

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SENIOR SALUTE: Powered by Curiosity

Dear MUSD Families,

Whether they were chasing the story, studying the science, or commanding the room, these graduates were turning heads long before they were turning tassels.

Isabel Mosca of Desert Sunrise High School earned the Presidential Scholarship and will attend the University of Richmond to study Political Science with a minor in Leadership. As Salutatorian, Rotary Interact President, and a leader across Student Government, NHS, and Rho Kappa, Isabel built a reputation for stepping forward when something needed direction, organization, or a voice willing to speak up. Isabel knows that leadership is earned when people feel heard, valued, and included in what comes next.

Egan Waller of Maricopa Virtual Academy will begin at Central Arizona College before heading north to Northern Arizona University to study Genetics, Cellular Research, and Developmental Biology. A challenging freshman biology class quickly turned into something deeper: a fascination with how life works beneath the surface. What began as curiosity eventually became discipline, focus, and a drive to study life at its most intricate level.

Julian Alarcon of Desert Sunrise High School earned the New American University Scholarship and will attend Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University to study Journalism. A National Honor Society student, Civics Diploma Seal recipient, and the first-ever Mr. Golden Hawk, Julian became known for bringing presence and personality in every setting. As an MUSD Communications intern, he spent much of high school behind a camera, capturing the details that might have slipped by. Julian understands that, sometimes, the most important moments happen fast, quietly, and without a second take.

These graduates are not leaving MUSD to become leaders, storytellers, or problem-solvers. They already are.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District

