



SEP 2026

MINGUS MATTERS

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Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Hello Marauder Families!

The 2026-27 school year has arrived! It is so great to have all our

Marauders back in classrooms, on stage, on the fields, and on the courts.

Class of 2030, welcome to the family! Class of 2027, this is your year! **Go Marauders!**

This is an exciting month with Parent Teacher Conferences on September 17th and 18th. Please use this opportunity to conference with your student's teachers and explore opportunities for improvement or celebrate successes.

Encourage your students to take advantage of their FLEX scheduling to work with teachers from any class they are struggling with concepts in or need to make up work in. Students can sign up for FLEX during their Monday Advisory class, or anytime they are logged onto a Mingus Chromebook or personal/home device that is connected to the internet.

Fall sports are now moving full steam ahead with football, swim, cross country, golf, cheer, and flag football all competing in September! Please show your Marauder Pride by coming out to our Homecoming events next month. Our students love having our stands and bleachers full of fans, so come out and cheer for your Mingus Marauders!

In addition to athletics, Mingus Theatre (ATORT)'s production of Treasure Island will also draw a crowd to our campus with upcoming performances over the weekends of 9/25-27 and 10/2-4.

Homecoming 2026 will be next month on Friday, October 23rd. Check out this newsletter for information on our Homecoming Closet which has grown into a robust program to give students more options for dance and special event attire.

Please check our website's calendar and follow our social media for the most up to date events and happenings including academics and extracurriculars at Mingus! We are excited to have your students back on our campus and rolling through their first quarter of the school year!

September Dates to Remember

September 3rd

Governing Board ~ Regular Meeting

6 - 8pm

Mingus High School Library

(More info on PG 2)

September 9th

College FAIR

All Day - MUHS Gym

(More info on PG 3)

September 7th

LABOR DAY

No School

September 11th

Senior Sunrise

5:45 AM - 7:30 AM

MUHS Bright Field

(more info on PG 3)

September 15th

Site Council Meeting

5 - 6pm

Mingus High School Library

(more info on PG 2)

September 17 & 18

Parent/Teacher Conferences*

(More information on PG 2)

Sep 17, 18 & 19

PROJECT HOMECOMING CLOSET

(More information on PG 5)

September 26, 27

October 2, 3 & 4

ATORT Presents

Treasure Island

(More Info on PG 9)



MUHS 26-27 School Year Calendar



David D. Beery
Principal
Mingus Union High School



CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

SEPTEMBER 3RD @ 6PM

MUHS GOVERNING BOARD

Our governing board is comprised of five locally elected citizens. These individuals ensure the proper allocation of district funds and resources to best serve the needs and interests of our students.

Meetings are open to the community and are held at 6pm in the MUHS Library on the Second Thursday of every month.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION,
AGENDA &
MINUTES SCAN
THE QR CODE



OR GO TO:
[HTTPS://WWW.MINGUSUNION
DISTRICT.COM/ABOUT-
US/GOVERNING-BOARD](https://www.mingusuniondistrict.com/about-us/governing-board)

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Let's share
information and
ideas to support
the growth of
your Marauder

September 17 & 18

Early Release @ 12:05pm



*Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule

September 17 (Periods 1, 3 & 5)
September 18 (Periods 2, 4 & 6)

DAY 1 & 2 CLASS TIMES
8:00am - 9:15am
9:15am - 9:25am (BREAK)
9:25am - 10:40am
10:40am - 10:50am (BREAK)
10:50am - 12:05pm

MUHS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Today's families
are busy, and
there's always
something
happening.
Sync your family
schedule with
ours to avoid
missing important
testing dates
and events
when planning
vacations
and doctor
appointments.



MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL

SITE COUNCIL

We value your opinion and
welcome you to attend and
participate in site council meetings

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
5:00 PM ~ MUHS LIBRARY**



MARAUDERS

SENIOR SUNRISE

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 5:45AM-7:30 AM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: \$5

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES, FUN WITH FRIENDS,
A LASTING MEMORY!

COME COMFY AND OPEN THE DOOR TO
YOUR FINAL YEAR AS A MARAUDER!



ARIZONA
COLLEGE
CONSORTIUM

MINGUS UNION COLLEGE FAIR

SEPTEMBER 9TH @ 9:15 AM

Participants:

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO
COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CRAS-CONSERVATORY OF RECORDING ARTS & SCIENCES
EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE
FORT LEWIS COLLEGE
GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY
GREAT BASIN COLLEGE
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
PRESCOTT COLLEGE
ROSEMAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
RSI-THE REFRIGERATION SCHOOL TWS-TULSA WELDING SCHOOL
SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
YAVAPAI COLLEGE

**Mingus Union High School
Nutrition Department**
Scan the QR code to see
our monthly menu and learn
more about our cafeteria.



GET CONNECTED with PowerSchool

Use the PowerSchool Mobile App for quick access to grades and attendance!

PARENTS: For more functionality, such as paying fees or reporting absences through the portal, log in online. Here's what to do once you're logged in:

<https://mingusunion.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

- Monitor changes to grades and attendance with push notifications
- Register to receive email alerts for grades, attendance, or assignments
- See real-time updates of grades and attendance
- View assignment details
- Review teacher comments
- Check the school's daily bulletin board
- View a full course schedule
- View a calendar showing all assignment due dates

Paying Fees:

- From the public portal, the Parent/Guardian will select the icon at top right of screen
- The Parent/Guardian will then select Purchases & payments
- Parent/Guardian will then select the student's name for which they want to see or pay fees/fines
- Parent/Guardian will select the type of purchase/payment they would like to make
- Parent/Guardian will check boxes for items they wish to purchase
- Parent/Guardian will then click on Checkout and follow prompts to finalize payment



Reporting Absences:

- From the public portal the Parent/Guardian will select Attendance Monitor from the left navigation menu
 - The Parent/Guardian will then select the Report Attendance tab
 - Parent/Guardian will then click the Report New Attendance button
 - Parent/Guardian will enter the Absence Date (leaving the second date blank to report for today only)
 - Parent/Guardian will select from the What is the reason for the absence drop-down
 - Parent/Guardian will select Yes or No in the Is this absence for the whole day drop-down, or If No is selected the user will be prompted to enter the Time Range
 - Parent/Guardian will enter a concise explanation in the Explanation text box
 - Parent/Guardian will click Submit
- NOTE: Reporting attendance for previous dates is not allowed.

PowerSchool is available online and in mobile apps!

For parents of returning students: If you already have an account from last year, you should be able to login the same as last year. If you are unable to login, you will need to click on the "Forgot Password" link and create a new password.

For parents of new students: A parent portal account has already been created for you! You should have received an email (to the address we have on file) with your login information. If you did not receive an email, would like additional accounts created (ex. for a 2nd parent), or need further assistance logging in to your account, please contact Dee Belzer at 928-649-4417 or dbelzer@muhs.com.

Parents/guardians with multiple students: you should be able to see all of your students on the same account – no need for multiple logins! If you don't see all of your students, please contact Dee Belzer at 928-649-4417 or dbelzer@muhs.com for assistance.

Once a Parent Portal account is created/established on the website, you can set up the PowerSchool Mobile App

website



for iOS Users



**District Code:
FQCF**

for Android Users



prōject homecoming



Host

Thursday, September 17 (12-5pm)
Friday, September 18 (12-5pm)
Saturday, September 19 (11a-2p)



**formal wear for
ALL high school
students!**

Mingus Union High School

Enter West Parking Lot on Camino Real

Mingus Wrestling Room

**Dresses in a variety
of sizes and colors**

**Menswear: Suits and
Jackets, Slacks,
Vests, Cummerbunds,
Bow Ties & Neckties**

Jewelry & Accessories

Dress Shoes



MUHS Counseling Office is pleased to announce that the SAT will be offered on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at Mingus Union High School.

This is a great opportunity for SENIORS - CLASS OF 2027 planning to apply to college or seeking scholarships.

Why Take the SAT?

- ✓ College Admissions – The SAT is accepted by thousands of colleges across the country.
- 💰 Scholarship Opportunities – Strong scores may qualify you for merit-based scholarships.
- 🎯 College Readiness – The SAT helps you assess your academic strengths and prepare for future studies.
- 🌍 Keeps Options Open – Even at test-optional schools, a good score can strengthen your application.

Important Dates:

- Test Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026
- Registration Deadline: September 18, 2026
- Where to Register: <https://mysat.collegeboard.org/login> (or scan the QR code below)

Don't miss this chance to take a meaningful step toward your college goals!

Please see your School Counselor if you have any questions about how to register for the test or explore how the SAT test may fit into your post-secondary plan!





SAFETY SCOOP

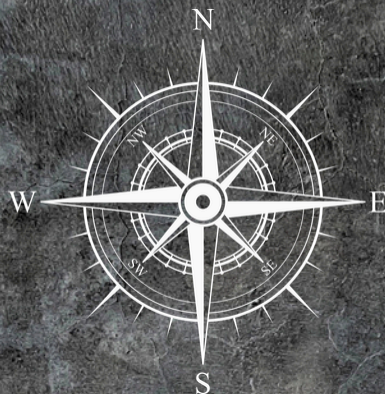
Meet Our Security Team!

Mingus Union High School is grateful for the wonderful staff who make up our Safety & Security Team.

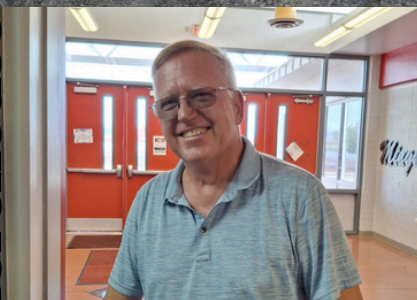
Officer Strickland



Welcome to Mingus, School Resource Officer Matt Strickland. SRO Strickland has recently served as a detective for the Cottonwood Police Department. This is his 12th year in law enforcement, and we are grateful for his service and that he is a part of our team! Outside of his role as S.R.O, he is involved in youth athletics and loves spending time with his family.



David Morehouse



Mr. David Morehouse has been with MUHS for five years now! His consistency and dedication are a great asset to MUHS and to our Security team. Mr. David's background in law enforcement has added to our team's ability to address situations efficiently. Outside of school, Mr. David spends time with his family and enjoys local restaurants in Old Town Cottonwood.

Azelin Zangrilli



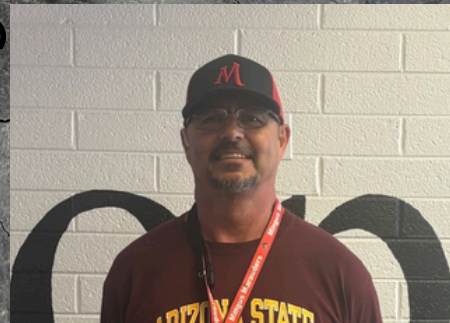
Coming back in her 2nd year as MUHS Security, we welcome back Ms. Azelin! Ms. Azelin has been a part of our district for three years now, having served as a substitute teacher before her position as security. Aside from her time at Mingus, she loves travelling, working out, and spending time with her family.

Brian Lally



Welcome to our team this year, Mr. Brian Lally. Mr. Brian served as the Auto Tech aide last year and transitioned into his role as security this school year. He has been a wonderful addition to the team and brings great ideas and thoughtful contribution to our safety & security measures. Mr. Brian enjoys his time outside of Mingus with his wife on their property and being a helpful neighbor!

Pete Bailey



Newest to our Mingus family and security team is Mr. Pete Bailey. Mr. Pete has worked in emergency services in the Verde Valley for over 20 years! He brings lots of experience and knowledge to this role, and we are excited to have him here. Aside from his time here at Mingus, he enjoys woodworking and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

MUHS Security Team is dedicated to promoting a proactive safety culture. Thanks to this team for all you do. With you all, we feel safe and secure and have the best learning environment!



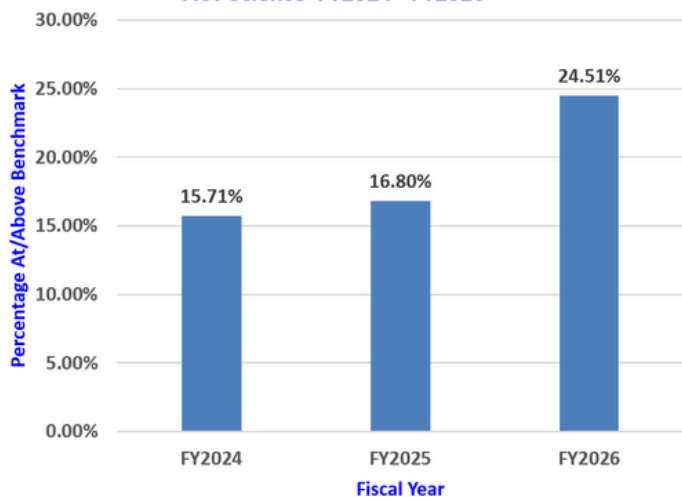


ACT BRAG BOARD

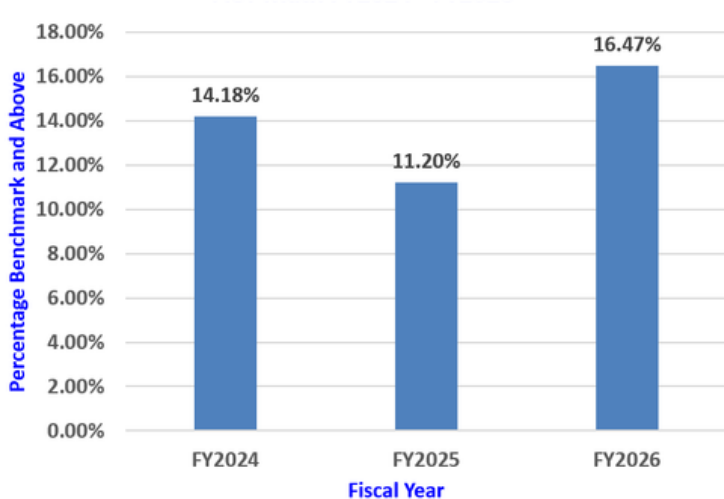
Look at our progress!

- As MUHS stays focused on academic achievement, our proficiency scores are on the rise
- These graphs show our three-year progress from Fiscal Year 2024-2026 on the ACT Assessment
- We will continue to focus on student mastery of the standards and preparing our students for life after high school
- We are proud of the gains made and will continue to strive for excellence

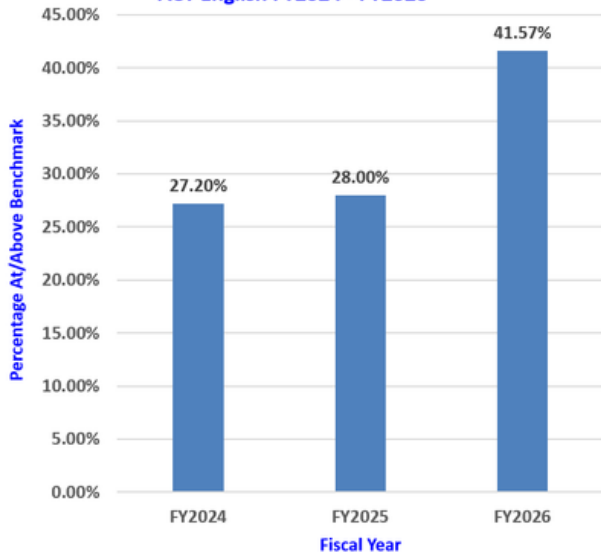
ACT Science FY2024 - FY2026



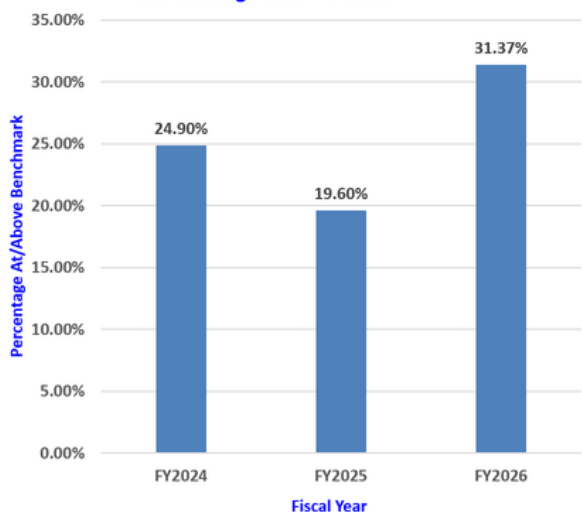
ACT Math FY2024 - FY2026



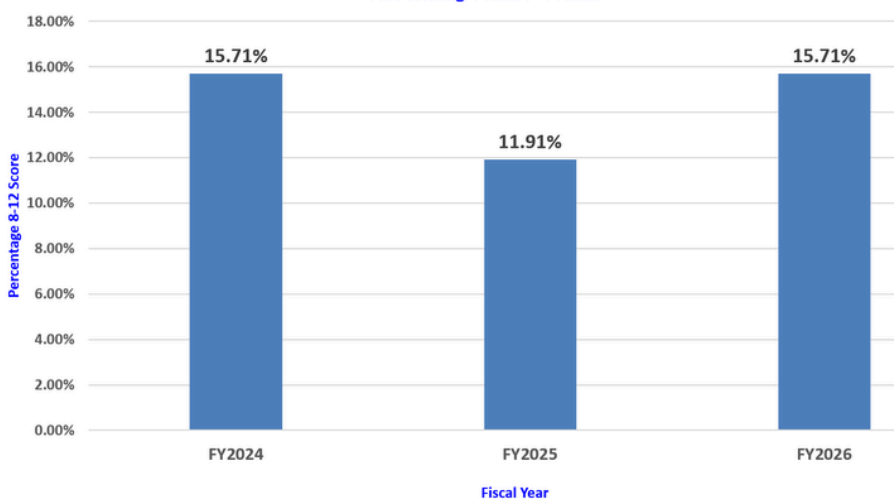
ACT English FY2024 - FY2026



ACT Reading FY2024 - FY2026



ACT Writing FY2024 - FY2026



MUHS A.T.O.R.T.



is thrilled to be voted 2026
“Best of the Best” for Live Theatre

Thank you for your patronage!

We have a blast putting shows on for the valley and hope to see you this year at:

TREASURE ISLAND.
BY
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.
Adapted by Bryony Lavery.



SHOWING IN THE MINGUS HS AUDITORIUM

- Saturday, September 26th at 6:30pm
- Sunday, September 27th at 3:00pm
- Friday, October 2nd at 6:30pm
- Saturday, October 3rd at 6:30pm
- Sunday, October 4th at 3:00pm

Tickets at ATORT.LUDUS.COM

- Adults - \$13
- Seniors - \$12
- Students/Children - \$8
- All Tickets \$3 more at the door

TREASURE ISLAND-LATORT is presented by arrangement with Dramatic Productions in behalf of Dramatic Play Services www.dramaticproductions.com

**ATORT's Adventure
Through Broadway**
An all singing, all dancing, musical revue
featuring some of Broadway's favorite shows
December 11, 12, 13, 17, 18



Disney's
Tarzan: The Musical
April 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

Get your tickets at:
[atort.ludus.com!](http://atort.ludus.com)



MUHS clubs



FOR
INFO
ABOUT
MORE
OF
OUR
MUHS
CLUBS

LIBRARY @ LUNCH

KEY CLUB

MONDAY



bring change to mind

BRING CHANGE TO MIND

THE MOVEMENT TO END MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA

When:
Every Other Friday @ Lunch

Where:
MUHS Library

Why: End the Stigma and Increase Awareness around Mental Health!

be kind to your mind

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!
@mingus_bc2m

stay connected!

EDUCATE. EMPOWER. END STIGMA.

VIDEO GAME CLUB

FRIDAY 8/7 ROOM 121 @ LUNCH

Come to discuss future meetings, expectations, and eat some free pizza.

- Play games with friends
- Field Trips to conventions
- Learn about and play Table Top RPGs
- Discuss gaming news and events
- NO experience necessary

Come to Rainbow League

Every Tuesday during lunch in Room 105

Mingus' GSA welcomes all:
kindness required!

JOIN YARN CLUB

Crochet, Knitting, and more! Everyone is welcome!

Tuesdays and
Thursdays
During Lunch & Flex
Room 107 (Ms. Pfeifer)

THE ENGINEERING CLUB
EVERY TUESDAY DURING
LUNCH IN ROOM 413



MUHS clubs

JOIN
LATINO STUDENT UNION
HISPANIC HONOR & SERVICE SOCIETY

We celebrate LatinX culture!
¡Celebremos la cultura latina!

MEETINGS FRIDAY AT LUNCH IN RM 103
JUNTAS VIERNES EN EL ALMUERZO EN 103

¡TODOS UNIDOS!
EVERYONE UNITED. ALL ARE WELCOME.

INSTA  TIKTOK 



*Join Speech and
Debate!*

Mrs. Wolfe's Room
104

Every other
Wednesday starting
8/19

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL



STEAM CLUB

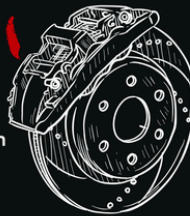
Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math
Fridays at lunch in room 424 (Selna)

Every Wednesday
2:45-5:00

MINGUS AUTO CLUB



- ✓ Hands-On Experience
- ✓ Community engagement
- ✓ Career Exploration
- ✓ Car Shows
- ✓ Leadership Development
- ✓ Enjoy and Hangout
- ✓ Networking Opportunities
- ✓ Competition and Scholarship Opportunities



JOIN INTERACT CLUB!

Meetings are every other Wednesday @ lunch in Room 602

Do you want to...

- Help the community and beyond?
- Stand out for college?
- Form connections with other students?
- Increase your opportunities?
- Have a chance for a future leadership position?

Come join Interact!

Scan this code to get text reminders and updates!



Meetings begin
August 19th

Interact
Mingus Union High School

Cardz For KIDZ!

ROOM 206! Lunch Time Thursdays

Homemade cards for kids facing difficult
circumstances and veterans. English and Spanish!

COME JOIN

BOOK CLUB

EVERY ODD MONDAY
during lunch in
Ms. Davis' Room (105)





featured on: **94.7 JACK fm**
playing what we want

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Preston Hepner



When Preston graduates from Mingus at the end of this school year, he plans to attend an out of state 4-year university to get a master's in civil engineering. He hopes to be freshly out of college and working a higher position in a job due to participating in internships during college within the next 5 years.

During his time at Mingus, he has participated in many clubs. This year he started a brand-new Engineering Club! He is an Interact Assistant governor for the state of Arizona and the treasurer of the Mingus Club. He is also a part of Link Crew and National Honors Society. In the spring he runs long distance for the track team.

Preston says his favorite memories from high school are definitely the track meets. He loves the people and running with friends. He also liked the snacks they'd eat and all the games they'd play.

For fun Preston likes to go cliff jumping, skiing, and hanging out with friends. He also enjoys going on drives and adding things to his car.

If he could go back in time and talk to himself as a freshman, he would tell himself to surround himself with people who will help him to achieve his goals. He would tell himself to start getting involved as soon as possible, because that is where you will meet your best friends and make the best memories.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Heather Robertson
Equipment and Facilities Technician



Heather has been a part of the Mingus team since 2020 when she started in Attendance then was the Registrar in 2021 before taking the Equipment and Facilities position in 2022.

She says that her favorite part of her job is getting to deliver packages and watch people get excited. It's like being an elf all year.

If a student was struggling with motivation, she would remind them that they determine what they are capable of, and to not sell themselves short and definitely don't let someone else.

Both of Heather's parents were Marines so she moved a lot in her youth. She has 5 kids that are between the ages of 30 and 23 with her husband Matt, and they are excited to be grandparents to their awesome grandson that is 1.5 years old. Heather also worked in healthcare for 20 years, running the back office of family health practices before coming to the school for a change of pace. She loves animals, cooking, tattoos and traveling. When she has free time, she loves to travel with her husband to other countries, and she also loves to cook! When they aren't traveling, they are usually found on the couch with the dogs planning their next adventure or hosting huge family dinners trying new foods.





MARAUDER of the MONTH

TEACHERS AND COACHES ARE ASKED TO NOMINATE STUDENTS IN ALL ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS DEPARTMENTS. THESE STUDENTS ARE THEN VOTED ON AMONGST THOSE TEACHERS & COACHES TO CHOOSE FINALISTS TO RECOGNIZE EACH MONTH. THESE STUDENTS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER AND INVITED TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION IN FRONT OF OUR COMMUNITY AT THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S BOARD MEETING.

Matthew Olivares Pineda



ENGLISH & LITERATURE

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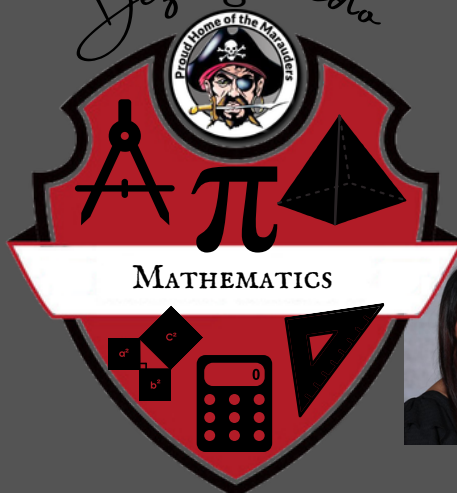
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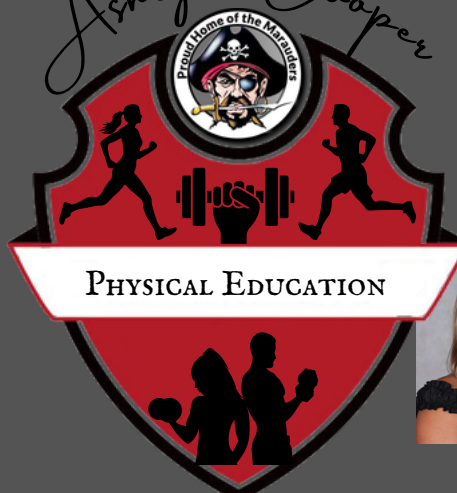
Leah Chandler



SCIENCE



Ashlynn Cooper



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Reevyn Rogers



SOCIAL STUDIES





MARAUDER of the MONTH

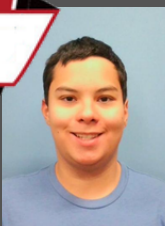
Jayden Balton



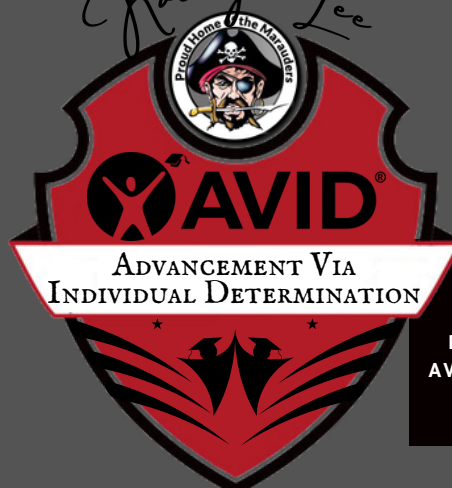
LuLu Nelson



Cole Hernandez-Murray



Kaitlyn Lee



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COMING SOON



our sports season has just kicked off...stay tuned!



***Schedules are subject to change, so check often or call the athletic department for more info!**



VACTE Valley Academy for Career & Technology Education National Competitions Report



Construction Program – Travis Black, Instructor

This past June, students from the Verde Valley represented VACTE Construction and SkillsUSA Arizona at the 2026 SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference brought together thousands of career and technical education students from across the country to showcase their skills, learn from industry professionals, and explore opportunities in the skilled trades. Six VACTE Construction students took part in the Immersive Experience: Construction, a three-day, hands-on workforce development program designed to allow students to experience the construction industry before entering the workforce.

Representing the Verde Valley were Bruno Garcia and Sasha Barerra from Sedona Red Rock High School; Sawyer Clawson and Sebastian Ochoa from Mingus Union High School; and Kayden Sanchez from Mingus Union High School. Ivy Rivero-Diaz from American Heritage Academy also participated and had the honor of giving a speech during the conference's Celebration Dinner.

The students' experience went far beyond the classroom. During the three-day program, they participated in authentic, industry-led activities designed to expose them to different aspects of the construction industry and the career opportunities available to them.

The first day included construction scenario challenges, hands-on training at the Columbus Tech Carpentry Training Trailer, and a tour of State Farm Arena. Students had the opportunity to apply problem-solving skills while learning directly from professionals working in the industry.

Wednesday provided another opportunity to see construction and careers in action. Students toured Atlanta's Braves stadium, visited an active construction jobsite at Cobb Galleria, completed a Lowe's store walkthrough, and participated in an employer insights panel. These experiences allowed students to see the many career pathways available within construction and related industries.

The final day focused on industry-recognized credentials. Students completed NC3 credentialing opportunities, including Snap-on Hand Tool Identification for hammers, punches, chisels, and screwdrivers, as well as 3M personal protective equipment training covering head, eye, and face protection. The experience concluded with a Celebration Dinner recognizing the students and their accomplishments.

Fire Science Program – Sal Unale, Eric Ostler, & Jeremy Doerksen, Instructors

This year, the VACTE Fire Science Program proudly competed at the 2026 SkillsUSA National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia. We were fortunate to have two students represent our program and the state of Arizona in two different competitions: James Irwin and Angelina Hillyer.

James competed in the Job Interview competition. To prepare for the event, he created a professional portfolio and résumé and participated in multiple interviews. Throughout the competition, James demonstrated professionalism, strong communication skills, dedication, and his motivation to pursue a career as a firefighter.

His hard work and preparation paid off, earning him an outstanding second-place finish at the national level.

Angelina competed in Job Demonstration A. For her competition, she demonstrated her knowledge of the components, operation, and proper use of a firefighter's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Her presentation required a strong understanding of the equipment, attention to detail, and the ability to clearly explain and demonstrate its proper use.

Angelina performed exceptionally well and earned an impressive eighth-place finish in the nation.

While in Atlanta, James and Angelina also had the opportunity to experience several local attractions. They enjoyed visiting Six Flags, the World of Coca-Cola, and the Georgia Aquarium, making the trip both educational and memorable. James and Angelina represented the VACTE Fire Science Program and the state of Arizona with professionalism, dedication, and pride. Their accomplishments at the national competition demonstrate the hard work they have put into their education, training, and preparation.

The VACTE Fire Science Program is extremely proud of both students and congratulates James Irwin on his second-place finish and Angelina Hillyer on her eighth-place finish at the 2026 SkillsUSA National Competition. Their success is a great example of what can be accomplished through hard work, commitment, and dedication.



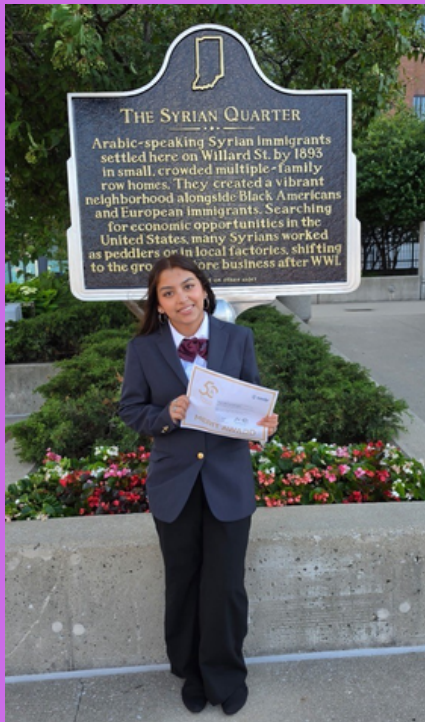


Valley Academy for Career & Technology Education

National Competitions Report

Teacher Training Program – Genna Adams, Instructor

Jessica Carrillo was representing VACTE at the National FCCLA Competition in Washington, D.C., this past summer. She had won at the state level, securing a place at Nationals. She competed in the Teach or Train event, which was highly competitive, with students from across the United States who had won first or second place in their home state. With confidence and perseverance, she prepared and practiced to be successful, winning a silver medal. Jessica spent well over 50 hours of out-of-class time meeting the objectives of a hardcopy portfolio and delivering a ten-minute speech to three National judges. There were several components to her project, and she met each part with determination and the mindset to win. Her scores were exceptional, and she was the first student in the Teacher Training Program to win at state and earn a silver medal at Nationals.



Certified Nurses Assistant – Sabrina Conway, Instructor

The VACTE Nursing Services chapter proudly represented our school at the International Leadership Conference, showcasing excellence in leadership, service, and healthcare education. Among the conference highlights, Krystal earned a place in the Top 10 of the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Competition, demonstrating exceptional clinical knowledge, technical skills, and professionalism while competing against some of the best students from across the nation.

In addition to individual success, the VACTE Nursing Services chapter received recognition for its outstanding commitment to community service, earning an award for contributing more than 500 service hours and/or over \$500 in support of HOSA's Community Service Partner, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP).

This achievement reflects the chapter's dedication to making a meaningful impact both locally and nationally through service and advocacy.

The chapter was also honored with the Vitalant Bronze Award for its blood donation efforts throughout the year. Through three successful blood drives, VACTE Nursing Services collected 78 units of blood, helping provide lifesaving resources to patients in need and supporting the mission of community health and wellness. These accomplishments highlight the dedication, hard work, and compassionate spirit of VACTE Nursing Services students, who continue to excel in leadership, healthcare education, and community service. Congratulations to Krystal and all chapter members for representing VACTE with distinction on the international stage.



We are so proud of all of our VACTE instructors and students!

We look forward to seeing what amazing accomplishments lie ahead for our '26-'27 school year!





Community Resources

There's no doubt that our Verde Valley community knows how to come together to support those who live here! This page will list some of those amazing Community Resources and let you know some of the events and happenings they have planned this month.



Inspiring
CHANGE

Providing
HOPE

OLD TOWN MISSION & THRIFT STORE
Sharing God's LOVE

Old Town Mission
116 E. Pinal Street
Cottonwood
928-634-7869

Mission Thrift Store
810 W Mingus Ave
Cottonwood
928-634-1644

FOOD PANTRY
Wednesday: 9 am - 2 pm & 4 pm - 6 pm
Thursday: 9 am - 2 pm

COMMUNITY MEALS
Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Monday: 5 pm - 6 pm
Wednesday: 4 pm - 6 pm (**Served to-go only**)

RESOURCE CENTER
* Available for those without residence:
Showers, breakfast, clothes, hygiene & resources
Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9 am - 11 am

THE KIDS SHOP
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm
Monday 5 pm - 6 pm
or call for an appointment 928-634-7869

HAIR SALON
Monday 4 pm to 5: 30 pm
Tuesday: 9 am - 12:30 pm pm

VISION
1st Tuesday/month
10 am - 11 am

LEGAL
Call: 928-634-7869

MISSION THRIFT STORE
Clothing vouchers can be used Tuesday - Friday 9am to 4pm
Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm
810 W. Mingus Ave. in Cottonwood

The Mission is a SNAP Community Partner

This project has been funded at least in part with Federal funds from the USDA.
This institution is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program



**Supporting Student Success
Through Community Compassion**

Some ways LISA can assist your student:

- Medical bills, prescriptions, therapy, etc
- Clothing, shoes, coats
- Hair cuts & personal hygiene items
- Outstanding cafeteria balances
- Book purchases & class tuition
- Admission to school events
- Graduation Expenses
- School supplies & special needs devices
- Childcare costs & pre-school tuition
- Fees for extracurricular activities
- College deposits & testing fees
- Birthdays & Holidays



Qualifying students include those who attend Oak Creek School, Dr. Daniel Bright School, Cottonwood Community School, as well as their graduates currently attending Mingus Union High School or Verde Tech High School. We also assist students attending West Sedona School, Red Rock Jr. High and Sr. High School.

LISA is a 501C(3) charitable organization that provides aid to public school students in the Verde Valley.

Request aid at azlisa.org



**Manzanita
Outreach**



Check the Manzanita Outreach Facebook page for updates on their food share dates and what items could be available.

Our mission is to share the abundance of resources within our communities with dignity and joy.



406 S 6th Street,
Cottonwood

manzanitaoutreach.org

