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Case Closed: They Understood the Assignment

These graduates found their purpose in law, medicine, and justice because they believe better is always possible.

Mireyna Milagro Marez – Maricopa High School

Mireyna knows how to balance the heavy stuff. Not just AP classes and National Honor Society, but a tuba, a sousaphone, and a schedule that would make most people need a nap. She played flag football, held her spot in band, and earned the John Philip Sousa Award, all while keeping her academics on point. Her hard work paid off with the President's Scholarship, and she's headed to Northern Arizona University to study Criminology and Criminal Justice, with law school on the horizon. She got there with a tuba, a to-do list, and not a single shortcut.

Tina Kilbert - Maricopa High School

Tina is on her way to Arizona State University to study Criminology and prepare for a future in law. At MHS, she helped lead student council, kept athletes moving in sports medicine, and still found time to knock out a Presidential Scholarship. She also earned the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency, a testament to her creativity and commitment to the arts. Her high school résumé deserves its own filing cabinet. She's thoughtful, determined, and already thinking a few moves ahead. Her future is in law, and the verdict is in: she's ready.

Jocelyn Fallers - Maricopa Virtual Academy

Jocelyn didn't need reminders, bells, or busy halls to stay on track. She ran her own schedule, hit every mark, and finished strong as Salutatorian of Maricopa Virtual Academy. Next up is Spokane Community College, where she'll explore both law and medicine. Narrowing it down to just one way to help people never quite felt right. Whether she ends up in a courtroom or the operating room, one thing is certain: Jocelyn doesn't wait for opportunity. She logs in, shows up, and makes it happen.

Rooted in integrity. Ready for the challenge. Rising to the call for action.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent Maricopa Unified School District

