

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SENIOR SALUTE: THE GOLD STANDARD STARTS HERE

Dear MUSD Families,

In beauty, aviation, and hospitality, getting the details right changes the entire experience.

Malayzah Kennedy of Maricopa Virtual Academy is headed to Central Arizona College with the support of the Pinal Promise Scholarship while pursuing her esthetician certification through Avalon Cosmetology School. Through CAVIT Nail Technology and years coaching cheerleading, Malayzah understands that confidence changes the way people move through the world. That instinct matters in esthetics. Malayzah understands that helping people feel beautiful and helping people feel seen are often the same thing.

Kade Norris of Desert Sunrise High School earned the President Scholarship and will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to study Aerospace Engineering. Through CTE Aviation and National Honor Society, Kade spent years studying the mechanics behind something most people only stop to admire from the ground. In aerospace engineering, precision is what keeps trajectories moving in the right direction. Kade has already learned to think beyond the runway.

Parker Enriquez of Maricopa Virtual Academy is headed to Northern Arizona University to study Hotel and Restaurant Management, with one eye on hospitality and the other already on graduate school. Through FBLA and Math Olympiad, Parker learned how much strategy hides behind success that appears effortless. Great hospitality has a rhythm to it: the crowded restaurant that still feels welcoming, the event people talk about on the drive home, the details guests remember without ever noticing why. Parker understands that the best experiences are not just managed; they are orchestrated.

Good gets noticed. Unforgettable lives in the details. These graduates already know that magic is never accidental.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District

