

Superintendent's Report August 13, 2026



Recognition

Thespian Leadership Camp

- July 6-9, 2026; Heber, AZ
- The A.T.O.R.T student officer board was at Camp Shadow Pines for the Arizona State Thespian Leadership Camp
- Mingus ATORT placed 2nd in the co-ed Volleyball Tournament
- Workshops at the camp taught students different aspects of leadership - Trust, Respect, and Accountability
- Highlights were troupe growth, leadership styles, social media management, and recruitment
- The officer team worked closely to plan events, community service, bonding experiences, and fundraisers for the whole year
- Our officer team is focused and ready to make A.T.O.R.T better than ever





RECOGNITION

VACTE Superintendent Award

- July 15, 2026
- ACTEAZ CTE State Awards, Tucson, AZ
- Superintendent Bob Weir honored with the ACTEAZ Lifetime Achievement Award







RECOGNITION

Youth Work Program

- July 16, 2026- Graduation
- Mingus Union has participated in the Youth Work Program for the past six (6) years
- Mr. Jim Erick is always asked to host a youth for the Summer





RECOGNITION

The Academy –DRP Graduate

- July 18, 2026; Mesa, AZ
- The Academy at Mingus had our first GradSolutions DRP Graduate
- Jesus Hernandez proudly accepted his diploma







Recognition

ATORT Mixer

- July 31, 2026
- On the second day of school the A.T.O.R.T student officers organized and held the 2026-2027 A.T.O.R.T Mixer
- The mixer was an amazing opportunity for all students at Mingus to learn the ins and outs of the MUHS Theatre Troupe
- There were fun games, amazing food, and plenty of opportunities to meet new people and make new friends
- The different stations that students rotated through included
 - Improv games led by President Caleb Thompson and Vice President Jayce Lawler
 - Costume quick-change challenge led by Tech Rep. Jack Murphree and Sec./Treas. Eva Novak
 - Choreography led by historian Ultan Green and Outreach Abby Bouse
 - Bracelet making/ trivia station led by Officer Elect Addie Everitt and Social Media manager Ajna Masters





RECOGNITION

Three Mingus Students recognized for their Heroism by the Town of Clarkdale and the Verde Independent

- Angel Gallardo, Granite Soltysilt, and Lealdo Gallardo
- These Mingus students, along with a friend, were playing nearby when they smelled smoke and heard a woman frantically calling for help at a property on Calle Tomallo in Clarkdale on Thursday, June 2
- Fire had spread throughout the home and was rapidly endangering neighboring properties which led to the evacuation of surrounding neighbors





Left to right:
[Angel Gallardo](#), Daniel
Herrera, Granite Soltysilt and
Lealdo Gallardo were
presented certificates by
Clarkdale Police Chief Randy
Taylor at the Clarkdale
Council meeting on Tuesday,
July 28, 2026, in the Clark
Memorial Clubhouse.
(VVN/Vyto Starinskas)

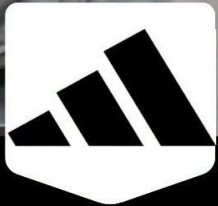
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Taekwondo

- Thinura Ginige
 - Ranked #1 nationally in 2024,
 - Ranked #2 in 2025
 - Currently holds the #1 national ranking for 2026 in the Traditional Forms Category
- He was invited to try out this year for the Adidas-sponsored US National Team in Orlando, Florida
- After a grueling and hard-fought competition, he was officially selected as the male athlete representing the 16–17 age division for the national team
- Thinura's ultimate dream is to represent the USA at the Olympics



**16-17 TRAD FORMS
TEAM MEMBER**



THINURA GINIGE

POWERED BY ADIDAS COMBAT SPORTS



RECOGNITION

Button Eyes

- 46 Students and Alumni spent Wednesdays and Thursday from 9am – 6pm all summer putting this show together
- Choreographed and Directed by Carla and Stephen Renard
- The show was non-audition and incorporated many styles of dance, including modern, contemporary, jazz, ballet, tap, and hip hop
- Showings were on August 7-9, 2026



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Present



Button Eyes

Mingus Auditorium
1801 E Fir St
Cottonwood

Friday August 7, 6:30pm
Saturday August 8, 2pm,
6:30pm
Sunday August 9 2pm

Adults \$10
Seniors Students \$8
\$2 more at the door
ATORT.ludus.com



Above – Tori Reitman Below – Ultan Green Right – Cole Castro





RECOGNITION

Freshman Dance

- July 31, 2026
- Over eighty (80) Freshmen attended the dance
- This was a fun way to end the first week of the new school year





RECOGNITION

Involvement Fair and Community Forum

- August 11, 2026
- Mingus Union Students were able to view, meet members, and sign up for various clubs, organizations and athletics during their lunch
- Open House/Community Forum followed at 5PM



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CURRENT EVENTS

Fall Sports Parent Meeting – Aug. 17, 2026

Boys Golf– at Antelope Hills Golf Course Aug, 18, 2026

Beyond Book Club Meeting– Aug. 18, 2026

Girls Golf – Agave Highlands Golf Course Aug.19, 2026

