritter, Sophomore
- Kyle Roth, Senior
- Anthony Ruan, Senior
- Braden Scott, Sophomore
- Annaliesa Shepherd, Freshman
- Maxim Strong, Senior
- Cooper Taylor, Freshman

- Tessa Taylor, Freshman
- Lauren McKelly-Valenzuela, Senior
- Shreya Vijayvargiya, Sophomore
- Tyler Webber, Sophomore
- Tyler White, Sophomore
- Drake Zinn, Junior

AMEA Solo/Ensemble "Best Overall"

- Darryl Leung, *Sax Solo – Demersseman,* Mountain Ridge High School, Senior

AMEA Solo/Ensemble "Best In Class"

- Lauren Aoyama, *Flute Solo – Fantasie Pastorale by Hongroise,* Mountain Ridge High School, Senior
- Darryl Leung, *Sax Solo – Demersseman,* Mountain Ridge High School, Senior
- Anthony Ruan, *Sax Solo – Dahl,* Mountain Ridge High School, Senior
- Cooper Taylor, *Bassoon Solo - Bassoon Concerto Mvt 1 by Mozart,* Mountain Ridge High School, Freshman
- Mountain Ridge High School Tuba / Euphonium Quartet – *Power by John Stevens*



Jacob Bustamante, Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona Department of Education State Seal of Arts Proficiency in Band

- Jacob Bustamante, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior
- Sarah Foster, Deer Valley High School, Senior

AzMBA Individual And Ensemble Competition (I&E)

Mountain Ridge High School Students

- 1st Place - Colorguard Solo - Shannen Greenlee, Senior
- 2nd Place - Colorguard Solo - Sophie Singh, Junior
- 4th Place -Rudimentary Percussion Solo - Jake Harris, Sophomore
- 4th Place - Mallet Percussion Solo - Annaliesa Shepherd, Freshman
- 2nd Place - Woodwind Ensemble - Darryl Leung, Anthony Ruan, Seniors
- 3rd Place - Woodwind Ensemble - Taylor Jacot, Jaina Domkus, Sophia Marchner, Juniors
- 1st Place - Woodwind Solo - Anthony Ruan, Senior
- 3rd Place - Woodwind Solo - Darryl Leung, Senior
- 5th Place - Woodwind Solo - Braden Scott, Sophomore

Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic, December 2021

Invited to perform

- Saxophone Quartet, Mountain Ridge High School

National Band Association Citation of Excellence

- Mountain Ridge High School

National Assoc. for Music Education All-National Concert Band

- Darryl Leung, *Alto Saxophone 1 (Virtual),* Mountain Ridge High School, Senior

WGAZ Virtual Divisional Showcase

Superior rating - Scholastic A.

- Mountain Ridge High School Color Guard - Varsity

Superintendent's Choice Grade Band Winners:

- Kimsey Terrell, Terramar Academy of the Arts, 2nd Grade - *Won a virtual interactive field trip from the MIM for her class*
- Cali Fetter, Terramar Academy of the Arts, 1st Grade - *Won a family pass to the Phoenix Botanical Gardens*

Arizona Music Educators Association All-State Choir

- Soprano-Corinne Kisicki, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior
- Bass-Monte Gardiner, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior
- Soprano-Mackenzie Lee, Boulder Creek High School, Sophomore
- Alto-Claire Boden, Boulder Creek High School, Sophomore
- Alto- Jamilyn Hawthorne, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Tenor-Jonah Garcia, Boulder Creek High School, Senior
- Tenor-Noah Schweikert, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Bass-Brian Andersen, Boulder Creek High School, Freshman
- Ethan Millar, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomore

Superior solo:

- Corinne Kisicki, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior

Regional Choir:

- Corinne Kisicki, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior
- Monte Gardiner Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior
- Seth Gardiner, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore
- Clyde Gardiner, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore
- TJ Bedgood, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Sophomore
- Kimberlin Treviño, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Senior
- VaunaLae Albert, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Kat Blanton, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Noah Hines, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Danijel Momcilovic, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Marius Perez, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Garret Stilson, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Soprano-Mezttly Garcia, Boulder Creek High School, Sophomore
- Soprano-Mackenzie Lee, Boulder Creek High School, Sophomore
- Soprano-Madison O'Connor, Boulder Creek High School, Senior
- Alto-Claire Boden, Boulder Creek High School, Sophomore
- Alto-Abigail Conly, Boulder Creek High School, Senior
- Alto-Jamilyn Hawthorne, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Alto-Melanie Hreha, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Alto-Davin Kallevig, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Alto-Payton Phalen, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Tenor-Jacob Blalack, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Tenor-Jonah Garcia, Boulder Creek High School, Senior
- Tenor-Noah Schweikert, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Tenor-Samuel Van Nuys, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Bass-Brian Andersen, Boulder Creek High School, Freshman

- Bass-Brady Smith, Boulder Creek High School, Sophomore
- Bass-Spencer Wild Boulder Creek High School, Senior
- Claire Lee, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior
- Ethan Millar, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomore
- Mia Murray, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior
- Grace Tice, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior

Arizona Department of Education State Seal of Arts Proficiency in Choir

- Nathan Alcoce, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Alyssa Arellano, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Brittney Bertot, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Danielle Blanton, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Lelu Larson Escobar, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Alexandra Fausett, Deer Valley High School, Senior
- Noah Hines, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Danijel Momcilovic, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- VaunaLae Albert, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior



Brian Denuit, Deer Valley High School

DVUSD Superintendent's 2021 Student Art Purchase Awards

- Morgan Smith, Barry Goldwater High School, Senior
- Hailee Cox, Boulder Creek High School, Junior
- Brian Denuit, Deer Valley High School, Senior
- Stella Wesson, Mountain Ridge High School, Junior
- Olivia Falgione, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Junior



Stella Wesson, Mountain Ridge High School

DVUSD District Art Showcase

1st Place in Photography

- Santana Sais, Deer Valley High School, Junior

Arizona Department of Education's Arizona Youth Art Month Awards

K-2 Superintendent's Choice Winner

- Kimsey Terrell, Terramar Academy of the Arts, 2nd Grade

K-2 Arizona Department of Education Winner

- Cali Fetter, Terramar Academy of the Arts, 2nd Grade

K-2 Showcase Winner

- Drew Rousseau, Terramar Academy of the Arts, 2nd Grade

3-5 Superintendent's Choice Winner

- Claire Wetzel, Deer Valley Online Academy, 5th Grade

3-5 Showcase Winner

- Abigail Waldron, Terramar Academy of the Arts, 4th Grade
- Taylor Turner - Terramar Academy of the Arts, 4th Grade

6-8 Arizona Department of Education Winner

- Riley Gillam, Deer Valley Online Academy, 7th Grade

6-8 Showcase Winner

- Sofia Sanchez, Deer Valley Online Academy, 6th Grade

Congressional Art Show First Place Winner from Congresswoman Debbie Lesko, Congressional District #8

1st Place

- Brooke Wells, Boulder Creek High School, Junior

2nd Place

- Dang Le, Deer Valley High School, Junior

Shemer New Horizon's Art Showcase

3 Scholarship Awards and purchase

- Ashlynn Compo, Deer Valley High School, Senior

Scholarship Award and purchase

- Gabrielle Gloria, Deer Valley High School, Junior

Arizona Department of Education State Seal of Arts Proficiency in Dance

- Kiera Boatman, Deer Valley High School, Senior
- Alayna Eichner, Deer Valley High School, Senior
- Julianna Fausett, Deer Valley High School, Senior
- Veronica Hill, Deer Valley High School, Senior
- Elodie Hilbert, Deer Valley High School, Senior
- Jordyn James, Deer Valley High School, Senior
- Crystal Waters, Deer Valley High School, Senior

National High School Dance Association Inductees

- Kayla Lonon, Boulder Creek High School, Senior
- Kendyl Lonon, Boulder Creek High School, Senior



Toni Ruan, Mountain Ridge High School

94.5 FM Salute from Home Winners

Students chosen perform their version of the national anthem and are featured on-air and receive a $250 check to help further the winner's musical education.

- Hyrum Davis & Cooper Taylor, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomores
- Allyson Ritter, Mountain Ridge High School, Sophomore
- Toni Ruan, Mountain Ridge High School, Senior
- Andy Tran, Mountain Ridge High School, Freshman

Teaching and Instruction

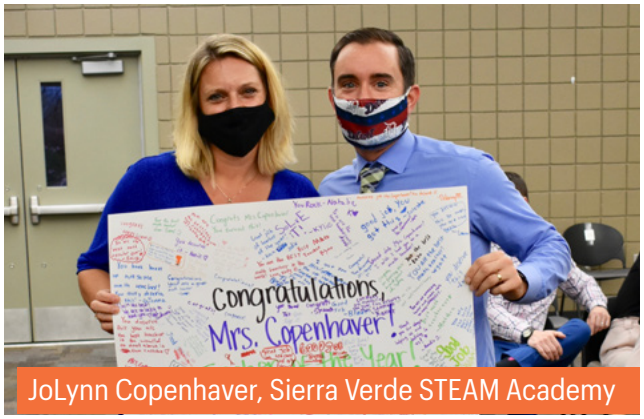
2020-21 Maricopa County Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Team

- Jaime Hansen, Canyon Springs STEM Academy
- Nena Holt, District Teacher ELL Specialist

3TV Silver Apple Award

Arizona teachers that change lives and shape the future of students

- Jaclyn Fern, 3rd Grade Teacher, Terramar Academy of the Arts
- Rob Dogal, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Diamond Canyon School
- Breanne Martin, 1st Grade Teacher, Canyon Springs STEM Academy



JoLynn Copenhaver, Sierra Verde STEAM Academy

Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) Teachers of the Year

- Kendra Beatty, Sonoran Foothills School
- Kelly Bills, West Wing School
- Patty Boutelle, Stetson Hills School
- Mary Ann Potestades Cawley, Sonoran Foothills School
- Kimberly Christensen, Hillcrest Middle School
- JoLynn Copenhaver, Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
- Dennis Foote, Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
- Katie Harkema, Deer Valley High School



Katie Harkema, Deer Valley High School



Ryan Mattheis, Barry Goldwater High School

- Jessica Kerich, Sonoran Foothills School
- Qin Li (Verry), Gavilan Peak School
- Ryan Mattheis, Barry Goldwater High School
- Vicky Munoz, Barry Goldwater High School
- Christine Rowlan, Canyon Springs STEM Academy
- Brittany Scheer, West Wing School
- Carolyn Ulrich, Deer Valley High School

Deer Valley Education Foundation Rookie Teachers of the Year

- Annie Ramos, Copper Creek Elementary
- Jordan Schwab, Terramar Academy of the Arts

Association for Career and Technical Education of Arizona (ACTEAZ) Career and Technical Education Administrator of the Year 2021

- Jayme Fitzpatrick, DVUSD CTE Manager



Debbie Moore, Mountain Ridge High School

Association for Career and Technical Education of Arizona (ACTEAZ) Teacher of the Year

- Debbie Moore, Mountain Ridge High School

Association for Career and Technical Education of Arizona (ACTEAZ) New Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year

- Renee Manley-Medic, Boulder Creek High School



Jayme Fitzpatrick, DVUSD

Association for Career and Technical Education of Arizona (ACTEAZ) Janet Linton Leadership Award

- Jayme Fitzpatrick, DVUSD CTE Manager



Shawna Collins, Legend Springs

National Board Certified Teachers

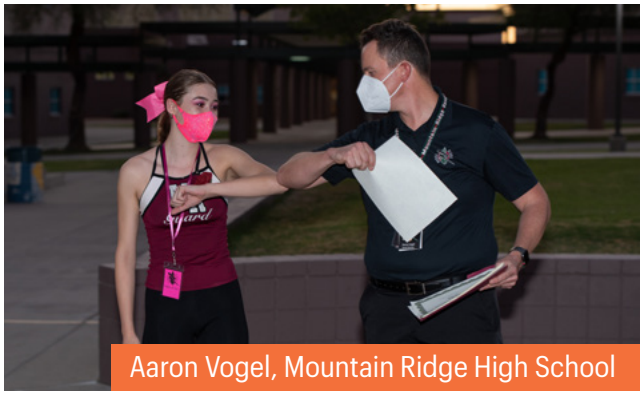
- Lissa Borchers, Mountain Ridge High School, 2017
- Katie Brown, Diamond Canyon School, 2013
- James Burton, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, 2004
- Deborah Carey, Desert Mountain School, 2016
- Shawna Collins, Legend Springs Elementary, 2021
- Patricia Eberhardt, Sierra Verde STEAM Academy, 2012
- Stefanie Ewbank, Deer Valley High School, 2013
- Anne Farmer, Sonoran Foothills School, 2018
- Kelley Fisher, Las Brisas Elementary School, 2013
- Lisa Hoelzen, Cooper Creek Elementary School, 2003/2013
- Sharla LaBelle, Bellair Elementary School, 2009
- Alexis LaDuca, Mountain Ridge High School, 2017
- Tara LeCount, Diamond Canyon School, 2006/2016
- Melissa Mara, Sandra Day O'Connor High School, 2016
- Vicky Mead, Stetson Hills School, 2007/2017
- Dawn Olson, Norterra Canyon School, 2008/2018
- Sharon Reed, New River Elementary School, 2013
- Dana Russell, Stetson Hills School, 2007
- Stephen Wilding, Sunset Ridge School, 2021
- Judi Williams, DVUSD District Office, 2013

The National Society of High School Scholars' - Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction

- Abel Dragomir, Fine Arts Teacher, Mountain Ridge High School
- Wendi Matthews, Counseling, Mountain Ridge High School

Subject Matter Expert by the National Academy Foundation

- Debbie Moore, Teacher, Mountain Ridge High School



Aaron Vogel, Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona Music Educators Association O.M. Hartsell Excellence in Teaching Award

- Aaron Vogel, Mountain Ridge High School Band Director

School & Staff Achievements

School Connect Changemaker Award 2021
- Dr. Curtis Finch, DVUSD Superintendent

Arizona Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting
- Heather Mock and the Finance Department, DVUSD Director of Finance

Arizona Educational Foundation A+ Schools of Excellence

K-6 A+ Schools of Excellence
- Arrowhead Elementary 2019
- Constitution Elementary 2018
- Copper Creek Elementary 2019
- Desert Sage Elementary 2015
- Legend Springs Elementary 2016
- Park Meadows Elementary 2019



Desert Mountain School

K-8 A+ Schools of Excellence
- Anthem School 2015, 2019
- Canyon Springs STEM Academy 2016, 2020
- Desert Mountain School 2020
- Diamond Canyon School 2015, 2019
- Gavilan Peak School 2016, 2020
- Paseo Hills School 2005, 2010
- Sierra Verde STEAM Academy 2010, 2014, 2018
- Stetson Hills School 2010, 2016
- West Wing School 2017

Middle Schools A+ Schools of Excellence
- Hillcrest Middle School 1998
- Desert SkyMiddle School 1991, 1997

High Schools A+ Schools of Excellence
- Barry Goldwater High School 2011, 2015
- Deer Valley High School 2018
- Mountain Ridge High School 2002, 2013, 2018
- Sandra Day O'Connor High School 2018

Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Region V Innovative Program 2020-2021
- Marketing & Hospitality Program, Deer Valley High School

2020 AASBO Member of the Year
- Laura Szymanoski, Purchasing Department

NAF Distinguished Level Academy
- Academy of Entrepreneurship, Mountain Ridge High School


Avenue 27, Barry Goldwater High School

Arizona CTE Program of the Year
Avenue 27 student-run restaurant and culinary arts program at Barry Goldwater High School



Deer Valley Unified School District

PLC Model District awarded by Solution Tree
(DVUSD is one of only two school districts in Arizona to receive this honor)
- Deer Valley Unified School District

Valley Schools Healthy Arizona Worksite Program (HAWP) Gold Level Recipient
- Deer Valley Unified School District

Maricopa County Department of Public Health Healthy Arizona Worksite Platinum Award
- Sandra Day O'Connor High School

National School Public Relations (NSPRA) Awards

Communications & Community Engagement (CCE) Department

Awards of Excellence
- Finance Publication, DVUSD Special Report to the Community - 2020-2021
- Marketing Publication, Kindergarten Enrollment Campaign

Award of Merit
- E-Newsletter (Internal Audience), Deer Valley Voice

Honorable Mention
- Marketing Publication, Big Kid Book Club Promotion Campaign

Maricopa County Air Quality Department Department Spotlight
- DVUSD Community Education Department, Community Education Program (Virtual Workshops)

National Federation of High School Sports Coach of the Year
- Melissa Hobson, Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Community Involvement

Arizona Best-in-State Employers, Top 60 Businesses with 500+ employees – Forbes Magazine, 2020

U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools
- Sandra Day O'Connor High School, #30 in Arizona
- Mountain Ridge High School, #31 in Arizona
- Boulder Creek High School, #43 in Arizona
- Deer Valley High School, #114 in Arizona
- Barry Goldwater High School, #136 in Arizona

Grant Awards

Desert Financial Credit Union - $3000
- Greenbrier Elementary

GENYOUth, Dairy Management West and the Albertsons Companies Foundation - $12,000
- DVUSD Food & Nutrition Department - COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding

KTAR's Pay Tribute To A Teacher Program - $2,500
- Tracey Brody, 8th Grade Teacher, Terramar Academy of the Arts

Nourishing Neighbors Summer Meals P rogram - $100,000
- DVUSD Food & Nutrition Department

Project Momentum - $1,000,000.00
- Organizational Improvement – Supporting our students with mastering grade level essential standards.

Read Better Be Better - $115,500
After-school literacy program that connects young readers and youth leaders to improve literacy outcomes and inspire a love of reading.

Southwest Behavioral Health and Services: $511, 832
This partnership provides master's and/or doctoral level clinicians on DVUSD campuses to provide a comprehensive level of support to DVUSD students. Some of the supports include skill-building groups for socialization skills, emotional regulation, anger management, counseling and crises services to students and families.

Safety Grant Expansion Funds - $734,947
This grant is through the Federal Government and was used to hire two SRO Officers and six Counselors.





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