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Student Achievements

ACT High Scores

Top 1% of test-takers in the nation

- **Danielle Anders**
  Mountain Ridge High School
- **Kaleb Jewett**
  Mountain Ridge High School
- **Mary-Tyler Mosley**
  Mountain Ridge High School
- **Keshav Nandakumar**
  Mountain Ridge High School
- **Meredith Nicholls**
  Mountain Ridge High School
- **Liam O'Dell**
  Deer Valley High School
- **Roshni Patel**
  Mountain Ridge High School
- **Grace Shah**
  Sandra Day O'Connor High School
- **Emma Suttell**
  Boulder Creek High School
- **Neil Walia**
  Mountain Ridge High School
- **Hannah Wren**
  Boulder Creek High School

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Distinguished Unit Award



- Deer Valley High School Air Force JROTC

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Distinguished Unit Award with Merit and Silver Star Community Service with Excellence Awards



- Sandra Day O'Connor High School
  Air Force JROTC

Arizona 6th Annual Matsuri Haiku Expo Japanese Poetry Contest

- 1st Place - Kayden Lockwood
  7th Grade - Sonoran Foothills School

Arizona Academic Decathlon Regional Competition

Students work in teams and compete in a scholastic competition

- **Top Scoring Student, Gold Medal $2,000 Renewable Scholarship ASU**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Top Scoring Student, Silver Medal $2,000 Renewable Scholarship ASU**
  Cole Bernstein
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Art, Bronze Medal**
  Cole Bernstein
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Economics, Gold Medal**
  Cole Bernstein
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Economics, Bronze Medal**
  Christine Colville
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Essay, Silver Medal**
  Cole Bernstein
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Essay, Bronze Medal**
  Willow Swint
  11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
- **Interview, Gold Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
  Neha Balamurugan
  11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
- **Interview, Bronze Medal**
  Taytum Yirsa
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Literature, Bronze Medal**
  Nathan Magro
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Literature, Silver Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Math, Gold Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek HIgh School
- **Math, Silver Medal**
  Tina Sindwani
  12th grade - Mountain Ridge HIgh School
- **Math, Bronze Medal**
  Christine Colville
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
  Vikas Mejari
  11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
- **Music Bronze Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Music, Silver Medal**
  Cole Bernstein
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Science, Gold Medal**
  Neha Balamurugan
  11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
- **Science, Bronze Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
  Neha Balamurugan
  11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
  Tina Sindwani
  12th grade - Mountain Ridge HIgh School
- **Social Science, Bronze Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School

Arizona Academic Decathlon State Competition

- **Economics, Bronze Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Essay, Silver Medal**
  Brayden Russell
  11th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Interview, Bronze Medal**
  Brayden Russell
  11th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Math, Bronze Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Music, Gold Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Science, Silver Medal**
  Tristan Hubbard
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School

Arizona DECA Educational Achievement Award

Alondra Vasquez
12th grade - Barry Goldwater High School

Arizona DECA State Conference

- **Gold Level, The School Based Business-Retail Certification for BGHS Dawg Shack**
  Riley Annon
  12th grade - Barry Goldwater High School
- **1st place Buying and Merchandising Written Event**
  Suraj Elango
  11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
  Arnav Sangelkar
  12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
- **1st place Community Awareness Written Event**
  Bethany Horton
  12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
  Catherine Horton
  12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
- **1st place Principles of Marketing**
  Clara McAdams
  9th grade - Barry Goldwater High School
- **1st place Finance Operations Research Competitive Written Report**
  Suhani Patel
  11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
  Neil Walia
  12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
- **Gold Level School-Based Business-Retail Certification for MRHS Cub's Corner**
  Mische Santschi
  12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
  Jade Quinn
  12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona Stock Market Game, Fall Stock Market

- **1st place - Boulder Creek High School**
  Andrew Ha
  12th grade
  Logan Serrano
  12th grade
- **3rd place - Boulder Creek High School**
  Chris Michaels
  12th grade
  Connor Parsons
  12th grade
  Keith Rodriguez
  12th grade

Arizona Stock Market Game, Spring Stock Market

- **2nd place - Boulder Creek High School**
  Brandon Alexander
  12th grade
  Johnny Ramirez Martinez
  12th grade
  Dezirae Tsosie
  12th grade

AzMerit High Scores

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

Kayla Clark
10th Grade – Boulder Creek High School
Erin Broumley
8th Grade - Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Lora DeWald
7th Grade - Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Caelen McGlaughlin
7th Grade - Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Jacob Rabad
7th Grade - Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Chase Taris
4th Grade - Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Aiden Thatcher
7th Grade - Canyon Springs STEM Academy (3rd Year)
Connor Brown
9th Grade - Deer Valley High School (2nd Year)
Ezekiel Parrott
3rd Grade - Desert Sage High School
Ryan Conroy
6th Grade - Diamond Canyon School (4th Year in a row)
Adilyn Mittendorf
4th Grade - Diamond Canyon School
Leilani Pravong
3rd Grade - Diamond Canyon School
Abriella Seils
4th Grade - Gavilan Peak School
Averi Shuey
6th Grade - Gavilan Peak School
Jackson Aoyama
5th Grade - Highland Lakes School
Sarah Bird
7th Grade - Highland Lakes School
Jackson Cook
5th Grade - Highland Lakes School (2nd Year)
Sasha Dale
6th Grade - Highland Lakes School
Luke Esh
7th Grade - Highland Lakes School
Briseis Johnson
4th Grade - Highland Lakes School
Shahin Madantschi
5th Grade - Highland Lakes School
Jade Marston
7th Grade - Highland Lakes School
Kyle Prentice
6th Grade - Highland Lakes School
Sarah Qiu
5th Grade - Highland Lakes School (2nd Year)
Shriya Saravanan
3rd Grade - Highland Lakes School
Bhavana Vinodh
5th Grade - Highland Lakes School
Avrie White
5th Grade - Highland Lakes School (2nd Year)
Rio VanderVeur
7th Grade - Hillcrest Middle School (2nd Year)
Trey Larsen
4th Grade - Las Brisas Elementary (2nd Year)
Carson Sheppard
5th Grade - Las Brisas Elementary

AzMerit High Scores (continued)

Oliver Brown
3rd Grade - Legend Springs Elementary
Cayden Nicholls
9th Grade - Mountain Ridge High School
Ivana Djukic
6th Grade - Norterra Canyon School
Trinity Di Cosola
4th Grade - Paseo Hills School
Bryant Phan
7th Grade - Paseo Hills School
Savanna Curry
5th Grade - Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Peyton Dennis
7th Grade - Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Madison Gusich
4th Grade - Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Nathaniel Lee
3rd Grade - Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Xavier Stassen
3rd Grade Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Avery Massie
5th Grade - Sonoran Foothills School
Zane Pehrson
3rd Grade - Sonoran Foothills School
Tyler Bedgood
3rd Grade - Stetson Hills School
Faris Souman
5th Grade - Stetson Hills School
(2nd Year)
Colin Wilson
6th Grade- Stetson Hills School
Benjamin Johnson
5th Grade - Sunset Ridge School
(2nd Year)
Marlowe Dockter
4th Grade - Terramar Academy of the Arts
(2nd Year)
Arda Gulser
7th Grade - Terramar Academy of the Arts
Whitney Hehn
5th Grade - Terramar Academy of the Arts
Parker Schultz
4th Grade - Terramar Academy of the Arts
Alison Paulos
7th Grade - West Wing School
Brooklyn Smith
7th Grade - West Wing School

Deer Valley Education Foundation Battle of the Books

- **First Place Winners/Team: Pet Rocks**
  Carter Charron
  5th grade - Las Brisas Elementary
  Nathan Park
  5th grade - Las Brisas Elementary
  Aiden Reed
  5th grade - Las Brisas Elementary
- **Second Place Winners/Team: Bear Cats**
  Tess Holfeltz
  6th grade - Sunset Ridge School
  Molly Spak
  6th grade - Sunset Ridge School



Deer Valley Education Foundation Space Academy Program Scholarship Winners

Students wrote an essay and were interviewed to receive a scholarship to attend Space Academy in Alabama

Alivia Bringhurst
7th Grade - Sonoran Foothills School
Shane Feichtinger
8th grade - Terramar Academy of the Arts

Educators Rising State Conference

- **1st place E-Portfolio, $7,000 Scholarship to NAU**
  Samantha Rosato
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **1st place Lesson Planning and Delivery for Humanities**
  Julianna Bentley
  11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
- **1st place Job Interview / Paraprofessional Interview, 4-year renewable scholarship of $2,500 to GCU**
  Julianna Bentley
  11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School

FIRST Lego League Champions Award

- **Robobcats Team 19443**
  Sonoran Foothills School
  - **Jack Allen**
    7th Grade
  - **Shane Bringhurst**
    7th Grade
  - **Lexi Connor**
    8th Grade
  - **Emma Derning**
    7th Grade
  - **Kailyn Dykert**
    8th Grade
  - **Luke Johnson**
    7th Grade
  - **Connor Kalafus**
    7th Grade
  - **Tara Pham**
    8th Grade
  - **Mily Reil**
    8th Grade
  - **Gavin Roth**
    8th Grade
  - **Zachary Smith**
    7th Grade
  - **Jasmine Yao**
    7th Grade

Future Business Leaders of America State Conference

- **Silver Chapter Award**
  Mountain Ridge High School
- **Bronze Chapter Award**
  Barry Goldwater High School

Junior Achievement of Arizona's 18 Under 18 Award

The 2020 Junior Achievement of Arizona 18 Under 18 all have something in common: They're not waiting until they're adults to make a difference in the world.

Dominique Luna
10th Grade - Sandra Day O'Connor High School



Make-A-Wish Program

BCHS Jaguars
Raised $10,000 for Make-a-Wish resulting in the school's ability to grant the wish of a child fighting Leukemia.

National Merit Scholarship

National Merit Commended Scholars

Meredith Nicholls
12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
Mary-Tyler Mosley
12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
Neil Walia
12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
Roshni Patel
12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
Sarah Zhao
12th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
Sean McCormick
12th grade - Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship

Nick Olson
12th Grade - Deer Valley High School

ProStart Culinary State Competition

1st place in the Culinary Arts and Management Competition - each member of the team was awarded $31,000 in scholarships

Lancelott Hladysh
12th grade - Barry Goldwater High School
Juan Manriquez
11th grade - Barry Goldwater High School
Marcello Porcelli
11th grade - Barry Goldwater High School

ProStart Culinary State Competition

2nd place in the Culinary Arts and Management Competition - each member of the team was awarded $23,500 in scholarships

Barry Goldwater High School

Prudential Spirit of Community Service

Honoree recognized at the 35th Annual National Philanthropy and Leadership Awards Luncheon

Eden Sapien
8th grade - Stetson Hills Elementary

Scholarships

Total Scholarship Offers to DVUSD Seniors – $63,257,955

Barry Goldwater High School – $4,557,238
Boulder Creek High School – $13,071,105
Deer Valley High School – $8,649,516
Mountain Ridge High School – $25,036,558
Sandra Day O'Connor High School – $11,943,538

AA/AS/AGS Degrees Awarded

Deer Valley High School – 12 (AA and AS)
Sandra Day O'Connor High School - 2

Seals of Bi-Literacy Awarded

Barry Goldwater High School – 11
Boulder Creek High School – 48
Deer Valley High School – 17
Mountain Ridge High School – 24
Sandra Day O'Connor High School – 26

Spelling Bee District Winner

Paige Manley
8th grade - Hillcrest Middle School

Spelling Bee Runners-Up and Region Competitors

Charlotte Kennedy
5th grade - Sierra Verde School
Ben Johnson
6th grade - Sunset Ridge School
Kevin Equihua
7th grade - Desert Sky Middle School
Cade Faust
8th grade - Sunset Ridge School
Dominic Broadstock
6th grade - Norterra Canyon School
Nicole Radan
8th grade - Sierra Verde School
Elin Kim
6th grade - Desert Sage Elementary

Student Congressional App Contest

- **Arizona's District 8 Winner**

Salil Naik
10th grade - Mountain Ridge High School

Athletic Achievements

Arizona Boys' Cross Country State Runner-Up

Randy Espinoza
11th grade - Deer Valley High School

Arizona Boys' Swim State Runners-Up

JonCarlo "JC" LoVullo
12th grade - Boulder Creek High School

Boulder Creek High School Boys 200 Relay Team

- **JonCarlo "JC" LoVullo**
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Tristan Mathews**
  11th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Rick Popper**
  11th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Andrew Ross**
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School

Boulder Creek High School Boys 400 Relay Team

- **JonCarlo "JC" LoVullo**
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Jack Santoro**
  11th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Rick Popper**
  11th grade - Boulder Creek High School
- **Andrew Ross**
  12th grade - Boulder Creek High School

Arizona Boys' Swim State Champion

Andrew Ross
12th Grade - Boulder Creek High School

Arizona Boys' Wrestling State Runner-Up

Noah Kasprowicz
11th grade - Boulder Creek High School

Arizona Boys' Wrestling State Champion

Jacob Moore
11th grade - Boulder Creek High School

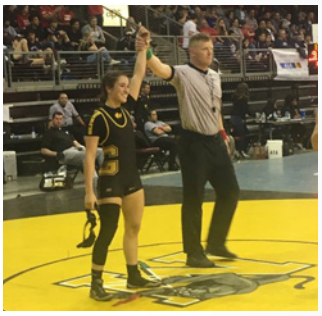
Arizona Girls' Golfing (3rd Place)

Shot a personal best 78 at the US Kids Championships at Talking Stick

Allie Sullivan
9th grade - Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona Girls' Wrestling Champion

Bree Garcia
10th grade - Barry Goldwater High School



GCS Gridiron Club 2019 Ed Doherty Award

The highest award a football player can receive.

Tommy Ellis
12th Grade - Mountain Ridge High School

Earnest Greenwood
11th grade - Barry Goldwater High School

Conner Lewis
12th Grade - Boulder Creek High School

Pursuing VIctory with Honor Recognitions

- **7th-8th Grade Female Athlete**
  Kaitlyn Hill
  Diamond Canyon School
- **7th-8th Grade Male Athlete**
  Jack Hubbard
  Highland Lakes School
- **7th-8th Grade Coach**
  Robert Fugate
  Desert Sky Middle School
- **7th-8th Grade Team**
  West Wing School Boys Basketball
- **High School Female Athlete**
  Sara Roskelley
  Deer Valley High School
- **High School Male Athlete**
  Oliver Boleratzky
  Deer Valley High School
- **High School Coach**
  Justin Collard
  Boulder Creek High School
- **High School Team**
  Sandra Day O'Connor High School Softball
- **School of the Year**
  Sierra Verde
- **Unsung Hero**
  Zac Abrams
  Deer Valley Middle School
- **Courage Award**
  Breanna Amado
  Barry Goldwater High School
  Chad Segersten
  Gavilan Peak School

Varsity Show Cheer State Champions

First place State Champions and brought home the POM title Championship

- **Deer Valley High School Spiritline**
  - **Jasmine Alameda**
    9th Grade
  - **Jeremiah Bass**
    9th Grade
  - **Michael Bass**
    12th Grade
  - **Haylee Davis**
    9th Grade
  - **Natalie Deemer**
    10th Grade
  - **Isabella Delgado**
    9th Grade
  - **Emalee Doss**
    11th Grade
  - **Anthony Duarte**
    9th Grade
  - **Emily Espinoza**
    9th Grade
  - **Chloe Flesher**
    11th Grade
  - **Kaley French**
    10th Grade
  - **Seryna Geiser**
    10th Grade
  - **Natalia Marquez**
    12th Grade
  - **Emily Maxon**
    9th Grade
  - **Tary Melton**
    9th Grade
  - **Lauren Nitschke**
    11th Grade
  - **Kyleigh O'Neil**
    9th Grade

Varsity Show Cheer State Champions (continued)

- **Marie Petit**
  12th Grade
- **Skyylar Stevens**
  9th Grade
- **Savanna Turner**
  12th Grade
- **Erica Wells**
  10th Grade
- **Kennedy Wright**
  9th Grade

JR High Small Show Cheer State Champions

- **Gavilan Peak Spiritline**
  - **Lindsey Brown**
    8th Grade
  - **Brieana Bulat**
    8th Grade
  - **Emma Daly**
    8th Grade
  - **Addison Han**
    8th Grade
  - **Gigi Martucci**
    7th Grade
  - **Jordyn Means**
    8th Grade
  - **Maia Milnor**
    8th Grade
  - **Haily Moss**
    8th Grade
  - **Hanna Moss**
    8th Grade
  - **Jayla Stepp**
    8th Grade
  - **Skyelar VanIwarden**
    7th Grade
  - **Cameron Wilcox**
    8th Grade
  - **Kinsey Wunsch**
    8th Grade

Fine Arts



Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors' State Marching Band Championship

2019, Achieved the highest score in the history of the ABODA State Marching Band Championship

- **Mountain Ridge High School's Pride of the West Marching Band**

Arizona Music Educators Convention

Selected to sing at the Convention

- **Boulder Creek High School Choir**

Arizona Music Educators Association All-State Choir Honor Festival

- **Boulder Creek High School**
  - **Caleb Ormond**
    12th Grade - Boulder Creek High School
  - **Caley Benson**
    11th Grade - Boulder Creek High School
  - **Grace Anderson**
    11th Grade - Boulder Creek High School

Arizona Music Educators Association Festival of Honor

All-State Band and Orchestra students selected to perform

Brianna Laube
12th grade, Bass Clarinet - Mountain Ridge High School

Premier Honor Ensembles

Mountain Ridge High School Wind Ensemble

Arizona Music Educators Association All-State Show Choir

Soloist of All-State Show Choir

- **Boulder Creek High School**

Alexis Rosenbaum
12th Grade
Jeena Farmer
11th Grade
Erin Burgard
11th Grade
Sage Bingham
11th Grade
Ava Siegel
11th Grade
Kiersten Heaton
11th Grade
Quincy Janisse
12th Grade
Grace Andersen
11th Grade
Caleb Ormord
12th Grade
Jonah Garcia
10th Grade
Brennan Matheson
12th Grade
Sam Baldwin
10th Grade
Christopher Hahn
10th Grade
Ben Blair
12th Grade
Seth Fortin
11th Grade

Burbank Blast National Show Choir Competition

- **3rd Place, Best Vocals**
  Broadway Bound -
  Boulder Creek High School
- **5th Place, Heart & Soul**
  Boulder Creek High School

Chicago Cubs Performance

Selected to sing the National Anthem at a Chicago Cubs game

Boulder Creek High School

Congressional Art Competition

Artwork selected to hang in Washington DC to represent our congressional district for one year



Evie Nguyen
12th grade - Deer Valley High School

Macy's Great American Marching Band

National selection for Macy's Day Parade

Adam Cammack
11th grade - Boulder Creek High School
Anna Maris
11th grade - Sandra Day O'Connor High School

National Association for Music Education All-National Concert Band

Darryl Leung
11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School

National Forum Festival:

Gold Rating, Broadway Bound
Boulder Creek High School
Gold Rating, Heart & Soul
Boulder Creek HIgh School
Gold Rating, Bella Voce
Boulder Creek High School
Gold Rating, Honor Choir
Boulder Creek High School

National Youth Wind Ensemble of America

Darryl Leung
11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
Tony Ruan
11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School

Superintendent's 2020 Student Art Purchase Awards

Laura Rodriguez Lopez
11th grade - Barry Goldwater High School
Sarah Townsend
10th grade - Boulder Creek High School
Evie Nguyen
12th grade - Deer Valley High School
Henley Leech
11th grade - Mountain Ridge High School
Alissa Ortega
10th grade - Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Teaching and Instruction

3TV Silver Apple Award

For more than 20 years, 3TV has been recognizing Arizona teachers that change lives and shape the future of students with the Silver Apple Award.

Ryan Mattheis
Culinary Chef & Teacher - Barry Goldwater High School
Jaclyn Fern
3rd Grade - Terramar Academy of the Arts

12 News A+ Teacher of the Week

Ian Miller
Teacher - Gavilan Peak School
Vicky Munoz
Teacher - Barry GoldWater High School





Arizona Outstanding Career and Technical Education Program

Culinary Program
Barry GoldWater High School

ABODA William E. Richardson Program of Distinction Award

Recognizes High School Band and Orchestra programs that exhibit a high level of achievement in all areas of a given school year

Mountain Ridge High School Band

Arizona Cardinals Coach of the Week

Nominees are honored at a Cardinals Football game and receive $1000 for their program

Doug Madoski
Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona DECA Administrator of the Year

Jayme Fitzpatrick
DVUSD CTE Manager

Arizona DECA State Conference

DECA Advisor Rising Star

Kevin LaJoie
CTE Marketing Teacher - Barry Goldwater High School

Arizona Library Association's Follett School Librarian of the Year

Melody Holehan-Kopas
Norterra Canyon School

Arizona Science Teachers Association Teacher of the Year Honorable Mention

Mary Ann Cawley
Sonoran Foothills School

AzMerit High Scores

Teachers whose students had a median growth percentile (MPG) of 65% or higher for two consecutive years on AzMERIT scores in English Language Arts

Claudine Balko
Copper Creek Elementary
Pamela Crenshaw
Park Meadows Elementary
Patricia Eberhardt
Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Kimberly Fate
Gavilan Peak School
Candace Garrett
Desert Sage Elementary
Pam Hall
Greenbrier Elementary
Linda James
Greenbrier Elementary
Holly Lyons
Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Kim Messina
Desert Sage Elementary
Kim Potts
Highland Lakes School
Michael Shelton
Las Brisas Elementary
Marianne Velonis
Las Brisas Elementary

Teachers whose students had a median growth percentile (MPG) of 65% or higher for two consecutive years on AzMERIT scores in in Math

Briana Ciolino
Anthem School
Sara Vogler
Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Dawn McKinney
Desert Sky Middle School
Julie Ackerman
Greenbrier Elementary
Marilyn Behrens
Highland Lakes School
Kim Potts
Highland Lakes School
Hollie Stafford
Legend Springs Elementary
Pamela Crenshaw
Park Meadows Elementary
JoLynn Copenhaver
Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Kendra Beatty
Sonoran Foothills School
Sharon Millett
Sonoran Foothills School
Christine Clarkson
Sunset Ridge School
Allyson Johnson
Village Meadows
Carolyn Rogers
West Wing School

Arizona Music Educators Association Outstanding Administrator of the Year

This award is given in recognition of demonstrated leadership concerning music instruction within Arizona schools

Cheyana Leiva
Principal - Constitution Elementary School
Jamie Wilber
Principal - Mirage Elementary

Maricopa County Exemplary Principal Award

Vivian Hunt
Arrowhead Elementary

Principal of the Year Award 2019

Dr. Lynn Miller
Sandra Day O'Connor High School

National Board Certified Teachers

Teacher	School	Year Certified
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
Patricia Eberhardt	Sierra Verde School	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
Jess Ledbetter	Mountain Shadows Elementary	2013
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
Judi Williams	DVUSD District Office	2013

OELAS Office of English Language Acquisitions Services English Teacher of the Year

The Arizona Department of Education recognizes one teacher whose success as an English Learner Teacher is noteworthy.

Eileen Nguyen
English Language Teacher - Esperanza Elementary

Whataburger Hometown Hero

Renee Woodruff
CTE teacher - Mountain Ridge High School

School & Staff Achievements

Arizona Association of Pupil Transportation's Special Needs Bus Driver of the Year 2019

Sherry Curley-Scrum
Arizona Special Needs Bus Driver

Arizona Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence Award

Heather Mock and the Finance Department
DVUSD Director of Finance

ADE School-Based Arizona Secondary Transition Services Award

Recognized for her outstanding service to students with disabilities.for her developed a comprehensive Transition from School to Work Program (TSW) guide.

Dr. Stephanie Johnson
Transition Coordinator - Deer Valley District Offices

Arizona Department of Education Excellence in Civic Engagement Program Award 2018-19 School Year

This award represents the six proven practices that should be at the center of every school's approach to civic learning.

Dr. Lynn Miller
Principal - Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Darrell Hudson
Teacher - Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Arizona Department of Education School-Based Transition Services Award

Transition from School to Work program (TSW) provides enhanced transition services for employment

Dr. Stephanie Johnson - DVUSD
Transition Coordinator

Arizona Department of Education's "A" Schools

Rated as an A school in Arizona

Anthem School
Arrowhead Elementary School
Boulder Creek High School
Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Copper Creek Elementary
Desert Mountain School
Desert Sage Elementary School
Desert Sky Middle School
Diamond Canyon School
Gavilan Peak School
Greenbrier Elementary School
Highland Lakes School
Las Brisas Elementary
Legend Springs Elementary
Mountain Ridge High School
Norterra Canyon School
Park Meadows Elementary School
Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Sonoran Foothills School
Stetson Hills School
Sunset Ridge School
Terramar Academy of the Arts
West Wing School

Arizona Department of Health Services Healthy Arizona Worksite Award

The Healthy Arizona Worksite Award is given to businesses and organizations making an impact both within and beyond their walls addressing one or more of the many health challenges impacting communities across the state.

- **Gold Level - Deer Valley Unified School District**
  Danielle Anderson
  Food & Nutrition Wellness Specialist
  Jonee Zembry
  Benefits Bookkeeper
  Kris Costanzo
  Payroll/Benefits Director
  Kendall Taylor
  Valley Schools Wellness Director
  Judi Williams
  Human Resources Personnel Development Coordinator

Arizona Educational Foundation A+ Schools of Excellence

- **K-6 A+ Schools**
  Arrowhead 2019
  Constitution 2018
  Copper Creek 2019
  Desert Sage 2015
  Legend Springs 2016
  Park Meadows 2019
- **K-8 A+ Schools**
  Anthem 2015, 2019
  Canyon Springs 2016
  Diamond Canyon 2015, 2019
  Gavilan Peak 2016
  Paseo Hills 2005, 2010
  Sierra Verde 2010, 2014, 2018
  Stetson Hills 2010, 2016
  West Wing 2017
- **Middle School A+ Schools**
  Hillcrest 1998
  Desert Sky 1991, 1997
- **High School A+ Schools**
  Barry Goldwater 2011, 2015
  Deer Valley 2018
  Mountain Ridge 2002, 2013, 2018
  Sandra Day O'Connor 2018

Arizona FACS Education Business Partner of the Year

Barb Ervin and the Community Education Department

International Baccalaureate Middle Year Program World-Class School

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program provides an engaging real-world framework of learning that encourages students to become creative and critical thinkers who challenge themselves.

Principal Tish Mineer and Staff
Norterra Canyon School

Community Involvement

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Midway Chevrolet Holiday Celebration

2nd graders from Village Meadows School attended a Holiday Celebration at Midway Chevrolet and were gifted bikes helmets bike locks and another surprise gift.

Grant Awards

AASA Sourcewell Helping Kids Mini Grant Program

Grant of $2,500 to support students in need through the Helping Kids Program

Dr. Curtis Finch - Superintendent DVUSD

APS STEM Mini-Grant

Grant to create exciting science tech engineering and medicine content in their classroom

Robert Lane
7th & 8th grade teacher - Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Jaime Hansen
5th grade teacher - Canyon Springs STEM Academy

Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) Impact Grants

Grant for teachers to fund specific areas and programs at their schools

Erin Robinson
All Schools
Gina Benetich
All Schools
Christine Cooper
Anthem School
Cristina Rios Cotton
Anthem School
Erica Fewell
Anthem School
Dr. Stephanie Sanschagrin
Arrowhead School
Rick Dunn
Barry Goldwater High School
Jennifer Pinson
Boulder Creek High School
Kendra Buringrud
Boulder Creek High School
Chad Kaufmann
Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Jaime Hansen
Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Tonya Yates
Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Deborah Carey
Desert Mountain School
Janel Widen
Diamond Canyon School
Maggie Fernando
Hillcrest Middle School
Heidi Moya
Mountain Ridge High School
Adriana Stapella
Mountain Shadows Elementary
Brandi Martin
New River Elementary
Lisa Hancock
New River Elementary
Stella Peper
New River Elementary
Dawn Olson
Norterra Canyon School
Jenna Venezia
Norterra Canyon School
Mary Smitten
Norterra Canyon School
Sonya Lynn
Norterra Canyon School
Melissa Mara
Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Jeff Lyons
Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Kara Kadotani
Sonoran Foothills School

Fiesta Bowl Charities - Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000

Grant to purchase new headphones and risers

Anna Backstrom
9-12 Teacher - Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Grant to purchase chromebooks, covered lighting painting easels, reading nooks, and a new fridge for special needs students

Cheryl Heath
9-12 Teacher - Sandra Day O'Connor HIgh School

Grant to purchase new PE equipment and to build an active and engaging PE experience

CJ Miller
K-8 Teacher - West Wing School

Grant to purchase materials for student work stations

Jennifer Hesse
TSW Teacher Coordinator, 9-12, Special Education - Barry Goldwater High School

Grant to purchase and build machines to help students investigate and foster their own investigations

Keri Chavarria
5th grade teacher - Highland Lakes School

Grant to purchase computer based programs to prepare them for the digital world

Matthew Laskin
8th grade teacher - Sonoran Foothills School

Grant to purchase Promethean board so that students would have the opportunity to learn more about their bodies

Meagan Veraldi
K-5 Teacher - Sunrise Elementary School



Grant to purchase Nintendo Labo

Robert Lane
3rd, 8th, and 11th grade teacher - Sierra Verde STEAM Academy

Grant to purchase Chrombebooks for testing projects and interactive lessons

Sajan Mathew
7-8 Teacher - Highland Lakes School

Grant to purchase equipment needed for physical education and afterschool clubs

Stella Peper
K-6 Teacher - New River Elementary

Grant to purchase adaptive seating for Kindergarten classrooms

Paige Stewart
Kindergarten Teacher - Terramar Academy of the Arts

Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant

Grant of $3,000 to purchase raised garden beds

Lisa Hancock
Support Specialist Teacher - New River Elementary

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