

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SENIOR SALUTES!

As we reflect on last night's graduation ceremony and the conclusion of a remarkable school year, let's round out the year with our final Senior Salute. These Maricopa High School Seniors are ready to take on the world.

Elijah Clay is headed to Norwich University with a field chest full of scholarships, including the Army National ROTC Scholarship, Provost Award, and Alden Partridge ROTC Scholarship. Elijah's future as a commissioned Army Officer, historian, and foreign affairs officer is as bright as his accolades: JROTC standout, Arizona Boys State Delegate, Boys National Nominee, and a top 3 finish in the Veterans Foreign Wars/Voice of Democracy competition. With acceptances from prestigious institutions like Virginia Military Institute, Howard University, and more, Elijah is ready to take command and march into a bright future.

Erin Butler is ready to take center stage at Grand Canyon University, majoring in Communication, Journalism, and Theatre. Erin's impressive list of accomplishments includes the AP Scholar Award, AP Seminar & Research Certificate, and candidacy for both the AP Capstone Diploma and Seal of Arts Proficiency. As the President of MHS Theatre and a devoted volunteer, Erin has demonstrated her leadership and commitment to excellence in every endeavor. With her talent and dedication, Erin is set to bring down the house and capture audiences everywhere.

Adrian Rivas is gearing up to conquer new frontiers at Northern Arizona University, diving into the realms of Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering. With the Dean's with Distinction award under his belt and a certification as a Personal Computer Professional, Adrian is poised to make significant strides in network security. His dedication to his studies and his future career is evident, setting him on a path to success. Tech enthusiasts, brace yourselves—Adrian is set to revolutionize the future with secure and groundbreaking innovations.

Gracie Rogers is set to inspire young minds and plant the seeds of knowledge at Northern Arizona University, pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. With scholarships including the Lumberjack, Northern Arizona University Foundation, and Christopher Tribute, Gracie is on track to become a second-grade teacher. Her active involvement in soccer, flag football, tennis, powderpuff, Education Rising, National Honor Society, and Family Career & Community Leaders of America showcases her dedication and multifaceted talents. No doubt, Gracie's classroom will be a place for inspiration, learning, and a whole lot of fun.

Imani Carvers is ready to make headlines and break news at Central Arizona Community College, majoring in Communication and Journalism with the support of the Pinal Promise scholarship. Aspiring to be a news anchor and journalist, Imani has been a vibrant part of Student Council, Majorette, Step Team, Black Student Union, and Girl Scouts. Her commitment to leadership and community service is evident in all she does. Imani is prepared to report the stories that matter and be the voice of tomorrow.

Whether they are leading in the military, commanding the stage, securing the digital frontier, inspiring young students, or reporting the news, MUSD grads exemplify the excellence and ambition of Maricopa Unified School District students. From kindergarten phonograms to high school diplomas, congratulations, parents—you all earned an "A".

Thank you for choosing MUSD.



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District

