

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SENIOR SALUTE: High Stakes. Higher Standards.

Dear MUSD Families,

These graduates are stepping into careers where the stakes are high, the margin for error is small, and every decision matters.

Andrew Wilson of Desert Sunrise High School earned the New American University Scholarship and will attend Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University to study Business Finance. A Valedictorian and Civics Diploma Seal recipient, Andrew understands that numbers tell stories and decisions carry weight. Through National Honor Society, Rotary Interact, and rigorous AP coursework, he built the kind of discipline the financial world demands. The markets move fast, fortunes turn faster, and Andrew is built for a field where every decimal has a point.

Damien Dunn of Maricopa Virtual Academy will attend Central Arizona College to study Radiologic Technology. Through his work with One n Ten and serving youth at Safe House, Damien has already spent time helping people through moments filled with uncertainty. In radiology, the smallest detail can change the entire picture. Damien understands that every image carries more than information. It carries someone's future, and his is coming into focus, helping others see theirs.

Audrey Stout of Desert Sunrise High School earned the Dean Scholarship and will attend Arizona State University to study Nursing. On the tennis court and in rigorous AP coursework, Audrey learned how to stay composed when the pressure rises, and the pace refuses to slow down. She understands the discipline it takes to perform when the expectations are high. Nursing is equal parts science, stamina, and heart. Audrey has been training for all three.

A brighter future rarely announces itself all at once. Sometimes, it walks across a graduation stage in Maricopa Unified School District.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District

