

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SENIOR SALUTES: BIG FUTURES BEGIN AT HOME

Dear MUSD Families,

Big futures don't have to take you far from home, they can start right here. Through the Pinal Promise, these graduates are stepping forward at Central Arizona College as the newest Vaqueros, ready to get to work in the community they call home.

Valeria Gonzalez Ramirez of Maricopa Virtual Academy is answering the call to Nursing through the Pinal Promise. As MVA Valedictorian and a recipient of the Arizona Seal of Biliteracy, Valeria exemplifies excellence. Focused, driven, and ready for responsibility, this future nurse is stepping into a field where decisions matter, and she's prepared to make every one count.

Marina Buccellato of Maricopa High School is headed to CAC before making the move to Arizona State University to pursue Secondary Education in English. As FCCLA President, Marina earned first place at the State Leadership Conference and is advancing to Nationals in Washington DC, the first in Maricopa High School history. As a master of leadership and communication, Marina will bring that same confidence into a classroom of her own.

Azaria McDonald of Desert Sunrise High School is also scrubbing in for a future in Nursing through the Pinal Promise. As a CAVIT student in Patient Care and a participant in the CTE Emergency Medical Services program, Azaria gained hands-on clinical experience where urgency and precision matter most. Azaria is trained to act, equipped to care, and ready for the moments that don't wait.

Saddle up, Vaqueros. MUSD is sending you three graduates who are ready to take the reins.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District

