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**Agua Fria High School District Honors our Student Valedictorians Through
Superintendent's Academic Superstars Initiative**

(AVONDALE, Ariz. - May 20, 2026) The Agua Fria High School District is proud to announce the next phase of the Superintendent's Academic Superstars initiative, recognizing our student valedictorians who graduated at the top of their classes and demonstrated exceptional academic achievement.

Following the District's 2026 graduation ceremonies, these students earned recognition for their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. Their accomplishments reflect the strength of the District's academic programs and the support of educators, families, and staff across all campuses.

Agua Fria High School – Brielle Romero graduated with a 5.27 GPA and plans to pursue a degree in engineering, demonstrating a strong commitment to innovation and academic excellence.

Canyon View High School – (*Co-valedictorians*) Bernadette Carranza graduated with a 5.21 GPA and will study pre-med or biology as she works toward earning a doctorate degree, while Mia Kleinow earned a 5.19 GPA and plans to major in landscape architecture or biology, highlighting both students' dedication to rigorous academic paths.

Desert Edge High School – Amarachukwu E. Nnamdi-Geoffrey graduated with a 5.14 GPA and will study nursing before pursuing medical school to become a surgeon, reflecting a clear passion for healthcare and service.

Millennium High School – Mackenzie Rubel graduated with an outstanding 5.47 GPA and will attend the United States Air Force Academy, where she will also compete in track, exemplifying excellence in both academics and athletics.

Verrado High School – Manuel Ramirez Chavira graduated with a 5.22 GPA and plans to pursue a degree in civil engineering, preparing for a future in building and infrastructure development.

"These remarkable students represent the very best of the Agua Fria High School District," said Superintendent Mark Yslas. "Their achievements reflect not only academic excellence, but also determination, resilience, and a commitment to their future goals. We are incredibly proud of each of them."

The Superintendent's Academic Superstars initiative highlights the District's ongoing commitment to academic excellence and student success. The Class of 2026 valedictorians exemplify the high standards and opportunities available to all students in the District.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

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Agua Fria High School District was established in 1955. Today, the district serves the communities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, and Litchfield Park, with six high schools: Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Goodyear, Millennium, Verrado, and Agua Fria Online. Additionally, the District offers two alternative programs: Coldwater Academy and New Directions. More information can be found at www.aguafria.org