

**Superintendent's
Report
May 14, 2026**



RECOGNITION

Civics Matters Leadership Challenge

Daemon Fox, Tania Kolomiets, and Xavier Montgomery will be traveling to Washington, D.C. in June

- To earn their place on the trip, students all around Arizona had to complete an online learning module and a Leadership Challenge project that demonstrated civic understanding, critical thinking, and leadership
- Schools and individual students participate in defined projects evaluated to select delegates from across Arizona



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What is the Civics Matters Arizona Trip

- This is the first time Mingus Union's will be sending student delegates
- Civics Matters is a civic engagement experience in partnership with Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs and the Arizona Cardinals
- The mission is to cultivate year-round civic engagement and responsible citizenship for young people in Arizona so they are empowered to be leaders in the shaping of our future
- Students will travel on the Arizona Cardinal's team plane and be led on a four-day civic experience around Washington, D.C., by the Close Up Foundation which serves as tour guides and chaperones.

This trip comes at no cost to families, students, or to the school



CONGRATULATIONS STUDENT WINNERS!



DAEMON
FOX



TANIA
KOLOMIETS



XAVIER
MONTGOMERY

These Mingus students have been selected to attend a once-in-a-lifetime *free* trip to Washington D.C. to deepen their understanding of government, leadership, and civic responsibility.

Thank you for representing our school and our state!

CLOSE UP
WASHINGTON D.C.

CIVICS MATTERS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
KATIE HOBBS

In Collaboration with Governor Katie Hobbs & the Arizona Cardinals

Arizona

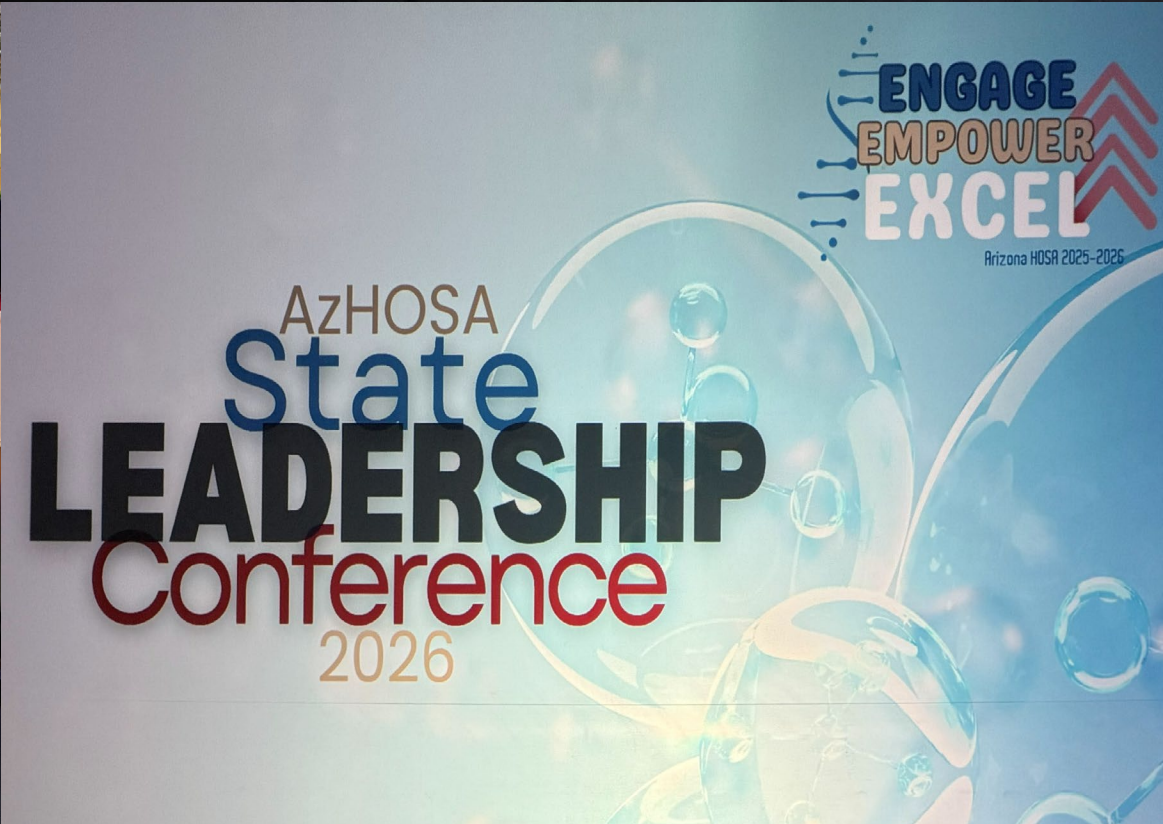


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Mingus Union HOSA –

- April 9-11, 2026
- Traveled to Tucson for the HOSA State Leadership Conference (MUHS 1st time attending)
- Over two-thousand competitors from around Arizona; 68 different competitions offered
 - Alicia Chavez Molina (Senior)-Behavioral Health
 - Anna Ojeda (Senior)-Nutrition
 - Kate Poole (Senior)- Researched Persuasive Writing/Speaking; Placed 5th in the state





RECOGNITION

VACTE 25-Year Anniversary

- April 16, 2026, 2:00-4:00PM
- Celebrating 25 Years of Inspiring Minds and Shaping Futures
- Open House & Refreshments
- Superintendent Bob Wier, Faculty & Staff, and Students highlighted all of the programs available at VACTE
- July 2026 ACTEAZ CTE State Awards will honor Superintendent Bob Weir with a Lifetime Achievement Award







RECOGNITION

Congressional Student Art Competition

- An annual National Art Competition where students from each Congressional District compete for scholarships. There were 5 awards for AZ District #2.
- 2nd Place "The Blue Eye" by Junior Jazmin Hunt. Awarded \$5000 to attend Embry Riddle University
- People's Choice "The Burning Bush" by Isabel McKean. Awarded \$500 to Northland Pioneer College





“The Blue Eye” by Jazmin Hunt



“The Burning Bush” by Isabel McKean



Other Congressional Art Show entries from Mingus Union High School



RECOGNITION

MATFORCE/YCSO Stand With Me, Be Drug Free poster contest

- April 23, 2026
- Levi Fitch MUHS Junior and VACTE Law Enforcement Student
- Yavapai County Sheriff's Office presented a gift and certificate for being selected as one of the winners of the poster contest



RECOGNITION

MATForce Essay Contest

Students had the choice between 4 different prompts:

1. If you were the President of the United States, what would you do to solve our country's drug epidemic and encourage people to #StayHealthy
2. How does social media influence your thoughts and opinions on using drugs and alcohol? What do you wish was different in social media? How could you use social media to #StayHealthy
3. How do your peers affect you and your decision to use or not to use drugs? How do you effectively deal with peer pressure to #StayHealthy
4. What would you tell your 10-year-old self to better prepare yourself for high school and how to #StayHealthy through the challenges of life



RECOGNITION

MATForce Essay Winners

- Awarded on 4/27/2026
- 3rd place winner (\$100)-- Sincere Logan
- Honorable Mention (\$50)
 - Antoine Pinn
 - Laura Cowgill
 - Brianna Lara Perez
 - Sienna Amodeo
 - Alicia Chavez Molina
 - Hailey Landsberg
 - Ruby Badger
 - Aixa Herrera





RECOGNITION

Verde Valley Fair Art Show

- Annual Art Show in the Verde Valley highlighting student Artwork from local schools
- VV Fair sponsors awarded dozens of prizes from 1st place to 6th place in a variety of divisions
- Numerous \$100 cash awards are given by Fair Sponsors and local Artist Communities



RECOGNITION

Verde Valley Fair Art Show

\$100 Winners

- Rilan East- Best of Show (Photo)
- Tavana Adams - Ray Strom Award (Photo)
- Adia Grant Made in Clarkdale Award (Photo)
- Brisa Castro National Bank Award
- Evelet Angeles- Peoples Choice Award (Mixed Media)
- Allissa Amundson- Best of Show (Digital)
- Johnny Jakoby- Made in Clarkdale Award (Pen and Ink)



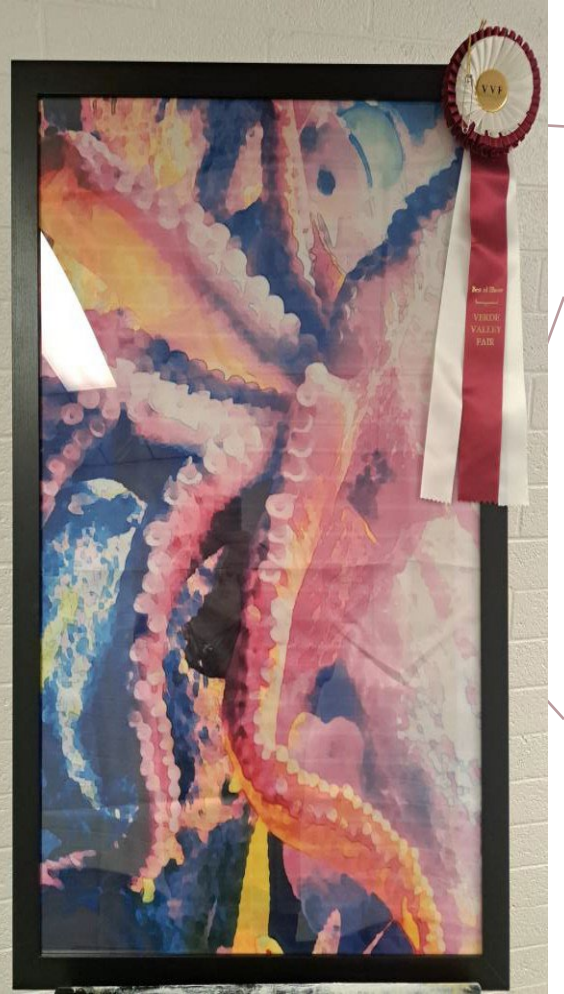
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Verde Valley Fair Art Show

\$100 Winners

- Dexter Bryant- Made in Clarkdale Award (Mixed Media)
- Rei Brown- National Bank Award (Mixed Media)
- Naveah Yazzie- National Bank Award (Mixed Media)
- Ailed Sandoval- Made in Clarkdale (Drawing)





RECOGNITION

Verde Valley Fair

- Mingus Union FFA & PALS
- April 28 – May 3, 2026



Small Stock



BOOSTERS AGES 3-8



RABBIT SHOW



TURKEY SHOW



MARKET SWINE SHOW



SHEEP SHOW





GOAT SHOW



CHAMPION GOATS

BEEF SHOW



BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

- Champion Junior Showman – Woodrow Banuelos
- Champion Senior Showman – Trenton Castro



GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

- Reserve Champion
Junior – Kennedy
Banuelos
- Champion Senior –
Trenton Castro





SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

- Champion Junior
– Kennedy
Banuelos



LARGE STOCK HERDSMAN



- Mingus Union PALS

RECOGNITION

FFA –

- Success was had by many during the 2026 Verde Valley Fair
- The youth livestock auction raised \$839,515 for youth in the Verde Valley



RECOGNITION

Yavapai College Baseball Signing

- Kaden Pustl
- Wednesday, May 6th
- Baseball Scholarship to Yavapai College





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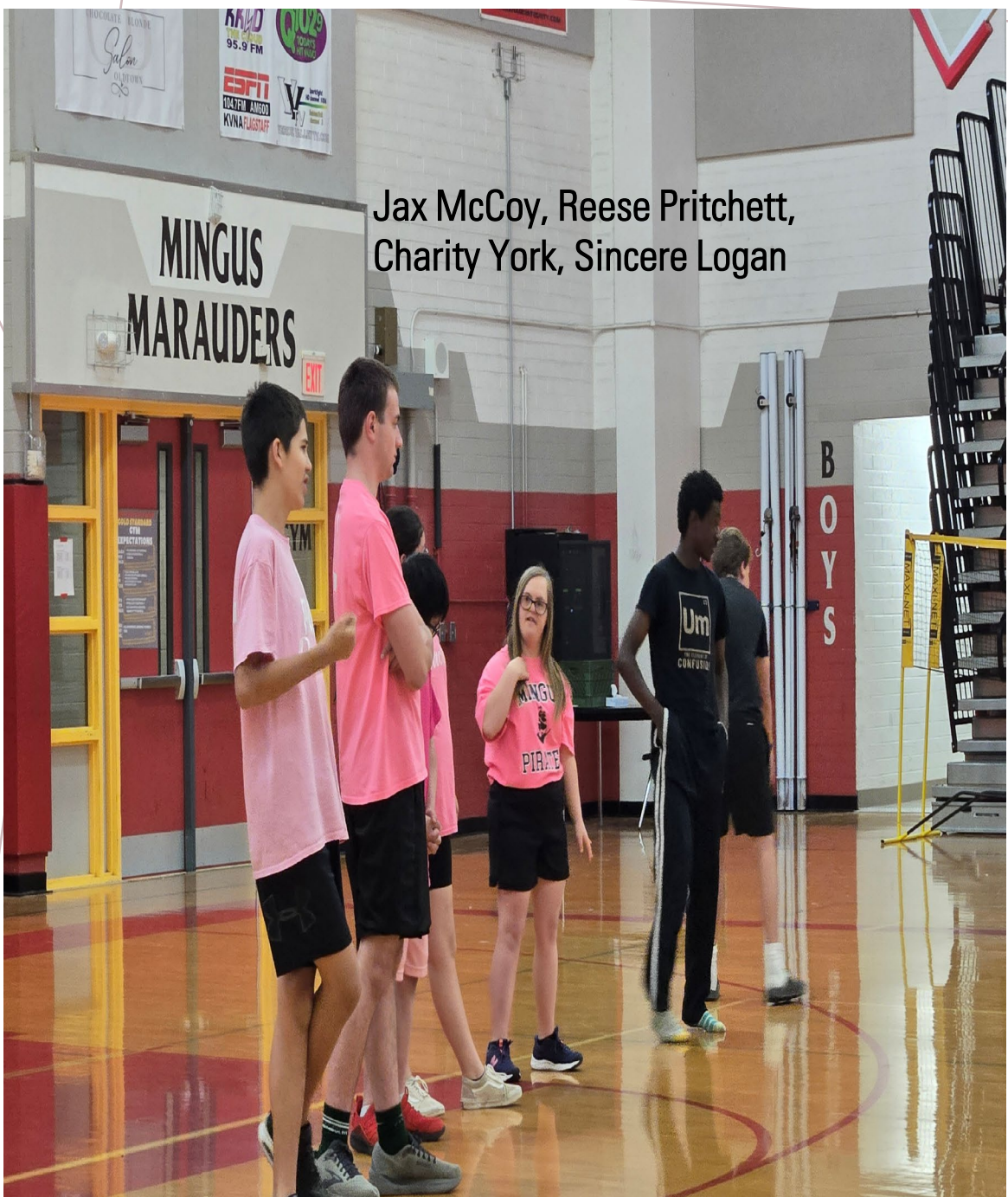


RECOGNITION

Unified Volleyball 2026

- April-May
- Unified Athletes-- Gen Ed/ESS Students
- Unified Championship Game
 - May 8, 2026--had the 2-2 Turquoise Pearls beating the undefeated Pink Parrots for a dramatic end to a great season





Jax McCoy, Reese Pritchett,
Charity York, Sincere Logan



Sawyer Trezise, Alissa Anderson, Stone
Durkalec, Alexis Rojo, Annie Walker, Brandon
Stinebaker, McKayla Regain

RECOGNITION

“Meet” the Bus

- May 13, 2026
- Visit to Hilltop Preschool; Transportation Supervisor Mike Earl
- Introduce future MUHS Students to riding a bus

- Educates kindergartners on bus safety
- Interactive and engaging experience
- Builds confidence riding the bus



RECOGNITION

Program Overview

- Learn why buses are yellow and safe
- Demonstration of lights and stop arm
- Walk around the bus and safety features
- Introduction to bus mechanics
- Inside expectations: seating & behavior
- Q&A and bus ride experience
- Students receive small take-home items



“MEET” THE BUS IN ACTION



RECOGNITION

ATORT Support of COCSD Musical

- Mingus ATORT students provided lighting, sound, stage management, set crews and makeup support to COCSD 21st century theatre club
- Tech rehearsals were 4/27-5/4
- In school performance was 5/5
- Evening performances 5/6 and 5/7





RECOGNITION

One Act Festival

- Theatre and Stagecraft Classes final
- Friday 5/8 @ 6:30 pm
- Each theatre class acted in a One Act Play and each stagecraft class ran tech for a One Act Play





Senator's Office



RECOGNITION

ASU Gammage High School Music Theatre Awards

- Since its inception in 2015 MUHS have been finalists every year
- 25 schools are choosing to be in the awards showcase and finalists range from top 6 to top 11
- MUHS has finalists in 7 of the 13 available categories this year
- We are scored on Sets/Props, lights, costumes, hair & make-up, acting, singing, and dancing
- Awards and competition is on Saturday, May 23rd at 6:30PM; a streaming link that will be sent



SET & PROPS

Top 7 Finalist

HAIR & MAKEUP

Top 7 Finalist

COSTUMING

Top 6 Finalist

MAKE AN OMELETTE

*Top 9 Finalist:
Best Dance Ensemble*





COLE CASTRO

*Top 10 Finalist:
Best Supporting Male*



JARTEH ALEGRIA

*Top 10 Finalist:
Best Lead Male*

If Jareth wins, he will be going to Broadway to compete in the 2026 National Jimmy Awards

Break a leg on Saturday, May 23rd at 6:30pm

BEST MUSICAL!



FINAL BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT

- Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30pm in the Auditorium
- Each Choir performed 5 songs
 - Sang Latin, Spanish, English
 - Songs ranged from Sacred to spirituals, folk and art songs
- The Band performed three numbers as a band, and an orchestra
- Seniors sang their graduation song and were honored at the end of the concert







CONCERT CHOIR

PERFORMANCE CHOIR



SENIOR CHOIR

RECOGNITION

Track & Field State Championships

- Friday, May 8th
- State Qualifiers for Track & Field
- 14 Mingus Athletes participated in the Division III State Championship Meet
- **Medal Winners**
- Jaylynn Briseno: Bronze Medal in the Long Jump and 4th Place in the Triple Jump
- Ashlee Stapleton: Bronze Medal in the Discuss/Qualified for Superstate
- Cera Hoggard: Gold Medal in the Discuss/Qualified for Superstate





RECOGNITION

Flag Football Coach

- June 14th-15th
- Dave Moncibaez
- Glazer Football Clinic: Keynote speaker for two sessions.
 1. “Why Do I Want To Play Flag Football” - Building Buy-In and Culture
 2. Mingus Union Sprint Out, Quick Game and Flood Concepts





CURRENT EVENTS

Grit, Grind, and Glory –Athletics Night May 15, 2026

Senior Honors Night Ceremony– May 18, 2026

ATORT Senior Showcase-May 19, 2026

Senior Field Day - May 20, 2026

Last Day of School – May 21, 2026

End of Year Banquet-Unified Athletics– May 21, 2026

Senior Sunset– May 21, 2026

Graduation Practice– May 22, 2026

MUHS Graduation—May 22, 2026

