Superintendent's Report
May 8, 2025



MUHS CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)

- Ashley Gonzalez and Lexi Bourque competed in Community Awareness
    - Ashley Gonzalez took Gold
- Elora Bakhaus competed in Health Career Photography and took Gold





Health Occupations Students of America

RECOGNITION

Universal Technical Institute (UTI) Event

- April 10, 2025
- Mark Merrill
- Universal Technical Institute presented
  - Courses offered for continuing education in Career and Technical Education
  - Highlighting the wide variety and high demand for skilled professionals




NASCAR
TECHNICAL
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COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
Drift S14 V1
UTI.edu/A
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Wind Power
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RECOGNITION

Competitive College & Scholarship Flex Presentation

April 10, 2025

- Sophomores and Juniors were invited to attend this event during a FLEX period
- Presenters—
  - College Knowing and Going Senior Ambassador Kayta Aronson
  - Questbridge Recepient Brooklyn Colvin
- 44 students pre-registered for this event
- School Counselors, Kristy Meyers and Amanda Lange, provided materials and assisted the students with the presentation




Milton Berle




Milton Berle
MAHATMA GANDHI
CHURCHILL

RECOGNITION

El Valle Puede Celebration – Arizona Decision Day 2025 (April 14, 2025)

- Mingus Union High School took 13 seniors to join the 1400 high school seniors from across Arizona to celebrate the 2nd El Valle Puede Celebration
- The El Valle Puede Celebration was held at the Phoenix Arena and hosted by Phoenix Suns/Mercury Foundation, Helios Education Foundation, and the Arizona Board of Regents
- AZ Decision Day, proclaimed in 2024 by Governor Katie Hobbs, is a statewide celebration designed to inspire students to take charge of their futures – whether pursuing college, trade school, military service or entering the workforce – the event encourages high schoolers to make meaningful post-graduation plans



RECOGNITION

El Valle Puede Celebration – Arizona Decision Day 2025

(April 14, 2025)

- Event Highlights include:
  - College Resource Fair
  - Guest Speakers including Phoenix Mayor, Kate Gallego, Helios Founding Chairs Vince Roig and Jane Roig and ABOR Student Regent David Zaragoza
  - MUHS Jose Felix was chosen for a free throw competition on the Suns Court and he WON
  - Performances by Phoenix Suns dancers and stunt team
  - Concert by Latin hip-hop artist Xavi




Celebration
#AZDecisionDay
REGENTS
TICKETS
SUNS UP
HARVARD
GCU


I decided!
Gonzaga University
I decided!
Harvard
I decided!
UNCC


I decided!
BYU-Idaho
I decided!
BYU-Provo


I decided!
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I decided!


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TAYLOR
GILLOM
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SPORTS MEDICINE CTE PROGRAM

Anatomage Table

- Sports Med Program
- Anatomage Table arrived 4/17/25
- New resource and tool for enhanced learning of anatomy & physiology






Anatomage

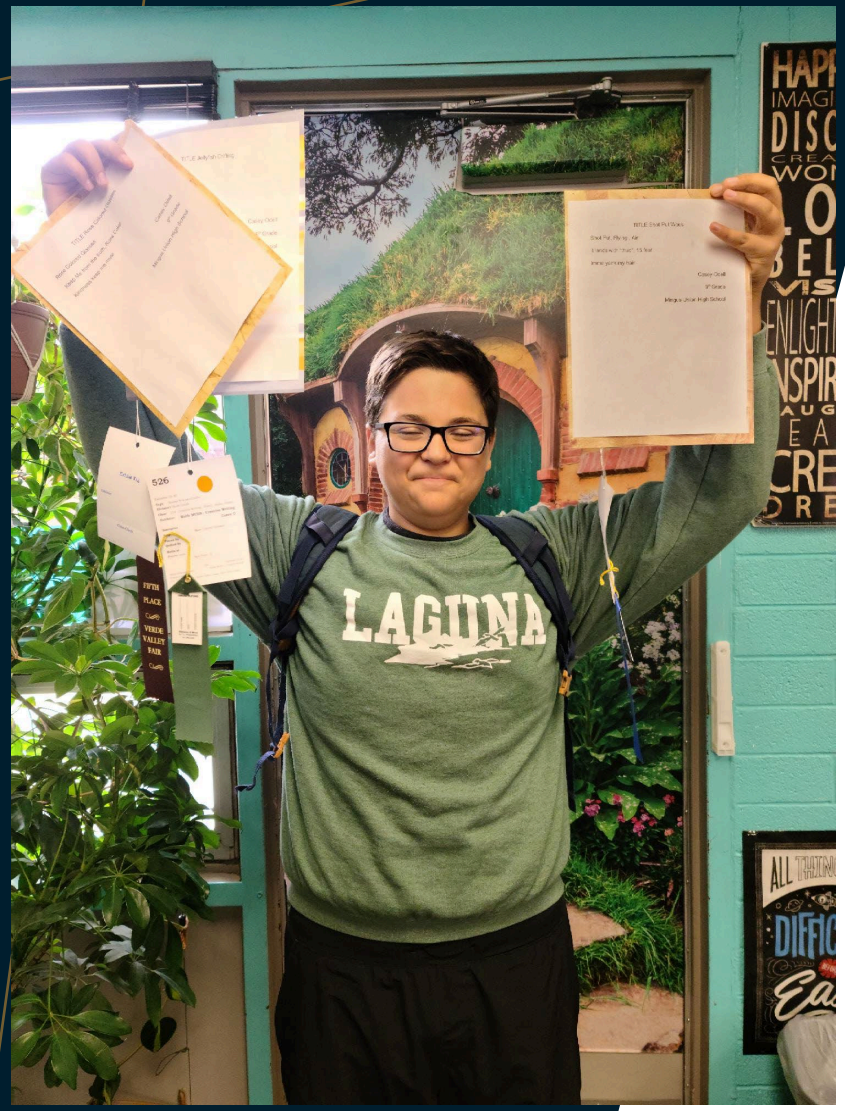


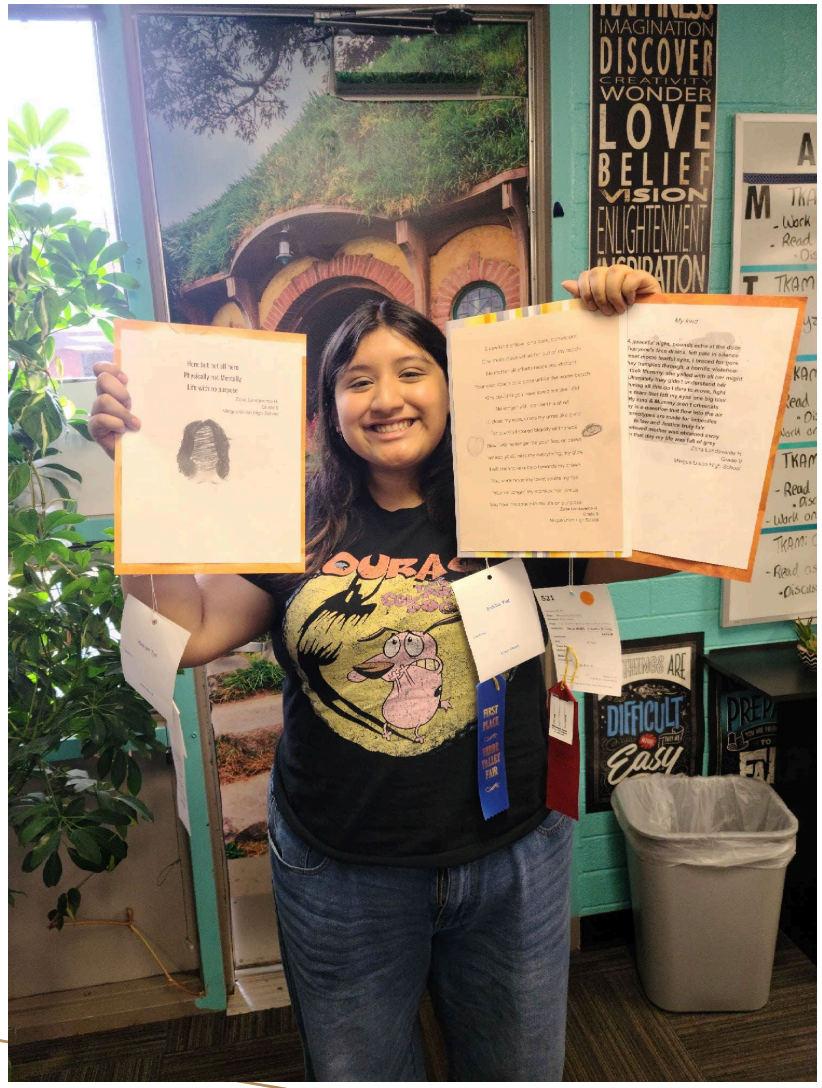
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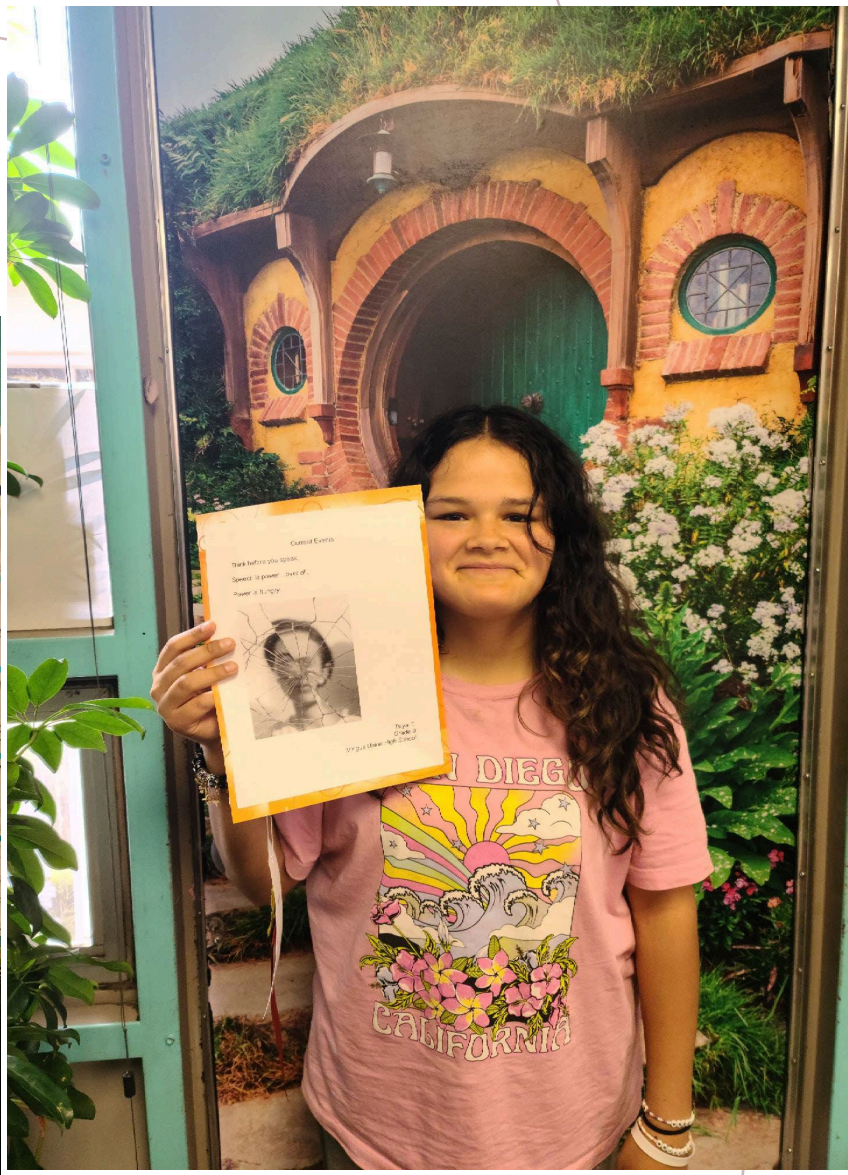
Verde Valley Fair: Writing Contest Winners

- Zaira Landaverde Hernandez:
  - 1st Place: Creative Writing: Shakespearean Sonnet
  - 2nd Place Creative Writing: Shakespearean Sonnet
  - 3rd Place Haiku
- Casey Odell:
  - 1st Place: Haiku
- Taiya Trujillo:
  - 2nd Place: Haiku
- Cash prizes were awarded to all these students for their winning poems




LAGUNA
DIFFICULT
Easy


IMAGINATION
DISCOVER
CREATIVITY
WONDER
LOVE
BELIEF
VISION
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CALIFORNIA

RECOGNITION

Congressional Student Art Competition

- An annual National Art Competition where students from each Congressional District compete for scholarships. There were 5 awards for AZ District #2.
- 1st Place, Nicholas Osborn, “Looking Forward”, Charcoal on Paper
  - Won $36,000 Scholarship and an all-expense paid trip for 2 to Washington DC to attend awards ceremony
  - Artwork will hang in the Nations Capital for the next year
- 2nd Place, Asher McFarland, “A Day in the Life of a Fridge”, Acrylic on Canvas
  - Artwork will hang in Congressman Crane’s Washington DC office for the next year





"Looking Forward"



"A Day in the Life of a Fridge"









RECOGNITION

Verde Valley Fair Art Show

- Annual Art Show in the Verde Valley highlighting student Artwork from local schools. Numerous awards are given by Fair Sponsors and local Artist Communities.
- Award Winners

    Audri Anderson, Best in Show, Color Photography

    Ava Fransk, Made In Clarkdale Special Award, Mixed Media

    Asher Mcfarland, Made in Clarkdale Special Award, Drawing

    Audri Anderson, Ray Storm Memorial Award, Color Photography

    Lulu Clements, 1st Place, Painting

    Alexis Williams, 2nd Place, Mixed Media

    Serenity De La Torre, 3rd Place, Painting

    Derek Alvarez, 2nd Place, Photography

    Finn Pollock, 3rd Place, Photography

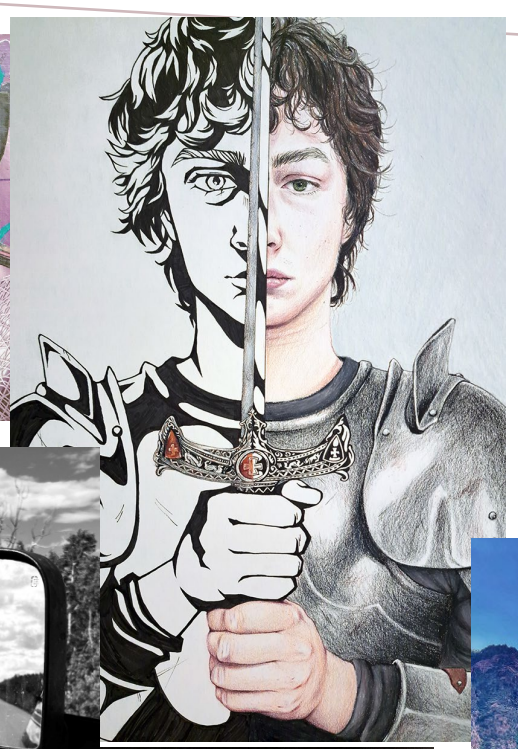
    Audri Anderson , 2nd Place, Color Photography

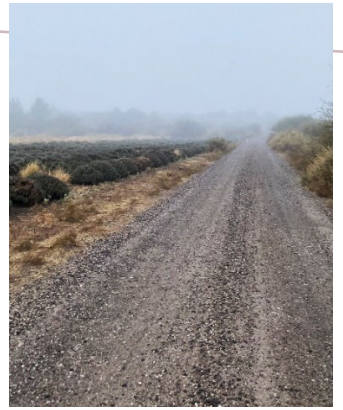
    Grace Gomez, 3rd Place, Drawing

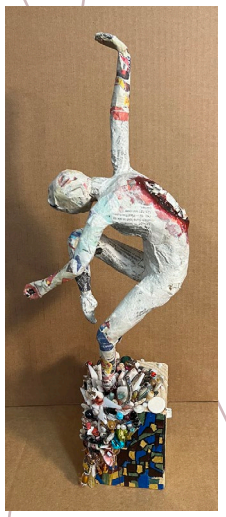
    Shelby Kauffman, 1st Place, Printmaking

    Scarlette Whitney, 2nd Place, Printmaking



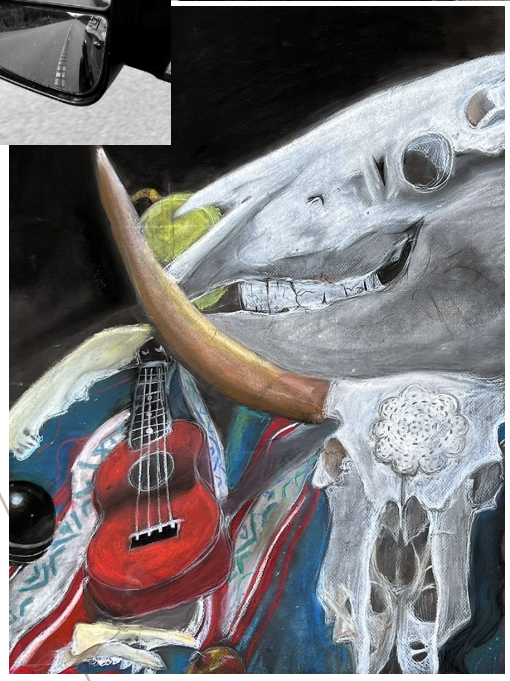
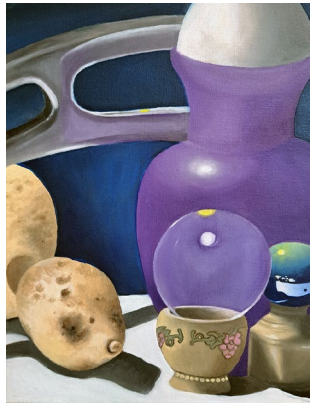



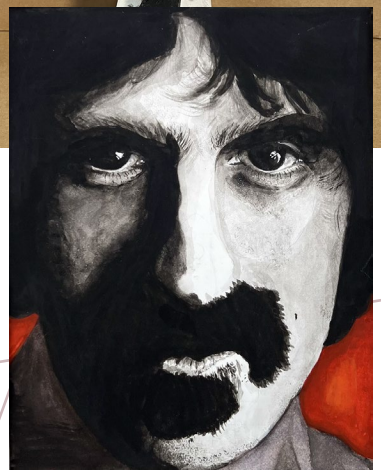








RECOGNITION

High School Music Theatre Awards at ASU Gammage – Semi Finalists Announced

- We have finalists in 9 of the 13 categories
- Mingus Union is one of two non-Phoenix schools represented in the State Competition
- Judges came to our production and evaluated every acting, dancing, and technical detail
- Event is on Saturday, May 24th at 7pm
- There will be a streaming link for those who can't make it to ASU Gammage

















RECOGNITION

- Top 7 Finalists to MUHS Hair and Make-up Crew lead by Melaine Rodriguez
- Top 8 Finalist to MUHS Costume Crew lead by Addi Hughes (…shout out to our designer, 2024 Alumni Beth Bates as well)
- Top 8 Finalist to MUHS Set and Props Crew lead by Ava Fransk and Jack Murphee
- Top 8 Finalist to MUHS Lighting Team - Henry Crawford, Ian Laas, and Sofia Arvayo
- Top 9 Finalist – Best Dance Ensemble – Voulez-Vous, choreographed by Carla and Stephen Renard
- Top 8 Finalist – Best Supporting Actor – Caleb Thompson
- Top 10 Finalist – Best Lead Female – Mekenzie Combs (If she wins, she competes in New York on Broadway for the Jimmy Awards)
- Top 10 Finalist – Best Vocalist – Mekenzie Combs
- Top 4 Finalist – ASU Gammage Leadership Award – Mekenzie Combs





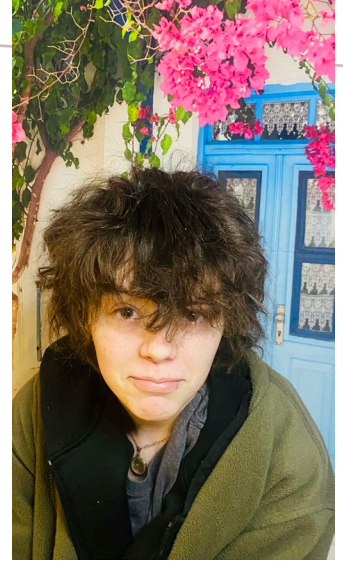
MELANIE RODRIGUEZ
Hair & Make-Up



ADDISON HUGHES
Costume Design



JACK MURPHEE
Properties Head



AVA FRANSK
Set Captain



HENRY CRAWFORD
Lighting Head



IAN LAAS
Dimmer-Board Op



SOFIA ARVAYO
Spotlight

Mamma Mia Cast – Voulez – Vous





<- CALEB THOMPSON,
Best Supporting Actor

MEKENZIE COMBS →
Best Female Lead
Best Vocalist
ASU Gammage Leadership Award



RECOGNITION

Verde Valley Fair– May 1, 2025

- Mingus FFA Students competed in multiple areas
- Pinnacle of hard work and dedication
- All animals were sold in the Auction on Saturday (5/3) $779,653 raised for kids across the Verde Valley




BLUE
AWARD
VERDE
VALLEY
FAIR




2025
FAIR


EXIT
TAYLOR & SONS HAULING
LAMB
$52.00
TAYLOR WASTE
SWINE
$34.00
DBA CONSTRUCTION INC
GOAT
$68.00
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2025
FAIR



Champion Senior Swine Showman




VERDE VALLEY
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GRAND CHAMPION
BEEF
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GOAT
LARRY GREEN CHEVROLET


Bailey Peck
Sentinel
24-2025

Grand Champion



Market Lamb


PALS


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2025
FAIR





Grand Champion



Market Goat


LAMB $52.00
TAYLOR WASTE
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DBA CONSTRUCTION INC
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LAMB $45.00
GROSETA RANCHES LLC
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LARRY GREEN CHEVROLET


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SWINE $23.00
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GOAT $70.00
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LARRY GREEN CHEVROLET
2022
GRAND CHAMPION
HIGH SCORE
EXIT
Verde Valley Fair
2025
MINGUS UNION
NO STANDING AT THE RAILING


VERDE VALLEY
2025
FAIR


VERDE VALLEY
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Senior Week —**May 19-23, 2025
- **Senior Honors Night—** May 19, 2025 5:30PM Auditorium
- **Graduation Practice**– Friday May 23, 7:00AM in Gym
- **Graduation-** Friday May 23, 2025 7:00PM (Graduates line up in Gym)
- **Operation Graduation 2025**– May 23, 9:00PM Cottonwood Recreation Center



THANK YOU

Mingus Union High School District #4

