

# Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 17, 2026

## SENIOR SALUTE: Mission: Explore, Protect, Defend

Dear MUSD Families,

Science is moving fast, and these MUSD graduates are setting the pace.

**Jonathan Jorgensen** of Desert Sunrise High School will study Space Physics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as a Presidential Scholarship recipient, earning an award valued at \$110,000. Through NASA rocket programs, Mathletes, National Honor Society, and rigorous Honors and AP coursework, he has already put in the work, building the technical foundation to succeed in one of the most demanding fields. He is ready to push beyond what we know and into what comes next.

**Katie Silcox** of Maricopa High School will study Natural Resources at the University of Arizona as a Wildcats Scholar. Through CAVIT, the Blue Chip Leadership Program, the KEYS Summer Program, and fieldwork alongside natural resources scientists, she has already stepped into the field, studying ecosystems, managing resources, and understanding what it takes to protect the environment. She is ready to lead where science meets the land, and the future is decided.

**Akira Cuberly** of Maricopa Virtual Academy will continue at Central Arizona College as a Pinal Promise scholarship recipient, pursuing an AAS in Cybersecurity. Graduating a quarter early, he has demonstrated the discipline and focus to excel in the field. He is ready to launch a career in IT and defend the digital systems that keep our world running.

Remember their names. Science just leveled up.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent  
Maricopa Unified School District

