Celebrating Our Extraordinary Achievements

2017-2018 School Year

Celebrating Extraordinary Student Achievements

ACT Award Winners
The following students scored in the 99th percentile
Alexander Johnson, 12th grade, score: 35 – Boulder Creek High School
Courtland Kaye, 12th grade, score: 34 – Boulder Creek High School
Zachary Radu, 12th grade, score: 35 – Boulder Creek High School
Hannah Kirsch, 12th grade, score: 34 – Deer Valley High School
Jane Londono, 12th grade, score: 34 – Deer Valley High School
Hope Kirby, 12th grade, score 35 – Mountain Ridge High School
Tyler Limkemann, 12th grade, score: 35 – Mountain Ridge High School
Allison Price, 12th grade, score: 35 – Mountain Ridge High School
Tyson Collier, 12th grade, score: 34 – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Amaya Lim, 12th grade, score: 34 – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Nikita Nerkar, 12th grade, score: 34 – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
Silver Star Community Service with Excellence Award – Top 5% of units worldwide with the most community service hours per cadet
Sandra Day O'Connor High School's JROTC Cadets
Deer Valley High School's JROTC Cadets

Headquarters Distinguished Unit Award
Selected for the 11th consecutive year as a "Distinguished Unit"
Sandra Day O'Connor JROTC Cadets

AP European History Exam 2017
Only student in the world to score a perfect score
Mark Danciu, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona DECA State Conference
2017-2018 Arizona DECA State President
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2018-2019 State Officer
Aditi Galande, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

International Business Plan State Champions/National Qualifiers
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Finance Operations Research Team State Champions/National Qualifiers
Neil Walia, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Frank Pauls, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Arnav Sangelkar, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Principles of Hospitality and Tourism State Champion/National Qualifier
Juliette Raubolt, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Restaurant and Food Service Management State Champion/National Qualifier
Eric Diaz, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

2nd place Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making
Ethan Co, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Ben Karls, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

2nd place Principles of Finance
Liam Nelson, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd place Business Growth Plan 30 Page Written Event
Aditi Galande, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd place Marketing Management Team
Nathaniel Rodriguez, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Monit Shukla, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd place Apparel and Accessories
Hailey Hall, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

3rd place Business Law and Ethics Team
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th place Learn and Earn 30 Page Written Event
Alexe Raguindin, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

4th place Quick Serve Restaurant Management
Rohit Monaji, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

5th place Hotel and Lodging Management
Heather Assi, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

5th place Sports and Entertainment Team Decision Making
Cole Rosander, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Bryan Decker, 10th grade – Boulder Creek High School

Test Medals
Marco Gastelum Sanchez, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Rowan Bittner, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Liam Nelson, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Juliette Raubolt, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nathaniel Rodriguez, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Monit Shukla, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Rohit Monaji, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Sanika Naik, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Section Champion Medals
Nihal Aradhyamath, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Rohit Monaji, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nicholas Tromba, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Aditi Galande, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Juliette Raubolt, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Avery Hirsbrunner, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Gabriella Mayers, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

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Top 10 Overall Medals
Grayson Jones, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Liam Nelson, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Juliette Raubolt, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Aditi Galande, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Neil Walia, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Frank Pauls, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Arnav Sangelkar, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Peyton Blair, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nihal Aradhyamath, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Sanika Naik, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Pit Steinmetz, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Rohit Monaji, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nick Tromba, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nathanial Rodriguez, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Monit Shukla, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

State Finalists
Rowan Bittner, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Angel Desiderio, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

National DECA Elite Members
Lauren Moore, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona DECA Elite Members
Aditi Galande, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Jacob Edwards, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Lauren Moore, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nathaniel Rodriguez, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Neil Walia, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nicholas Tromba, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Travis Liu, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Thrive Level Chapter Campaign
Barry Goldwater High School Chapter

School Based Enterprise-Silver Level, National DECA Community Service, National DECA Promotional Campaign, Arizona DECA Century Club, Arizona DECA Total Program of Work, Arizona DECA Diamond Club
Mountain Ridge High School Chapter

Arizona ELL Student Success Story Honorable Mention
Falia Malenge, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Arizona KEYS Research Internship
Selected for a seven week internship at the University of Arizona with 50 other students
Glenny Prabakaran, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Hasina Shir, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona Science Olympiad
1st place in Optics
Joshua Cohon, 6th grade – Terramar School

2nd place in Thermodynamics
Joshua Cohon, 6th grade – Terramar School

4th place in Solar Systems
Joshua Cohon, 6th grade – Terramar School

9th place in Rocks & Minerals
Joshua Cohon, 6th grade – Terramar School

Arizona State Science and Engineering Fair Junior Division
Winners in each of their categories
Landon Gilcrease, 7th grade, Engineering – Highland Lakes School
Jackson Aoyama, 8th grade, Dawnie Erskine, 8th grade, and Chloe Sweilem, 8th grade, Animal Science – Highland Lakes School
Brandy Anderson, 8th grade, Environmental Engineering – Highland Lakes School
Aiden Bowers, 8th grade, Mathematical Science – Highland Lakes School
Tyler Martin, 8th grade, Chemistry – Highland Lakes School
Ruth Cox, 7th grade, Plant Science – Highland Lakes School
Samantha McLean, 8th grade, Mechanical Engineering – Highland Lakes School

Arizona State University's Summer Health Institute
Selected for a health program with 23 other students across the nation
Aditi Galande, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona Stock Market Game
Placed 2nd out of 100 teams in the Elementary Division
Addisyn Ludeman, 6th grade – Copper Creek Elementary School
Skye Milroy, 6th grade – Copper Creek Elementary School
Isabel Greene, 6th grade – Copper Creek Elementary School

AzMerit Highest Scores
The following students scored the highest possible scale score
Braeden Baker, 6th grade – Norterra Canyon School
Angelina Barrios, 5th grade – Legend Springs Elementary School
Gracie Bethers, 6th grade – Mirage Elementary School
Claire Bixby, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School
Aiden Bowers, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School
Jonah Cain, 5th grade – Highland Lakes School
McKenna Carlson, 8th grade – Diamond Canyon School
Manasa Chundi, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School
Joshua Cohon, 6th grade – Terramar School
Ryan Conroy, 5th grade – Diamond Canyon School
Kiara Cox, 5th grade – Legend Springs Elementary School
Peyton Dennis, 6th grade – Sierra Verde STEM Academy
Ivana Djukic, 5th grade – Norterra Canyon School
Parker Halpine, 6th grade – Legend Springs Elementary School
Andrew Hirani, 5th grade – Legend Springs Elementary School
Lillian Kaye, 5th grade – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Susan Martin, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School
Emily McCarthy, 5th grade – Legend Springs Elementary School
Kathryn Mills, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School
Salil Naik, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School
Weiss O'Connor, 9th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Tyler Olsen, 6th grade – Las Brisas Elementary School
Abigail Parcell, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School
Erik Potts, 5th grade – Highland Lakes School
John Simcoe, 5th grade – Las Brisas Elementary School
Mesha Smith, 5th grade – Desert Sage Elementary School
Kaydence Soltau, 6th grade – Sonoran Foothills School
Aiden Thatcher, 6th grade – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Grace Chang Xu, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Jasmine Yao, 5th grade – Sonoran Foothills School



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Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology, and Engineering for Rising Stars)
Nominated to compete at the national competition
Aiden Bowers, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School

C-CAP – Careers through Culinary Arts Program
Awarded a full-ride scholarship to The Art Institute of Phoenix, $50,000
Zane Gaffney, 12th Grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Center for the Book in the Library of Congress – Letters About Literature Contest
1st place winner for Letters About Literature essay contest Level 1 for Arizona
Peyton Dennis, 6th grade – Sierra Verde STEM Academy

Citizen Life Saving Award
Awarded by the Phoenix Fire Department to a student for saving another student's life
Gavin Hunt, 5th grade – Stetson Hills School

Cooking Up Change Competition with Healthy Schools Campaign
3rd place at Nationals
Jason Forari, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Michael Griffin, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High 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
Caleb Bautista, 7th grade – Hillcrest Middle School
Preston White, 8th grade – Desert Mountain School
Kendall Christiansen, 8th grade – Sierra Verde STEM Academy

Educator's Rising State Conference
E-Portfolio State Champion/National Qualifier
Anna Sigalov, 10th grade – Boulder Creek High School

2nd place E-Portfolio
Kaylee Salas, 10th grade – Boulder Creek High School

2nd place Early Childcare Teaching Instructional Support
Grace Grabowski, 10th grade – Boulder Creek High School

2nd place Children's Literature Pre-K
Jessica Hanna, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Shelby Haigler, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

3rd place Early Childcare Language and Literacy
Evie Parrish, 10th grade – Boulder Creek High School

3rd place Lesson Planning and Delivery, STEM
Siena Anderson, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th place Educator's Rising Moment
Casandra Misner, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th place E-Portfolio
Amanda Federico, 10th grade – Boulder Creek High School

4th place Lesson Planning and Delivery, Arts
Zoe Davis, 10th grade – Boulder Creek High School

5th place E-Portfolio
Ashleigh Motto, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

5th place Job Interview
Shelby Haigler, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

5th place Impromptu Lesson Teaching
Shelby Haigler, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Conference
Interior Design Team Gold Medalists/State Champions
Kathleen Nguyen, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Taylor Pope, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Interior Design Individual Gold Medal/State Champion
Seungjun Choi, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Recycle and Redesign Gold Medal/State Champion
Megan Brock, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Recycle and Redesign Silver Medal
Ruchi Ukhade, 10th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Silver Medal
James Lacno, 10th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Chapter Service Project Bronze Medal
Amy Bueno, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Zane Gaffney, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Nichelle Level, 10th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

FIRST Lego League Robotics Competition
State Qualifier
Sonoran Foothills Robotics Club

Fox Restaurant Concepts
Awarded and Industry scholarship, $1,000, and a job opportunity
Zane Gaffney, 12th Grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Future Business Leaders of America State Conference
2018-2019 State Officer
Shivani Vaidya, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Intro Computer State Champion/National Qualifier
Eric Duntley, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Hospitality Management Team State Champions/National Qualifiers
Vedika Tripathi, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Sanika Naik, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Business Ethics Team State Champions/National Qualifiers
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Advertising State Champion/National Qualifier
Abhi Verma, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Economics State Champion/National Qualifier
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Insurance and Risk Management State Champion/National Qualifier
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Job Interview State Champion/National Qualifier
Shivani Vaidya, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School



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Broadcast Journalism Team State Champions/National Qualifiers
Hannah Lorenzo, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Rohan Patel, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Peighton Gellings, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

2nd place Global Business Team
Manton Kam, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Rohit Monaji, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Arnav Sangelkar, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd place Advertising
Rohit Monaji, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd place Intro Business Procedures
Sanika Naik, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd place Management Decision Making
Nithin Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vivek Ravi, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd place Client Services
Abhi Verma, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd place E-Business
Xavier Ruiz, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Trevor Moore, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School

3rd place Network Design
Punit Sai Arani, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Keshav Nandakumar, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd place Client Services
Sai Gandikota, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd place Intro Business Presentation
Roshni Patel, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Morgan Pearson, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vedika Tripathi, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd place Business Communication
Akshay Warrior, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th place Mobile Application Development
Ethan Hancock, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

4th place Securities and Investment
Manton Kam, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th place Intro Business Communication
Keshav Nandakumar, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th place Intro to Business
Gabriel Yap, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th place Business Communication
Devam Chokski, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th place Help Desk
Shayan Afzal, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

5th place Cybersecurity
Eric Duntley, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

5th place Marketing
Michael Guriel, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Sai Gandikota, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Abhi Verma, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

5th place Intro to Business Communication
Hannah Lorenzo, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

5th place Computer Applications
Tyler Terrazas, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Computer Game & Simulation Programing State Finalists
Alexander Johnson, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Cole Langdon, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

E-Commerce State Finalists
Lucas Chu, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Eric Duntley, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Future Business Leader State Finalist
Michael Guriel, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Public Service Announcement State Finalists
Brandon Pero, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Connor Harris, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Clayton Moore, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Journalism State Finalist
Rohan Patel, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Intro to Business Communication State Finalist
Rohan Patel, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Intro to Public Speaking State Finalist
Rohan Patel, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Business Ethics Team State Finalists
Shayan Afzal, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Rohit Kalluri, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Chase Toncheff, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Journalism State Finalist
Peighton Gellings, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

HOSA – Future Health Professionals
2nd place Nurse Assisting
Jenna Friedberg, 12th grade – Deer Valley High School

3rd place Medical Reading
Lindsey Foster, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th place Clinical Specialty
Jocelyn Longaza, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

5th place Medical Math
Tara Liu, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Barbara James Service Award Gold Level for Community Service in Healthcare
Daniel Lucas, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Bronze Chapter Award
Mountain Ridge High School



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Maricopa County Bar Foundation Honorary Winners
Olivia Pribble, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

MathCounts Arizona State Competition
Team competition, 4th place
Trent Block, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Priya List, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Ethan Donahey, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School
Aiden Bowers, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School

Individual competition, 7th place
Ethan Donahey, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School

Mathematical Association of America National Competition
School Certificate of Merit
Highland Lakes School

Honor Roll Award – Top 5% nationally
Ethan Donahey, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School
Aiden Bowers, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School

Certificate of Achievement
Hunter Hiner, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School

Mathematical Olympiad – Elementary Division
Gold Pin for top 2%
Trent Block, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Julian Bianchi, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Hunter Hiner, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Erik Potts, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School

Silver Pin for top 10%
Landon Richter, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Susan Martin, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Baker Rosas, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Claire Bixby, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Dashiell Peist, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Ben Elliot, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School
Ebrahema Jaiteh-Kabba, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School
Kyle Prentice, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School
Gavin Roth, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School
Bruce Ruan, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School

Team Awards:
6th Grade Renaissance Class – Top 10% Plaque – Highland Lakes School
5th Grade Renaissance Class – High Achievement Award for team score in top 20% – Highland Lakes School
5th Grade Renaissance Class – Meritorious Achievement Certificate for top 20% of all teams – Highland Lakes School

National Be Kind Video Award
Creative Publications, 8th grade – Hillcrest Middle School

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
National Merit Semifinalist
Nathaniel Rodriguez, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

The Optimist Club Speech Contest
Winners Advance to compete for a $2,500 scholarship
Boys Winner
1st place – Frank Pauls, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Girls Winners
1st place – Aditi Galande, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
2nd place- Catherine Horton, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Outstanding Cambridge Scholar Award
Students who take the Cambridge exams and gain high enough grades for recognition
Fiona Eddis-Finbow, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

Phoenix Cooking Up Change National Competition
3rd Place
Michael Griffin, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Jason Forari, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Phoenix SAP Social Innovation Series
Grand Prize Winners
Jade Quinn, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Jacob Edwards, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Winners
Samantha Strumpf, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Angela Fidani, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Brooklyn Chafen, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
John Mitchell, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Sydney Roth, 10th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Analise Eller, 10th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Robotics Northeast Qualifiers
State Regionals Qualifiers
Highland Lakes Robotics Program

Scholarships
Deer Valley Education Support Professional Association Scholarship
Trevor Daley, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Total Scholarship Offers to DVUSD Seniors – $51,605,402
Deer Valley High School – $9,066,734
Mountain Ridge High School – $11,053,170
Boulder Creek High School – $12,585,498
Sandra Day O'Connor High School – $15,200,000
Barry Goldwater High School – $3,700,000

SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference
2nd place Web Design
Soarra Hayes, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Trevor Moore, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School

2nd place Engineering Technology/Design
Hunter Jaskey, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Evan Lohr, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
William Drubka, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

3rd place Architectural Drafting Basic
Daniel Ionel, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

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Spelling Bee District Winner
Christina Diggs, 5th grade – Highland Lakes School

Runner-Up
Aiden Bowers, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School

Spelling Bee Regional Runner-Up
Aiden Bowers, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School

You CAN Do the Rubik's Cube Speed League
Team Awards
Highland Lakes Division I Team Blue, 1st in Arizona for elementary students and 1st in the nation
Highland Lakes Division II Team, 1st in Arizona for middle school teams
Elite Team – Highland Lakes School

Individual Awards
Landon Richter, 7th grade, Division I, 2nd in Arizona for elementary students – Highland Lakes School
Elijah Oh, 8th grade, Division II, 2nd in Arizona for middle school students – Highland Lakes School
Salil Naik, 8th grade, Division II, 3rd in Arizona for middle school students – Highland Lakes School

Young Women's Christian Association
Member of the STEM Empowerment panel
Dana Rasmussen, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Celebrating Extraordinary Teaching and Instruction

10 Year HOSA Advisor
Melissa Portela – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Outstanding Instructor Award
"Best of the Best" in the Air Force Junior ROTC
Lieutenant Colonel John Simmons – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Anthem Rotary Teacher of the Year
Elementary Educator of the Year
Anna Kramer – Diamond Canyon School

Arizona Diamondbacks Most Valuable Teacher (MVT)
Richard Stein – Mountain Ridge High School

ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
Outstanding Mentor Teacher Award
Williams Dugan, U.S. History and Government Teacher – Sandra O'Connor High School
Paul Roads, Special Education Teacher – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Outstanding Teacher Candidate
Heather Kloberdanz

DECA 25 Years of Service
Renee Woodruff – Mountain Ridge High School
Debbie Moore – Mountain Ridge High School

Knowles Teaching Fellows Program
5 year program that supports beginning teachers in their efforts to develop teaching expertise
Tyler Hill – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

National Board Certified Teachers
Newly Certified
Elisabeth Borchers – Mountain Ridge High School
Alexis LaDuca – Mountain Ridge High School

Currently Certified
Deborah Carey – Desert Mountain School
Melissa Mara – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Tara LeCount – Diamond Canyon School
Lisa Hoelzen – Copper Creek Elementary
Sharon Reed – New River Elementary
Katie Brown – Diamond Canyon School
Judi Williams – Human Resources
Deanna Jergenson – Copper Creek Elementary
Kelley Fisher – Las Brisas Elementary
Patricia Eberhardt – Sierra Verde STEM Academy
Sharla LaBelle – Bellair Elementary
Dawn Olson – Paseo Hills School
Vicky Mead – Stetson Hills School

Principal of the Year - DVUSD
Cheyana Leiva – Constitution Elementary School

Celebrating Extraordinary Athletic Achievements

Area Code Games Home Run Derby Winner
Won first place at the national homerun derby in California
Nolan Gorman, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Arizona 6A Baseball State Champions
Sandra Day O'Connor High School Baseball

Runner-Up
Mountain Ridge High School Baseball

Arizona State Cheer and Pom Tournament
1st Place State Champions
Hillcrest Pom Team

Arizona State Swim Champion
50 yard freestyle, first place for third consecutive year
Claire Grover, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

100 yard breast stroke, first place for second consecutive year
Claire Grover, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

Arizona State Tennis Singles State Champion
Oliver Boleratzky, 10th grade – Deer Valley High School

Arizona State Track and Field State Champion – 800 Meter
Jacob Lewis, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

Better Business Bureau's Ethical Athlete Scholarship, $1,000
Student athletes who lead by example and show integrity
Alexa Spartz, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Better Business Bureau's Ethical Athlete Scholarship, $1,000
Student athletes who lead by example and show integrity
Kaylee Byerly, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

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Boys Basketball District Champions
8th grade Boys Basketball – Hillcrest Middle School

Boys Basketball Middle Level Champions
7th grade Boys Basketball – Hillcrest Middle School

Division II Varsity All Girls Stunt State Champions
Deer Valley High School Spiritline

Division II Varsity Show Cheer State Champions
Deer Valley High School Spiritline

MLB All-Star Game High School Home Run Derby Winner
Won first place at the national high school homerun derby in Miami, Florida
Nolan Gorman, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Phoenix Chapter of the National Alliance of African American Athletes – "Scholar Athletes of the Year"
One of two athletes to represent Arizona at the "Watkins Award"
Kendahl Johnson, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Pursuing Victory with Honor Recognitions
7-8 Female
Jocelyn Erickson – Stetson Hills School
Haleigh Dean – Canyon Springs STEM Academy

7-8 Male
Joseph Vakameilalo – Deer Valley Middle School

7-8 Coach
Brittany Scheer – West Wing School

7-8 Team
Stetson Hills Boys Volleyball

High School Female
Grace Lyons – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

High School Male
Matthew Liberatore – Mountain Ridge High School

High School Coach
Jed Dunn – Deer Valley High School

High School Team
Mountain Ridge High School Badminton
Sandra Day O'Connor High School Softball

Athletic Administrators
Tony Hamilton – West Wing School

Parent/Fan
Valerie Godfrey – Boulder Creek High School

School
Deer Valley High School

Inspirational
Mason King – Canyon Springs STEM Academy

Courage
Rocky Robinson – Boulder Creek High School

Under Armour All American Derby Winner
Won first place at the national homerun derby in Chicago, Illinois
Nolan Gorman, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Celebrating Extraordinary Fine Arts Achievements

Arizona Marching Band Association Championships
3rd Place, 2017 AzMBA Div. 4A Bronze Medalist, 1st Place in the Visual Effect and Visual Ensemble captions
Mountain Ridge High School Band

Arizona State Guard Scholastic Open Champions
State Champions for second consecutive year
Varsity Winter Guard – Mountain Ridge High School

Macy's Great American Marching Band
National selection for Macy's Day Parade
Tabitha Turner, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Nathan Lievre, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Music K8 Magazine Cover Art Contest
Six students selected out of 19,000 as newly published artists
Top Finalist
Gracie Milliken, 8th grade – Diamond Canyon School

Finalists
Christiana DePiazza, 7th grade – Diamond Canyon School
Anna Evans, 6th grade – Diamond Canyon School
Hagan Harris, 6th grade – Diamond Canyon School
Morgan Epley, 6th grade – Diamond Canyon School
Nalani Bass, 8th grade – Diamond Canyon School

Superintendent's 2018 Student Art Purchase Awards
Melissa Makic, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Taylor Dassele, 9th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Eunice Blidar, 10th grade – Deer Valley High School
Hailey Simms, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Sofia Panzeri, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

U. S. Army All American Band Members
Jaydah Cox, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Max Stauffer, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Tanner Bayles, 12th grade – Deer Valley High School

World Strides Heritage Performance Programs
First place, Gold rating, and "Festival of Gold" (invited to sing at Carnegie Hall) Concert Choir Category
7th and 8th Grade Choir – Diamond Canyon School

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Celebrating Extraordinary School and Staff Achievements

2017-2019 Apple Distinguished School
1:1 iPad initiative for academic excellence
Sandra Day O'Connor High School

2018 Arizona Educational Foundation A+ Schools of Excellence
Achieved "A+" School in Arizona
Constitution Elementary School
Sierra Verde STEM Academy
Deer Valley High School
Mountain Ridge High School
Sandra Day O'Connor High School
West Wing School
Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Gavilan Peak School
Legend Springs Elementary School
Stetson Hills Elementary School
Anthem School
Barry Goldwater High School
Desert Sage Elementary School
Diamond Canyon School

ADE's Excellence in Civic Engagement Program Award
Designated as "Arizona Civic Engagement Schools"
Sandra Day O'Connor High School
West Wing School

AdvancED National STEM Accreditation
Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Sierra Verde STEM Academy

Anthem Rotary Teacher of the Year
Awarded Elementary Educator of the Year
Anna Kramer, 3rd Grade Teacher – Diamond Canyon School

Arizona Bus Road-eo
1st place winner and represented Arizona at the National Bus Road-eo
Valin Groat

3rd place
Wesley Dewitt

6th place
Jose Caminero

10th place
Gilbert Ponce

Arizona Cardinals – MVP in the Classroom Award
Nominated and won $500 for classroom and Cardinals Tickets
Steve Hrovat, 6th Grade Teacher – Greenbrier Elementary School

Arizona Community Education Association 2017 State Awards
Recognized staff in Arizona that provide extraordinary care for students in before/after and summer programs
Eva Harlow, Program Supervisor
Beth Harvill, Account Representative
Teresa Lipson, Lead Instructor in Before/After School Program at Terramar School
Linda Pepe, Before/After School Lead Instructor at West Wing School
Teri Thorley, Account Representative

Arizona Department of Education's "A" Schools
Rated as an "A" School in Arizona
Arrowhead Elementary School
Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Constitution Elementary School
Copper Creek Elementary School
Desert Sage Elementary School
Diamond Canyon School
Greenbrier Elementary School
Highland Lakes School
Legend Springs Elementary School
Norterra Canyon School
Sonoran Foothills School
Stetson Hills School
Sunset Ridge School
Terramar School
Village Meadows Elementary School
West Wing School

Arizona PTA Organization
Head Start Award, Fall Membership Award, Golden Apple Award, Heart and Soul Award
Mountain Shadows PTSA

Arrowhead Honda's Teacher's Tab Award
Awarded $300 Grant for classroom
Brittnee McKinley, Developmental Pre-School Teacher – Mountain Shadows Elementary School

CK12 Foundation
CK12 Certified Educator
Alison Oswald-Keene – Terramar School

Hope to Houston
Impacted over 3,000 families at two different schools
Dr. Lynn Miller, Principal – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

In Plant Printing and Mailing Association – 2017 IPMA Innovation Award
Recognized as an organization that has shown creative and innovative ways to improve a process or business
Martin James – Manager/Graphic Communications Department

International Fellowship
Received a fellowship opportunity to study in Mexico with Ecology Project International
Veronica Elton – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

KEZ 99.9 Excellence in Education Award
Awarded monthly to one teacher in Arizona who goes above and beyond for their students
Marian Carol –Sunrise Elementary School

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Celebrating Extraordinary Community Involvement

2017 Food Drive
Students and staff collected over 10,000 lbs. of food
Boulder Creek High School

Adopt-A-Family
Students and staff raised almost $2,000 for a family in need
Hillcrest Middle School

American Heart Association
Staff and students raised $1,751.71 for the American Heart Association
Coach Jerry Slawson and Paseo Hills School

Dig Pink Volleyball Donation
Students and parents honored breast cancer survivors at a volleyball game
Mountain Ridge DECA

Hope 4 Kids
Students and staff raised $1,114.97 for the Katie Wagner Calvary Revival School in Liberia
Gavilan Peak School

Keep America Beautiful – Recycle Bowl
2nd Place in State and collected 2.5 tons of recycle on campus
Lane Wood, 7th grade – Paseo Hills School
Wyatt Duncan, 6th grade – Paseo Hills School
Zachary Montano, 6th grade – Paseo Hills School
Adi Elya, 6th grade – Paseo Hills School
Alhasan Al Azzawi, 6th grade – Paseo Hills School
Nick Helmick, Teacher – Paseo Hills School
Brittany O'Leary, Teacher – Paseo Hills School

Kiwanis Special Needs Day at the Arizona State Fair
Students assisted special needs children
Mountain Ridge DECA

National Make a Difference Day
Students participated in #RidgeGivesDay community service activities
Mountain Ridge High School

Celebrating Extraordinary Grant Awards

Arizona's Preschool Development Grant
Grant to provide a high quality preschool experience within our High Needs Community
2015-2016 Grant – $230,000
2016-2017 Grant – $184,000
2017-2018 Grant – $278,260
Total – $692,260

Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) Impact Grants, $12,801
Melissa Sepuka – Esperanza Elementary School
Jon Malvin – Las Brisas Elementary School
Lisa Stegman – Las Brisas Elementary School
Brittnee McKinley – Mountain Shadows School
Melissa Mara – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Sara Stollar Yates – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Jess Walsh – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
April Smith – Sierra Verde STEM Academy
Jessica Kerich – Sonoran Foothills School
Kimberly Lebhart – Stetson Hills School
Robert Murray – Sunrise Elementary School
Beth Rodriguez – Sunset Ridge School
Devon Lopez-Hawkin – Sunset Ridge School
Stacy Friedberg – Sunset Ridge School
Sierra Wirsig – Terramar School
Angie Schultz – West Wing School

Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) Teachers and Rookies of the Year
2017-2018 Teachers of the Year
Jesse Pierce – Bellair Elementary School
Laura Price – Boulder Creek High School
Laurie Warner – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
DeAnne Dennis-Dowland – Desert Sky Middle School
Melanie Poll – Las Brisas Elementary School
Lindsey Fleegle – Mountain Ridge High School
Candice Roa – Moutain Ridge High School
Jessica Lindenmeier – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Anne Thiebeau – Sierra Verde STEM Academy
Kathy Gottlieb – Sunset Ridge School
Gaylynne Hartley – Sunset Ridge School
Jeneil Killman – Sunset Ridge School
Jeannie Davis – Terramar School
Nicole Eller – West Wing School
Sherry Holly – West Wing School

2017 – 2018 Rookie (First Year Teacher) of the Year
Janine Bonham – Sierra Verde STEM Academy

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Be Fit, Be Healthy, Be Kind Grant, $5,000
Grant to implement the Be Fit, Be Healthy, Be Kind program
Constitution Elementary School

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Debra Abramson, Physical Education Teacher – Norterra Canyon School

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Funded chemistry supplies and other supplementals and featured on Channel 3 News
Janine Gallo, 8th Grade Science Teacher – Stetson Hills School

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Jeff Lyons – Sierra Verde STEM Academy

Leaders in School Wellness Grant
Grant to fund a position of a Wellness Coordinator
Deer Valley Unified School District

Maricopa County Air Quality Department (MCAQD) Grant, $120,000
Grant to fund replacement of high-mileage, aging buses with new buses that reduce emissions

Project Lead the Way Grant
Grant of $20,000 for curriculum, materials, and training for STEM Program
Grant for STEM Program – Hillcrest Middle School
2017-2018 Grant – $10,000
2018-2019 Grant – $10,000
Total – $20,000

School Safety Program Grant
AZ State Grant towards salary and benefits for School Resource Officers on campuses
Barry Goldwater High School
Deer Valley Middle School
Paseo Hills School

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