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Celebrating Extraordinary Student Achievements

41st Annual Rocky Mountain Emmy Student Production Award Winners
High School Craft Talent Emmy Winner: How Bullying Affects LGBT + Youth
Kate Ourada, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

High School Music Video Emmy Winner: Chinese History (It Ain’t No Mystery)
Parker Gates, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Bryden Hale, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Josh McKamey, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Aidan Thompson, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School

High School Video Essay (Single Camera) Emmy Winner: A Piece of Heaven in the Desert
Emma Suttell, 11th grade, Boulder Creek High School

Public Service Announcement Emmy Winner & Editing Emmy Winner: Cyberbullying
Connor Harris, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Brandon Pero, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Safe Driving Public Service Announcement Emmy Nomination
Kylee Helm, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

ACTEAZ’s CTE Month Video Contest
First Place Winner
Kaya Mikulak, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

ACT High Scores
Top 1% of test takers in the nation
Nicholas Camacho, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Tianna Chemello, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Sidney Haigler, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Karson Knudson, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Isabella Shawe, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Noah Sweilum, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Tar Tjorhom, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Matthew Toole, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Mark Zimmerman, 12th grade – Deer Valley High School

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC)
Silver Star Community Service with Excellence Award – Top 5% of units worldwide with the most community service hours per cadet
Deer Valley High School’s JROTC Cadets
Sandra Day O’Connor High School’s JROTC Cadets

Headquarters Distinguished Unit Award – Selected for the 11th consecutive year as a “Distinguished Unit”
Sandra Day O’Connor JROTC Cadets

Headquarters Distinguished Unit Award with Merit
Deer Valley High School’s JROTC Cadets

Arizona DECA State Conference
2019-2020 State Officer
Catherine Horton, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Business Growth Plan Written Event State Champion/National Qualifier
Aditi Galande, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Marketing Management Team Case Study State Champions/National Qualifiers
Bethany Horton, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Catherine Horton, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Personal Finance Literacy Case Study State Champion/National Qualifier
Liam Nelson, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd Place Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making
Alondra Vasquez, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Fatima Ruiz, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

2nd Place Finance Operations Research Written Event Team
Arnav Sangelkar, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Frank Pauls, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Neil Wallace, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd Place Business Services Operations Research Written Event
Donna Ananickal, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th Place Business Law and Ethics Case Study
Sanika Naik, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th Place Restaurant Full Service Management Case Study
Suraj Elongo, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

5th Place Travel and Tourism Team Event
Ingrid Montes, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Aurora Angeles, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

6th Place Marketing Communications Series
Kylie Anderson, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

6th Place Principles of Finance
Svend Delasko, 10th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Test Medals
Jacob Edwards, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Liam Nelson, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Section Champion Medals
Suraj Elango, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Bethany Horton, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Catherine Horton, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Sophia Kessler, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Marketing Management Team State Finalists
Jacob Edwards, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Jade Quinn, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

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**Principles of Hospitality and Tourism State Finalist**
Sophia Kessler, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

**Travel and Tourism Team State Finalists**
Anaika Sangelkar, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Manasi Khandekar, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

**Arizona DECA Elite Members**
Tarun Aking, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Peyton Blair, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Jacob Edwards, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Bethany Horton, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Catherine Horton, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Liam Nelson, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Frank Pauls, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Arnav Sangelkar, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Neil Walia, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Gabe Yap, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

**Arizona Department of Education Perkins V Grant Committee**
Selected to serve as a student representative
Alexis Von Hatten, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

**Arizona ELL Student Success Story**
Luis Ruiz Barron, 3rd grade – Esperanza Elementary School

**Arizona State Science and Engineering Fair Junior Division First Place Winner**
Claire Xu, 7th grade, Computer Science – Highland Lakes School

**Arizona Stock Market Game First Place Champions**
Sophie Lee, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Kenzie Roberts, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Savannah Santa Cruz, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

**AzMerit Highest Scores**
The following students scored the highest possible scale score
Fairth Pursley, 7th grade – Anthem School
Jackson Gaydon, 4th grade – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Lillian Kaye, 6th grade – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Leilah Szmanda, 4th grade – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Aiden Thatcher, 7th grade – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Cohen Wallace, 7th grade – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Rio VanderVeur, 7th grade – Hillcrest Middle School
Addison France, 6th grade – Desert Mountain School
Lincoln McBride, 5th grade – Desert Sage Elementary
Savannah Steinke, 6th grade – Desert Sage Elementary
Ryan Conroy, 6th grade – Diamond Canyon School
Cassandra Palmer, 5th grade – Gavilan Peak School
Andrew Bodnar, 4th grade – Highland Lakes
Aiden Bowers, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Connor Brown, 9th grade – Deer Valley High School
Jackson Cook, 5th grade – Highland Lakes
Grace Mills, 9th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Sarah Qiu, 5th grade – Highland Lakes
Avrie White, 5th grade – Highland Lakes
Abdi Wirkus-Camacho, 5th grade – Highland Lakes
Cole Wnenta, 8th grade – Hillcrest Middle School
Sophia Colton, 5th grade – Las Brisas Elementary
Trey Larsen, 4th grade – Las Brisas Elementary
John Simco, 6th grade – Las Brisas Elementary
Kiara Cox, 6th grade – Legend Springs Elementary
Kaitlin Smidt, 4th grade – Legend Springs Elementary
Justin Aussie, 8th grade – Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Lucille Christensen, 5th grade – Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Kaelin Ray, 5th grade – Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Faris Souman, 5th grade – Stetson Hills School
Benjamin Johnson, 5th grade – Sunset Ridge School
Joshua Cohon, 7th grade – Hillcrest Middle School
Marlowe Dockter, 4th grade – Terramar Academy of the Arts
Sophia Topolosck, 8th grade – West Wing Elementary

**City of Phoenix Outstanding Young Man**
District 1 Winner
James Lacno, 11th grade, Barry Goldwater High School

**City of Phoenix Outstanding Young Woman**
District 1 Winner
Julia Bolotovsky, 12th grade, Barry Goldwater High School

**Chess Emporium Tournament First Place Champions**
Brennan Frusciano, 1st grade – Anthem School
Luca Frusciano, 3rd grade – Anthem School

**Deer Valley Education Foundation Battle of the Books First Place Winner**
Joshua Cohon, 11th grade – Terramar Academy of the Arts

**Deer Valley Education Foundation Space Academy Program Scholarship Winners**
Students wrote an essay and were interviewed to receive a scholarship to attend Space Academy in Alabama
Alivia Bringhamst, 7th grade – Sonoran Foothills School
Shane Feichtinger, 8th grade – Terramar Academy of the Arts

**Educator’s Rising State Conference**
Educators Rising Leadership Award State Champion/National Qualifier
Alexis Von Hatten, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

**Deer Valley Education Foundation Battle of the Books Second Place**
Andrew Crum, 6th grade – Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Michael Crum, 6th grade – Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Peyton Dennis, 7th grade – Sierra Verde STEAM Academy

**Deer Valley Education Foundation Space Academy Program Scholarship Winners**
Siena Anderson, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

**2nd Place Early Childhood Education: Language and Literacy**
Kaily Bauer, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School

**2nd Place E-Portfolio**
Hannah Flores, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

**3rd Place Children’s Literature Pre-K**
Scotland Elder, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

**3rd Place E-Portfolio**
Lisa Broersma, 10th grade – Boulder Creek High School

**3rd Place Exploring Student Services**
Jessica Boden, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

**4th Place Children’s Literature Pre-K**
Ashley Rush, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School

**4th Place Early Childhood Education**
Farrah Ramos, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
4th Place E-Portfolio
Ashlynn Stevens, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School

4th Place Lesson Planning and Delivery Humanities
Julianna Bentley, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

5th Place Job Interview
Katelyn Sweat, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

5th Place Lesson Planning and Delivery
Anna Sigalov, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School

Student Achievement Award
Siena Anderson, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Julianna Bentley, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Bella Corona, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Lexa Ingram, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Carlos Luna, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Hunter Reynolds, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Katelyn Sweat, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Alexis Von Hatten, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Gold Level Chapter Award
Mountain Ridge High School

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Conference
Interior Design Individual Gold Medal/State Champion
Maddie Ray, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Job Interview Gold Medalist/State Champion
Cynthia Rojas, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Recycle and Redesign Gold Medal/State Champion
Megan Brock, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Recycle and Redesign Gold Medal/State Champion
Elisa Nguyen, 12th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Recycle and Redesign Gold Medal/State Champion
Kenny Ngo, 11th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Chicken Fabrication Silver Medal
James Lacno, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Food Innovations Silver Medal
Zechariah Maples, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Food Innovations Silver Medal
Dallas Warner, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Job Interview Silver Medal
James Lacno, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Cupcake Decorating Bronze Medal
Dallas Warner, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Entrepreneurship Bronze Medal
Amy Bueno, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Entrepreneurship Bronze Medal
Nichelle Level, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Mystery Basket Bronze Medal
Andrew McDonnell-Corral, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Mystery Basket Bronze Medal
Zechariah Maples, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Feeding the Future Culinary Competition
1st Place winner and awarded a $5,000 scholarship
Amy Bueno Carillo, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Future Business Leaders of America State Conference
2019-2020 State Officer
Neil Walia, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Cyber Security State Champion/National Qualifier
Eric Duntley, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Help Desk State Champion/National Qualifier
Tyler Buividas, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Hospitality Management Team State Champions/National Qualifiers
Sanika Naik, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vedika Tripathi, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Digital Photography State Champion/National Qualifier
Jack Greger, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Electronic Career Portfolio State Champion/National Qualifier
Punit Arani, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Global Business Team State Champions/National Qualifiers
Manton Kam, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Arnav Sangelkar, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Insurance and Risk Management State Champion/National Qualifier
Keshav Nandakumar, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Introduction to Business Communication State Champion/National Qualifier
Tyler Buividas, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Introduction to Information Technology State Champion/National Qualifier
Ethan Johnson, 10th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Journalism State Champion/National Qualifier
Rohan Patel, 10th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Sales Presentation State Champion/National Qualifier
Neil Walia, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Sports and Entertainment Management State Champions/National Qualifiers
Aniya King, 9th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Rohan Patel, 10th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School
Ria Saraswat, 10th grade – Sandra Day O'Connor High School

2nd Place Business Law
Arnav Sangelkar, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd Place Future Business Leader
Shivani Vaidya, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd Place Help Desk
Suhani Patel, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd Place Insurance and Risk Management
Manton Kam, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd Place Introduction to Information Technology
Salil Naik, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

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2nd Place Job Interview
Roshni Patel, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd Place Management Information Systems
David Jun, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Rikin Mathukumalli, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd Place Marketing
Abhimanyu Verma, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Akshay Warrier, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd Place Network Design
Noah Balma, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Jesse Frey, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Ethan Johnson, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

2nd Place Public Speaking
Akshay Warrier, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

2nd Place Sales Presentation
Ritika Ravindran, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd Place Banking and Financial Systems
Punit Arani, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Aidan Huang, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd Place Introduction to Business Communication
Rohan Patol, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

3rd Place Organizational Leadership
Morgan Pearson, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th Place Business Communication
Keshav Nandakumar, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th Place Coding and Programming
Gabriel Cepleanu, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School

4th Place Digital Photography – Professional Business Portraits
Jack Greger, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th Place Electronic Career Portfolio
Morgan Pearson, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th Place Entrepreneurship
Mckenzie Liu, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Kirin Uppal, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th Place Introduction to FBLA
Suhani Patel, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

4th Place Introduction to Information Technology
Noah Balma, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

4th Place Management and Decision Making
Aidan Rutherford, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Rebecca McAtee, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

4th Place Spreadsheet Applications
Eric Duntley, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

5th Place Client Service
Alayna Dinges, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

5th Place Introduction to Business Communication
Hannah Lorenzo, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

5th Place Introduction to Information Technology
Tyler Buivid, 9th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

5th Place Sales Presentation
Aidan Huang, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Business Communication State Finalist
Roshni Patel, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Business Ethics State Finalists
Brianna Carey, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Keshav Nandakumar, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Business Ethics State Finalists
Manton Kam, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Rohan Madaan, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Arnav Sangelkar, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Client Service State Finalist
Suraj Elango, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Coding and Programming State Finalist
Salil Naik, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Coding and Programming State Finalist
Joseph Robinson, 9th grade – Boulder Creek High School

Computer Problem Solving State Finalist
Ethan Johnson, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

Cybersecurity State Finalist
Punit Arani, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Digital Video Production State Finalists
Caleb Crabtree, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Kylee Helm, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Economics State Finalist
Sai Gandikota, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Emerging Business Issues State Finalists
Eric Duntley, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Jack Greger, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Emerging Business Issues State Finalists
Roshni Patel, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Morgan Pearson, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vedika Tripathi, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Health Care Administration State Finalist
Shivani Bahl, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Health Care Administration State Finalist
Roshni Patel, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Help Desk State Finalist
Sai Gandikota, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Insurance and Risk Management State Finalist
Vedika Tripathi, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Introduction to Business Communication State Finalist
Neil Khurana, 9th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

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Introduction to Financial Math State Finalist
Neil Khurana, 9th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

Introduction to Information Technology State Finalist
Jesse Frey, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

Introduction to Public Speaking State Finalist
Neil Khurana, 9th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

Marketing State Finalists
Neil Walia, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Shivani Vaidya, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Organizational Leadership State Finalist
Rohan Madaan, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Organizational Leadership State Finalist
Vedika Tripathi, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Sports and Entertainment Management State Finalists
Manasi Khandekar, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Lindsey Shin, 9th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Website Design State Finalist
Jim Kimura, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

1st Place in Chapter Sweepstakes, 2nd Place in Battle of the Chapters, and Silver Chapter Award

Mountain Ridge High School

HOSA – Future Health Professionals
Public Health State Champion/ National Qualifiers
Quinn Dickerson, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Caitlin Vasko, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

2nd Place Medical Photography
Glenn Prabakaran, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd Place Clinical Specialty
Jocelyn Longaza, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

4th Place Anatomage-Anatomy Recognition
Cameron Cunningham, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Quinn Dickerson, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Madeline Fralenkel, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Julia Pavese, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Caitlin Vasko, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

5th Place Forensics
Giovanna Flett, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Hannah Vu, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

5th Place Pathophysiology
Brenna Samenfink, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

5th Place Public Service Announcement
Cameron Cunningham, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Madeline Fralenkel, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Roman Mansur, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Julia Pavese, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Riley Reisinger, 11th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

HOSA Bowl Finalists
Jacob Nova, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Haley Von Dem Bussche, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Barbara James Service Award Silver Level
Haley Von Dem Bussche, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Bronze Chapter Award
Mountain Ridge High School

MathCounts Arizona State Competition
Team competition, 2nd Place
Jackson Aoyama, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School
Trent Block, 7th grade – Highland Lakes School
Priya List, 8th grade – Highland Lakes School
Kyle Prentice, 6th grade – Highland Lakes School
Marilyn Behrens, 5/6 Renaissance teacher – Highland Lakes School
Tina Smith, Math Renaissance Teacher – Highland Lakes School

Midwestern University Heath Career Institute
Bethany Robinson, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

National Honor Society Scholarship
Semi-finalists and awarded $3,200 scholarships
Cat Birkenfeld, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Karson Knudson, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
National Merit Commended Scholars
Noah Sweilem, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Alton M. Zhang, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

ProStart Culinary State Competition
2nd Place in the Culinary Arts and Management Competition
James Lacno, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Cynthia Rojas, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Zechariah Maples, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Andrew McDonnell-Corral, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Cheyenne Payne, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

ProStart Culinary State Competition
2nd Place in the Management Competition
Amy Bueno Carillo, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Terez Hirmiz, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Nichelle Level, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Abigail Wills, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

Prudential Spirit of Community Service Distinguished Finalist
Aditi Gandel, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Scholarships
Total Scholarship Offers to DVUSD Seniors – $63,984,149
Barry Goldwater High School – $6,387,214
Boulder Creek High School – $13,377,102
Deer Valley High School – $7,430,883
Mountain Ridge High School – $17,533,480
Sandra Day O’Connor High School – $19,255,470

AA/AS/AGS Degrees Awarded
Deer Valley High School – 13

Seals of Bi-Literacy Awarded
Barry Goldwater High School – 15
Boulder Creek High School – 39
Deer Valley High School – 5
Mountain Ridge High School – 14
Sandra Day O’Connor High School – 21
SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference
Job Interview State Champion/ National Qualifier
Kaitlyn Ourada, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Web Design State Champions/ National Qualifiers
Karalyn Profeta, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Hyrum Wines, 11th grade – Barry Goldwater High School

2nd Place Engineering Technology
Brandon Dorssom, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Cooper French, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

3rd Place Audio Radio Production Team
Korbin Christie, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Jaxson Vanlwarden, 10th grade – Boulder Creek High School

3rd Place Web Design Team
Soarra Hayes, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Trevor Moore, 12th grade – Boulder Creek High School

Spelling Bee District Winner
Ben Johnson, 5th grade – Sunset Ridge School

Student Congressional App Contest
Arizona’s District 8 Winner
Caden Livingston, 9th grade – Boulder Creek High School

The Be Kind People Project MARCH M.A.D. NESS Essay Contest
First Place Winner out of over 400 entries
Rheagan Gellings, 8th grade – Hillcrest Middle School

Celebrating Extraordinary Athletic Achievements
Arizona 6A Softball State Champions
Sandra Day O’Connor High School Softball

Arizona Boys’ Basketball State Runner-Up
Deer Valley High School Boys’ Basketball

Arizona Boys’ Swim State Champion
JC LoVullo, 11th grade – Boulder Creek High School

Arizona Boys’ Wrestling State Runner-Up
Sheldon Cole, 12th grade – Deer Valley High School

Arizona Girls’ Wrestling State Champion
Jessie McCurry, 9th grade – Deer Valley High School

Arizona Tennis Singles State Champion
Oliver Boleratzky, 11th grade – Deer Valley High School

Arizona Track and Field State Runner-Up – 3200 Meter
Randy Espinoza, 10th grade – Deer Valley High School

Pursuing Victory with Honor Recognitions
7-8 Female
Chandler Miller – Deer Valley Middle School

7-8 Male
Dashh Johnson – Desert Mountain School

7-8 Coach
Carolyn Jenkins – Sunset Ridge School

7-8 Team
Terramar Academy of the Arts Softball

High School Female
Emily Stutesman – Deer Valley High School

High School Male
Desmond Melton – Deer Valley High School

High School Coach
Kim Ulrich-Sus – Deer Valley High School

High School Team
Sandra Day O’Connor High School Baseball

Celebrating Extraordinary Fine Arts Achievements
Arizona Diamondbacks Performance
Selected to sing the National Anthem at a Diamondbacks game
Hillcrest Middle School Choir

Arizona Marching Band State Championships
3rd Place, 2018 ABODA Div. I Bronze Medalist, Top Honors in the General Effect captions
Mountain Ridge High School Band

Arizona Music Educators Association All-State Choir Honor Festival
Represented Mountain Ridge High School
Casey Lee, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona Music Educators Association Festival of Honor
All-State Band and Orchestra students selected to perform
Caitlin Brogan, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Sean Collins, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Darryl Leung, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Anthony Ruan, 10th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Chris Scrivens, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Vanessa Woo, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Sarah Zhao, 11th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Arizona State Guard Scholastic Open Champions
State Champions for third consecutive year
Varsity Winter Guard – Mountain Ridge High School
Congressional Art Award
Won first place for Debbie Lesko's district with her artwork displayed at the capital for one year and a $3,000 scholarship
Josie Leatherwood – Deer Valley High School

DVUSD High School Band Assessment
Received highest scores in the District
Mountain Ridge High School Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band

Macy’s Great American Marching Band
National selection for Macy’s Day Parade
Tabitha Turner, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Nathan Lieve, 12th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

Music for All National Festival
Selected to perform as a featured band
Mountain Ridge High School Wind Ensemble

Smithsonian Traveling Art Exhibit
Student artwork on display through a traveling exhibit at the Smithsonian
Olivia Clark, Art Teacher – Esperanza Elementary School

Superintendent’s 2019 Student Art Purchase Awards
Chelsie Kidd, 12th grade – Barry Goldwater High School
Brooke Wells, 9th grade – Boulder Creek High School
Gabriela Dimas, 10th grade – Deer Valley High School
Clare Wells, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School
Brynnlee Holm, 10th grade – Sandra Day O’Connor High School

Celebrating Extraordinary Teaching and Instruction
Anthem Rotary Teacher of the Year
Awarded Elementary Educator of the Year
Jaime Hansen – Canyon Springs STEM Academy

Anthem Rotary Teacher of the Year
Awarded Middle School Educator of the Year
Rebecca Humphries – Anthem School

Arizona State University Research Experiences for Teachers program
Created STEM based learning projects for his classroom
Scott Currier, 4th grade Science Teacher – Highland Lakes School

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Advisor of the Year
Renée Woodruff – Mountain Ridge High School

HOSA 5 Year Advisor Award
Kim Rodgers – Mountain Ridge High School

Maricopa County Exemplary Principal Award
Tricia Graham – Canyon Springs STEAM Academy
Dr. Linda Price-Barry – West Wing School

National Board Certified Teachers
Newly Certified
Anne Farmer – Sonoran Foothills School
Dawn Olson – Norterra Canyon School

Currently Certified
Elisabeth Borchers – Mountain Ridge High School
Katherine Brown – Diamond Canyon School
Deborah Carey – Desert Mountain School
Patricia Eberhardt – Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Kelley Fisher – Las Brisas Elementary School
Shari LaBelle – Bellair Elementary School
Alexis LaDuca – Mountain Ridge High School
Tara LeCount – Diamond Canyon School
Jessenie Ledbetter – Mountain Shadows Elementary School
Melissa Mara – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Vicky Mead – Stetson Hills School
Sharon Reed – New River Elementary School
Karen Savitteri – Mirage Elementary School
Lisa Stenwall-Hoelzen – Copper Creek Elementary
Judi Williams – Human Resources

National LifeChanger of the Year Award
Nominated
Erin McCracken – Boulder Creek High School

Rio Salado College Outstanding Adjunct Faculty
Craig Foster – Deer Valley High School
Kathleen Szczepaniak – Deer Valley High School

School Band and Orchestra Magazines – 50 Directors Who Make A Difference
Nominated by the School Band and Orchestra Magazine as an outstanding music educator in Arizona
James O’Halloran – Boulder Creek High School

Student Council Advisor of the Year
Sherry Holly – West Wing School

Celebrating Extraordinary School and Staff Achievements
ACTEAZ Career Guidance Award
Denise Darre – Deer Valley High School

ACTE National Leadership Fellow
Selected as one of 21 educators in the country to enhance leadership skills and involvement in professional organizations
Jayme Fitzpatrick – DVUSD CTE Manager

Arizona Association of School Business Officials Best Practice Award 2019
In recognition of using the best practices in school business management
Martin James, Dena Braden, Shelly Bates, Gina Davis, Greg Misoni, Gene Faken, Kevin Ahern, and Ian Keene – DVUSD Graphic Communications Department

Arizona Bus Road-eo
2nd Place winner and represented Arizona at the International School Bus Safety Road-eo
Gilbert Ponce

4th Place
Jose Caminero

9th Place
Monte Clinton

10th Place
Valin Groat

Arizona Chief Science Officers
Selected as the Arizona Chief Science Officer Ambassador to Kuwait to advocate for STEM Education
Camilo Waters – Sonoran Foothills School
Arizona Community Education Association 2019 Program
Leader of the Year
Becki Brown – Mirage Elementary School

Arizona Department of Education’s “A” Schools
Rated as an “A” School in Arizona
Anthem School
Arrowhead Elementary School
Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Constitution Elementary School
Copper Creek Elementary School
Desert Mountain School
Desert Sage Elementary School
Diamond Canyon School
Gavilan Peak School
Greenbrier Elementary School
Highland Lakes School
Hillcrest Middle School
Las Brisas Elementary School
Legend Springs Elementary School
Mountain Ridge High School
Park Meadows Elementary School
Paseo Hills School
Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Sonoran Foothills School
Stetson Hills School
Sunset Ridge School
Terramar Academy of the Arts
Village Meadows Elementary
West Wing School

Arizona Department of Education’s Exemplary Title I Award – Parent Involvement
Honored for Family and Community Engagement
Constitution Elementary School

AdvancED District Accreditation
Deer Valley Unified School District

Baker Publishing Group
Signed a 2-book contract with Revell Books and her first book will be released in the spring of 2021
Jennifer Deibel – Highland Lakes School

Healthy Arizona Worksite Award
Student Wellness Advocacy Team received the Platinum Level Award and the sole high school recipient in Arizona
Sandra Day O’Connor High School

James Madison Memorial Fellowship
Received a fellowship opportunity to acquire her Master’s Degree and attend the fellowship Foundation’s Summer Institute
Kelsey Sercl – West Wing School

Maricopa County School Superintendent Teacher Advisory Team (STAT)
Selected for the 2019-20 Advisory Team to discuss around education practice and policy
Ashley Pena – Sunset Ridge School

National Association of Geoscience Teachers Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Award
Section Winner for the Southwest Section
Hank Shoop – Highland Lakes School

National Elementary Honor Society
Established its first NEHS under the guidance of Deb Senatro
Esperanza Elementary School

Rotary State District Interact Conference
“Club of Distinction”
Barry Goldwater High School
Mountain Ridge High School

3rd Place in the Video Contest
Barry Goldwater High School

United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
National Summer Teacher Institute (NSTI)
National Teacher’s 5th Summer Institute USPTO Recipient
Mary Ann Cawley – Sonoran Foothills

2017-2019 Apple Distinguished School
1:1 iPad initiative for academic excellence
Sandra Day O’Connor High School

2019 Arizona Educational Foundation A+ Schools of Excellence
Achieved “A+” School in Arizona
Anthem School
Arrowhead Elementary School
Copper Creek Elementary School
Deer Valley High School
Diamond Canyon School
Mountain Ridge High School
Park Meadows Elementary School
Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
West Wing School

Arizona Community Education Association 2019 State Awards
Recognized staff in Arizona that provide extraordinary care for students in before/after and summer programs
Becky Brown, Program Leader of the Year

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Teresa Lipson, Program Leader of the Year
Linda Pepe, Program Leader of the Year
Beth Harvill, Office Staff of the Year
Teri Thorley, Office Staff of the Year
Eva Harlow, Administrator/Regional Leader of the Year

Celebrating Extraordinary Community Involvement

Annual Foster Kid Holiday Lunch
DVUSD Cafeteria Managers prepared a holiday meal for foster children at a local church
Mr. Ernie Meza, Ms. Joan Chiarello, and other DVUSD staff

Dig Pink Volleyball Donation
Students and parents honored breast cancer survivors at a volleyball game
Mountain Ridge DECA

Kiwanis Special Needs Day at the Arizona State Fair
Students assisted special needs children
Mountain Ridge DECA
National Make a Difference Day
Students participated in #RidgeGiveIDay community service activities
Mountain Ridge High School

Read Across America Book Drive
Donated 167 new children’s book to the Phoenix Children’s Hospital
Sunset Ridge School

Sensory Room Fundraiser
Raised over $2,000 for a sensory room on campus
Alexis Von Hatten, 12th grade – Mountain Ridge High School

Veterans Day Assembly
Hosted an assembly and presented thank you letters written by students to veterans in the community
Deb Senatro – Esperanza Elementary School

Celebrating Extraordinary Grant Awards

2018 Phoenix Suns/APS STEM Mini-Grant
Grant of $1,008 for STEM materials in her classroom
Lori Bohlman – Canyon Springs STEM Academy

2018 Phoenix Suns/APS STEM Mini-Grant
Grant of $1,388 for STEM materials in her classroom
Sheila Fields – Canyon Springs STEM Academy

2018 Phoenix Suns/APS STEM Mini-Grant
Grant of $931.61 for STEM materials in her classroom
Angela Toms – Canyon Springs STEM Academy

APS Supply My Classroom Program
Grant of $500 for her 8th grade social studies classroom
Rebecca Humphries – Anthem School

APS Supply My Classroom Program
Grant of $500 for her kindergarten classroom
Briana Most – Greenbrier Elementary School

Arizona Department of Education Character Education Grant
Grant of $10,000 to positively impact the social and emotional learning of students
Diamond Canyon School

Arizona Diamondbacks Most Valuable Teacher (MVT)
Grant of $5,000 for classroom supplies
MaryAnn Cawley – Sonoran Foothills School

Arizona Diamondbacks Most Valuable Teacher (MVT)
Grant of $1,000 for classroom supplies
Gary Horowitz – Barry Goldwater High School

Barbara Park Memorial Literacy Grant
Grant of $500 to purchase $5 brand new books
Timberly Rae – Esperanza Elementary School

Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) Impact Grants
Grant for teachers to fund specific areas and programs at their schools
Danielle Sindelar – Arrowhead Elementary School
Aude Odeh – Barry Goldwater High School
Lynn Castiglia – Bellair Elementary School
Chad Kaufmann – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Jaime Hansen – Canyon Springs STEM Academy

Jennifer Dillon – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Lori Bohlman – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Sheila Fields – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Kristin Juhas – Copper Creek Elementary School
Alison McGowan – Deer Valley High School
Laura Clarkson – Deer Valley Middle School
Gina Simpson – Desert Sky Middle School
Michael Day – Desert Sky Middle School
Penny Murphy – Desert Sky Middle School
Lisa Mansfield – Diamond Canyon School
Deborah Crim – Esperanza Elementary School
Deborah Crim – New River Elementary School
Deborah Crim – Constitution Elementary School
Deborah Crim – Sunset Ridge School
Deborah Crim – Diamond Canyon School
Lauren Mackeda – Gavilan Peak School
Keith Reinhard – Mountain Ridge High School
Kim Rodgers & Jonathan Baumstark – Mountain Ridge High School
Dawn Olson – Norterra Canyon School
Susan Cary & Reita Tolbert – Norterra Canyon School
Lori Creach – Park Meadows Elementary School
Melanie Begnoche – Park Meadows Elementary School
Jerry Slawson & Dan Bartlein – Paseo Hills School
Allison Caylor & Jess Walsh – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Sylvia Smith – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
W. Shane Hesse – Sandra Day O’Connor High School
Amber Steig Green – Sierra Verde STEAM Academy
Jessica Kerich – Sonoran Foothills School
Shawn Beverly – Sunrise Elementary School
Shari LaBuwi – Village Meadows Elementary School
Brigitte Beaudoin – West Wing School
Linda Pepe – West Wing School Community Ed

Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) Teachers and Rookies of the Year

2018-2019 Teachers of the Year
Gary Horowitz – Barry Goldwater High School
Kyle J. Martin – Barry Goldwater High School
Tara Knope – Bellair School
Denna Squire – Bellair School
Janay Perone – Boulder Creek High School
Tracy Reese – Canyon Springs STEM Academy
Cindi Curtis – Highland Lakes School
Sabrina LeBlond – Las Brisas Elementary School
Marianne Velonis – Las Brisas Elementary School
Doug Evans – Mountain Ridge High School
Michelle Bussiere – Norterra Canyon School
Cynthia J. Schmidt – Sunrise Elementary School
Alison Vandeberg – West Wing School

2018 – 2019 Rookie (First Year Teacher) of the Year
Ashley Anthony – Esperanza Elementary School
Lucas Johnson – Terramar Academy of the Arts
Melissa Schrock – West Wing School

DVEF Rookie Finalist
Isabell Shin – Anthem School

Donors Choose
Grant to purchase Kore Wobble Chairs for classroom
Jody Flores – Desert Sage Elementary School

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Donors Choose
Grant to purchase instruments
Danielle Ibarra and Mirage Elementary Band – Mirage Elementary School

Donors Choose
Grant to purchase digital microscopes
Troy Marinelli – Desert Sage Elementary School

Donors Choose
Grant to purchase Kore Wobble Chairs for classroom
Erin Moore – Desert Sage Elementary School

Donors Choose
Grant to purchase a class set of headphones
Stephanie Salcido – Mirage Elementary School

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Grant to purchase iPads
Naomi Arnold, 1st Grade Teacher – Canyon Springs STEM Academy

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Grant to purchase Chromebooks
Kelsey Barnes, 3rd Grade Teacher – Village Meadows Elementary School

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Grant to pay off any outstanding school food debts for all students allowing all children to not worry about eating breakfast or lunch
Amy Cunningham, 3rd Grade Teacher – Paseo Hills Elementary School

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Grant to turn an unused room into a photography studio with fixed lighting and backdrops
Adam Korman, 9th-12th Grade Teacher – Mountain Ridge High School

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Grant to purchase additional readers for her first and second year Spanish students
Ila Lewis, Spanish Teacher – Barry Goldwater High School

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Grant to purchase a kiln for the ceramics class and new iPads for graphic design students
Christopher Madison, K-8 Art Teacher – Canyon Springs STEM Academy

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Grant to purchase iPads
Christine Mariani, 3rd Grade Teacher – Bellair Elementary School

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Grant to obtain supplies for interactive history lessons
Sajan Mathew, 7th Grade Teacher – Highland Lakes School

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Grant to purchase technology, including Chromebooks and iPads
Alexa Schottin, 2nd Grade Teacher – Terramar Academy of the Arts

Fiesta Bowl Charities – Wishes for Teachers Grant, $5,000
Grant to purchase Chromebooks
Sara Troftgruben, 2nd Grade Teacher – Sunset Ridge Elementary School

Maricopa County Air Quality Department (MCAQD)
Grant, $288,421
Grant to fund replacement of high-mileage, aging buses with new buses that reduce emissions
Ernie Meza – DVUSD Transportation

Mathnasium $250 Classroom Grant
Grant to buy graphing calculators
Kimberly Christensen – Hillcrest Middle School

Pets Mart Pets in the Classroom Grant
Grant to purchase animals and supplies for the classroom
Alexis Olson – Greenbrier Elementary School

Project Lead the Way Grant
Grant of $20,000 for curriculum, materials, and training for STEM Program
Grant for STEM Program – Hillcrest Middle School
2017-2018 Grant – $10,000
2018-2019 Grant – $10,000
Total – $20,000

SRP’s Learning Grant
Grant of $3,579 to fund her STEM classroom
Mary Ann Cawley – Sonoran Foothills School

School Safety Program Grant
AZ State Grant towards salary and benefits for School Resource Officers on campuses
Barry Goldwater High School
Deer Valley Middle School
Paseo Hills School

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