

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Engineering Their Future

In Maricopa Unified School District, big ideas take shape and bold futures are engineered every day.

Brooklynn Thompson – Desert Sunrise High School

Brooklynn Thompson, the first-ever salutatorian from Desert Sunrise High School, is headed to Northern Arizona University to study engineering. A true problem solver, Brooklynn balanced the demands of Track, Cross Country, AP courses, and Dual Enrollment, applying the same discipline and focus on the track as she did in the classroom. She is proof that when you set your pace, trust your training, and stay the course, there is no limit to how far you can go.

Anthony Hurst – Maricopa High School

Anthony Hurst is headed to Arizona State University to study Aerospace Engineering, supported by the New American University Dean Scholarship. With a 4.25 GPA and years of dedication to both the classroom and the marching band, Anthony has built the kind of foundation that will carry him into the future. With a mind for innovation and a heart set on the skies, he is ready to rise to the challenges ahead and shape the evolution of aerospace.

Jesse Garcia Garcia – Desert Sunrise High School

Jesse Garcia Garcia is taking flight toward a future in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Arizona, fueled by purpose, passion, and the Wildcat Excellence Award. Throughout high school, Jesse charted his own course, balancing AP and Dual Enrollment courses, capturing school memories as the campus digital photographer, exploring aviation, and building real-world skills through the CAVIT program. His journey shows that with vision and commitment, the sky is not the limit. It is only the beginning.

As these graduates take their next steps, they carry with them the spirit of MUSD—ready to soar, serve, and shape the world ahead.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District