

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SENIOR SALUTES MUSD GRADS STEP INTO STEM

Dear MUSD Families,

STEM careers don't wait for you to figure it out. You show up ready. Our grads are built for it.

Parker Girouard of Maricopa High School, is headed to the University of New Mexico to study Nuclear Engineering while working toward a full-ride scholarship. As President of National Honor Society, and through his time in band and on the tennis court, Parker built the discipline and focus required for one of the most demanding paths in science. He's not just studying the future of energy, he's preparing to shape it.

Matthew Allenby of Desert Sunrise High School is taking his next step at Arizona State University, where he'll study Professional Flight with the President's Scholarship in hand. Through the CTE Aviation program, along with AP and Dual Enrollment courses, Matthew built a strong technical foundation and logged the kind of experience that turns ambition into action. With his sights set on the cockpit, Matthew is cleared for takeoff.

Kylie Gardner, a future graduate of Maricopa High School, will study Astronomy at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as a recipient of the Chancellor Scholarship. Whether on the volleyball court, the basketball court, or through her work with National Honor Society and the Ak-Chin Youth Program, Kylie has led with energy and purpose. Now, she's setting her sights even higher, on a future as a cosmologist, exploring the questions that lie beyond our world.

Lyndsey Borgstrom, representing Maricopa Virtual Academy, will attend Northern Arizona University to study Biology, hoping to blend science and holistic health. Through martial arts, Lyndsey demonstrates disciplined focus and will advance health by bridging science and natural healing.

No shortcuts. No small plans. They didn't pick easy. They picked important.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District

