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Agua Fria High School District Recognizes Top 1% Academic Achievers Through Superintendent's Academic Superstars Initiative

(Avondale, Ariz. - April 8, 2026) The Agua Fria High School District is proud to honor its highest-achieving students through the Superintendent's Academic Superstars initiative by recognizing those who rank within the top 1% academically across the District.

The Top 1% distinction represents the District's highest academic honor, reserved for students whose records reflect academic achievement, intellectual rigor, and sustained excellence. These honorees comprise an elite group whose achievements extend beyond exemplary grade point averages and class rank to include consistent enrollment and success in the most demanding coursework, such as advanced placement, honors, and dual enrollment programs. In addition to their academic performance, these students distinguish themselves through competitive awards, scholarships, and recognition across disciplines such as mathematics, science, writing, research, and the arts. Their accomplishments reflect not only mastery of content but also discipline, perseverance, and a deep commitment to learning.

Through the Superintendent's Academic Superstars initiative, these students are celebrated as exemplars of academic excellence and leadership. Honorees are recognized through District and school communication platforms, ensuring their accomplishments are shared with the broader community and serve as inspiration for current and future students.

The District proudly recognizes the following students as Top 1% honorees, representing the highest level of academic achievement across its high schools:

- **Agua Fria High School:** Brielle Romero, Kyrach Veloz-Meginnis, and Tomas Nguyen
- **Canyon View High School:** Bernadette Carranza, Caleb Shurtleff, Mia Kleinow, Michael Minor, and Piper MacArthur
- **Desert Edge High School:** Adam Alvarez, Amarachukwu Nnamdi-Geoffrey, Brady Wynne, Gurleen Dulay, Ozzy Rubino, and Riley Sugihara
- **Millennium High School:** Alexis Jimenez, Desiree Ramos, Levan Bui, Mackenzie Rubel, and Zarina Melendez
- **Verrado High School:** Caleb Whitehorse, Isaiah Medrano, Leeann Russ, Manuel Ramirez Chavira, and Vansh Chokshi

These students were honored at the District's inaugural Superintendent's Academic Superstar Supper on Thursday, March 26. The event brought together students, parents, elected officials, and District administrators to celebrate their exceptional accomplishments.

"Achieving placement in the top 1% is a rare and remarkable accomplishment," said Superintendent Mark Yslas. "These students represent the highest standard of academic excellence in our District and exemplify what is possible through dedication and determination."

This recognition aligns with the District's ongoing commitment to academic success and continuous improvement. By honoring our Top 1% scholars, the Agua Fria High School District continues to elevate the importance of academic achievement and celebrate excellence across all campuses.

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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