



Mingus Union
High School District #4

MINGUS MATTERS

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MAY '24

Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Dear Marauder Families,

Time flies when you are making memories, focused on learning, and engaged in spring activities! Our Marauders have been busy with prom season, art shows, spring sports, our spring theater production, FAFSA completion, scholarship submission, and state testing. Mingus students can participate in a wide variety of activities, and it is amazing to see what happens when hard work meets mentorship. Thank you for encouraging your student to find opportunities to be a Marauder beyond the classroom. Our students make amazing things happen – Go Marauders!

Our most anticipated event – the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2024 – is almost here! We have been planning and prepping and look forward to celebrating the Red Marauders in true Mingus fashion. You will find important graduation information included in this newsletter. Congratulations, Class of 2024! Once a Marauder, always a Marauder.

Among our graduates this year, we are so proud to recognize two Dorrance scholarship recipients, an FFA member who swept three state contests, and a Marauder on his way to Vanderbilt University on a full scholarship... just to mention a few. Mingus implemented the YC Early College Program with twenty-seven seniors completing senior year and their first year of college on the Yavapai College campus. Mingus Union earned full accreditation this year through Cognia via a thorough review of school systems and processes and we are anticipating earning Site of Distinction honors as an AVID school this year. Amazing things are happening and we are so proud of our Mingus community!

A special congratulations to our athletes and coaches. With another successful year of Mingus athletics in the books, it is a thrill to see strong Marauder competition and sportsmanship on display. Thank you, coaches, for all you do to speak into the lives of our young people.

We celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week May 6th-May 10th. Please take the time to thank a Mingus teacher for their care and commitment to the young people of our community. We appreciate our teachers and staff and thank them for the impact they have on the lives of our Marauders.

As we bring this year to a close, I want to thank you for sharing your student with us; it is an honor to serve your family. Thank you for your continued support of Mingus Union High School and for allowing us to be a part of your family's history. Go Marauders!



Genie Gee
Principal and
Treasure Hunter
Mingus Union High School

May Dates to Remember

May 3
NO SCHOOL
Fair Day

May 6-10
Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8
National School Nurse Day

May 7
BLOOD DRIVE
8:00am - 5:00pm in the Small Gym
*More info on PG 3

May 7 (Tuesday)
Governing Board Meeting
6 - 8pm - MUHS Library
Regular Session

May 10-11
One Act Play Festival
7pm Auditorium
*More info on PG 13

May 15
Choir Concert
6pm Auditorium
*More info on PG 13

May 16
MUHS Rock Band Performance
6:30pm Auditorium

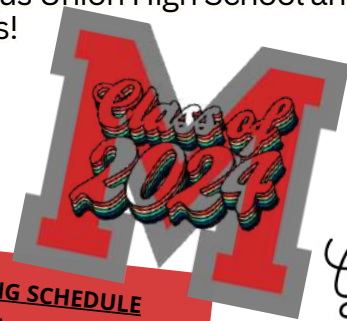
May 16 & 17
Senior Final Exams
Normal Bell Schedule
All periods both days

May 20
Senior Honors Night
5:30pm Auditorium

May 21
ATORT Senior Showcase
6pm Auditorium

May 22 & 23
Underclassmen Final Exams
22nd: Periods 1 3 5
23rd: Periods 2 4 6

May 24
NO SCHOOL
2023 GRADUATION CEREMONY
7pm on Bright Field



AP TESTING SCHEDULE

May 8
AP Computer Science A
12 p.m.-4 p.m.
Library

May 9
AP Psychology
12 p.m.-3 p.m.
Small Gym

May 10
AP United States History
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Small Gym

May 14
AP English Lang and Comp
8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Small Gym

May 15
AP World History
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Small Gym

May 24
Graduation Practice for Seniors
7 - 10am in gym
*rehearsal is mandatory for all seniors.
Students who do not attend graduation
rehearsal will not participate in the
graduation ceremony.





End of Year Reminders

Seniors

All fees **MUST** be paid by Friday May 10th or your name will be removed from the Graduation walking list!



Don't forget to pay your outstanding fees at the bookstore before the end of the year!

To find if your account has a balance due, log into PowerSchool or contact Mrs. Bailey in the bookstore ebailey@muhs.com ~OR~ 928-478-7939 (M-F 7a-3p)

FINAL EXAMS

DO YOUR BEST!



May 16 & 17
Senior Finals

DAY 1 & 2
Normal Bell Schedule
All periods both days



May 22 & 23
Underclassmen Finals

DAY 1
Periods 1 3 5
DAY 2
Periods 2 4 6

DAY 1 & 2 CLASS TIMES
7:55am - 9:10am
9:20am - 10:35am
10:45am - 12:00pm

We are excited to offer students several options and formats for Summer School 2024

Here are the Summer School options available:

On-Line Credit Recovery:
Students have the ability to earn up to 2 credits from home using Edgenuity
On-Line Credit Recovery from Home - May 29th - June 25th

On-Line Original Credit:
Students have the ability to earn a full credit from home using Edgenuity
On-Line Original Credit from Home - May 29th - June 25th

Cost: \$100 payable to the Mingus Bookstore

Use QR code or the following form to sign-up for Summer School 2024:
<https://forms.gle/RS4yDAkUFpascZKfA>

Please reach out to your student's counselor if you have any questions or need assistance with completing the summer school registration process.

SUMMER 2024 SCHOOL
Sign Up TODAY

Credit Recovery & Original Credit Options Available



CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

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.

CLICK

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



#VitalToLife



Mingus Union High School BLOOD DRIVE

Open to the Public

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

MUHS Small Gym at 1801 E Fir Street

Contact Kelcy Lyons at (928) 634-7531 x1113 or visit www.donors.vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code: Mingus)



ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS are encouraged

Donate April 21-May 23, and you'll get a chance to win one of 83 gift cards worth \$83 each!

MUHS GOVERNING BOARD



MAY 7TH @ 6PM

Meetings are open to the community and are held at 6pm in the MUHS Library. This month's meeting was moved to the 1st Tuesday of the month. For more information about our board and meeting agenda, please go to: www.mingusunion.com/Governing_Board

GET INVOLVED!
YOU LIVE HERE



Northern Arizona Healthcare

\$10 Sports Physicals

All proceeds donated back to the student's school to benefit youth athletic department programs

Thursday, June 6, 2024

3 - 5:30 p.m. Walk-ins Only

Cost is \$10 cash (no credit cards accepted). All school-sponsored sports require a pre-season physical to participate. Please fill out forms 15.7A and 15.7B found on www.aionline.org/about/forms before arrival.

Location: 1298 West Finnie Flat Road Camp Verde, AZ 86322

For more info call: 928-639-5555



EVERY 15 minutes



Mingus Juniors and Seniors participated in the program 'Every 15 Minutes' coordinated by the Cottonwood Police and Fire Department. This is a nationwide program that provides teens with awareness about the dangers of distracted and drunk driving to hopefully prevent accidents. The name of the program "Every 15 Minutes" came from a statistic that every 15 minutes someone is killed in a drinking and driving accident. With awareness from programs like this one, that statistic has gone from every 15 minutes to every 39 minutes. This program first started in 1995 in California and has expanded across the United States providing a real-life experience without the real-life risks, so that teenagers can better understand the risks and hopefully prevent accidents.



The program is divided into two parts. During the first part, which took place on April 4th, students witnessed a mock accident staged by the Cottonwood Police and Fire Departments. The accident scene was narrated using speakers and microphones. After first responders removed the victims from the crash site and provided medical assistance, one of the 'victims' was loaded to a medical helicopter to give attendees a better understanding of the gravity of accidents such as this one. The second part of the program took place the next day, on April 5th, with the help of the Theater program. Students were able to witness a mock trial for the driver who 'caused the accident' and a funeral for two of the students involved who lost their lives.



"It was very impactful for our students to watch their peers suffer from the effects of poor decision making and the life changing impacts that came with it. The mock trial and funerals were a powerful display, stressing how the decisions to consume alcohol can affect many more people than just the one who drinks or texts while driving," stated Ms. Forbes, Dean of Students. Since the full production of this program can be a very emotional one, counselors were available assisting students and staff who were affected by the production.



ATTENTION 2024 SENIORS!

Dear Graduate & Parent/Guardian – Class of 2024:

Thank you for making Mingus Union High School a part of your family's history. Long after your student has moved on, their face will grace our yearbooks and their stories will live on in our hearts and hallways.

Graduation from high school is a ceremony which carries a personal and familial significance. We look forward to honoring your student's academic achievements and sharing this special time with you. Our Mingus graduates and their guests deserve a dignified and memorable ceremony. We ask that attendees follow our instructions for the graduation ceremony so we can provide a safe and celebratory event. We hope our graduation ceremony successfully demonstrates the immense pride that we have in our graduates, staff, and community.

As our seniors embark on their journeys beyond high school, please remember that you are and will always be the Red Marauders of 2024!

I look forward to sharing this incredibly special evening with our graduates and their loved ones.

PLEASE READ THE GRADUATION PACKET
[CLICK HERE FOR ENGLISH](#)
[OPRIMA AQUÍ PARA ESPAÑOL](#)
Print, sign, and return the form to the Bookstore by Friday, May 10th, 2024.



.Sincerely,

Genie Gee

Genie Gee
Principal



MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PREPARATION FOR GRADUATION

May Countdown

- 6: Graduation tickets available in the HS Office (4 field tickets per graduate)
- 10: Last Day to order cap and gown
- 16: Final Exams for Seniors – Periods 1, 3, 5
- 17: Final Exams for Seniors – Periods 2, 4, 6
- 20-24: Senior Week - Details to Come!
- 20: 5:30pm Senior Honors Night
- 24: 7:00am Graduation Practice – Gym (***Mandatory***)
- 24: 6:00 pm *Graduates meet in Gym to line up* (Graduation begins 7:00 pm)
- 24 : Operation Graduation 2024! 9:00pm at the Cottonwood Rec Center



Graduate Dress Code

Our graduation ceremony is an important community tradition and a final learning experience for our proud students; our dress code reflects this belief.

- **Men: dress shirt, pants/slacks, clean shoes (dress shoes are preferred and ties are optional)**
- **Ladies: dress, skirt, or dress pants/slacks – be careful with heel height, it is a long walk, and we do not want you to take a fall on your special night!**
- **No shorts, t-shirts, jeans, or flip-flops – no extremely informal attire**
- **No decoration on the graduation gown. No leis, boas, etc. – only school approved medals/cords are allowed.**
- **Graduation caps may be decorated, but the decoration must lay flat. No 3D or decorations hanging off the side. And decoration which would draw undue or negative attention is not permitted.**
- **Red gown, cap, tassel: the cap is to be worn flat on the head with the point at the center of the forehead and tassel on the right side. Red gown must be fully zipped for the ceremony.**

Senior Honors Night

We are extremely proud of the academic accomplishments of our seniors. We will hold a special ceremony on Monday, May 20th in the Mingus Union High School auditorium at 6:00 p.m. There will be a reception with light refreshments prior to the event at 5:30pm. If your student is being recognized for an award or scholarship, they will receive an invitation; however, all seniors and their families are welcome to attend. The attire for this evening is professional business attire.

Graduation Seating

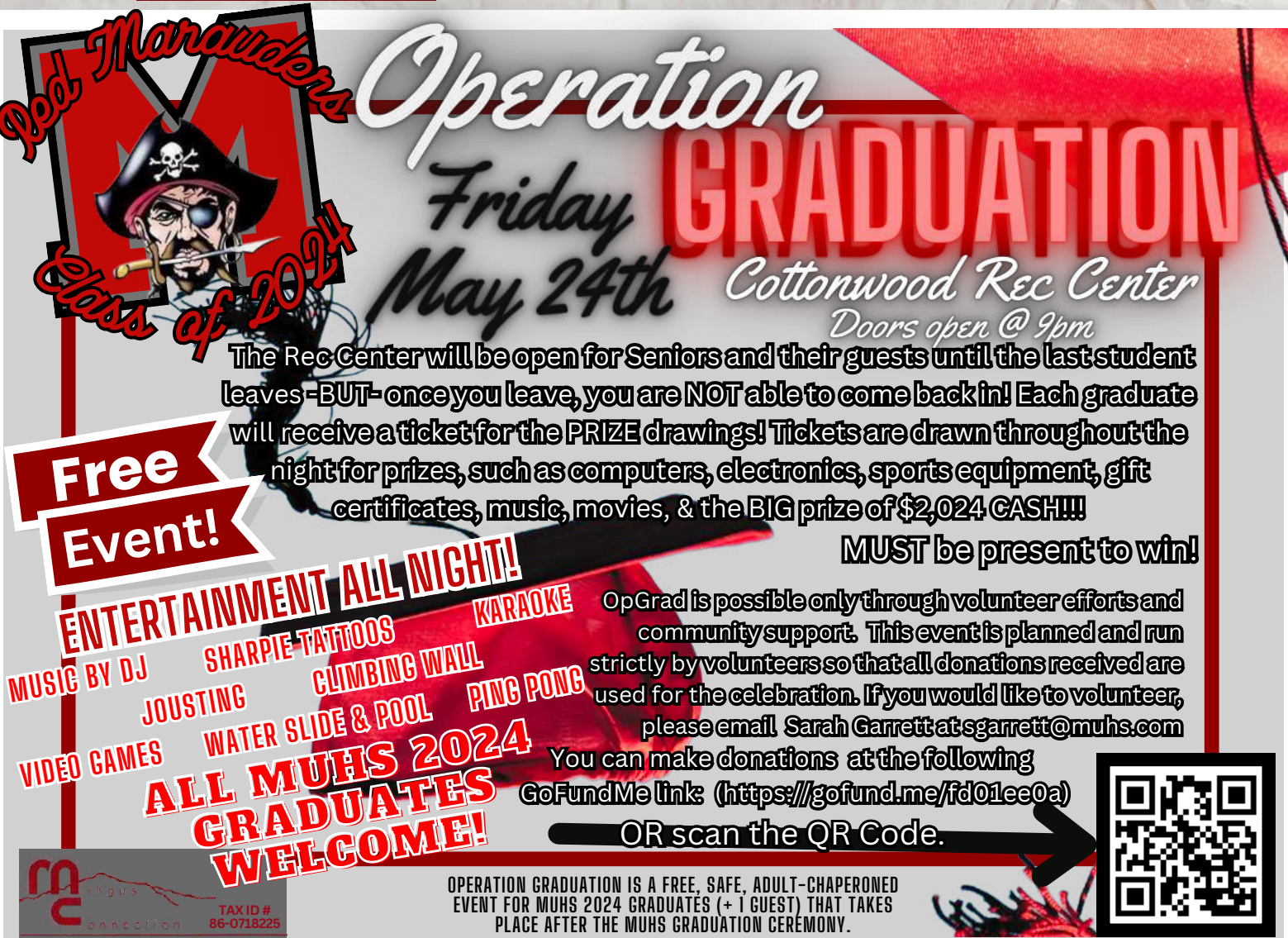
Each graduate will receive four field tickets once all school fees have been paid. Tickets will be given to the graduates (not adults). Students need to pick up the tickets at the High School Office May 6th - May 17th. MUHS will not manage ticket issues related to family dynamics. Our hope is that four field tickets will allow for inclusion of all family structures. The north football gates will open at 5:00 pm, Friday, May 24th, for admission to the graduation ceremony. Seating in the bleacher area and the reserved on-field area (with ticket) is on a first come, first served basis, with no saving of seats. **CARPPOOLING IS ENCOURAGED!**

Appropriate Behavior

If your child participates in a destructive or dangerous senior prank and/or demonstrates behavior that is not school appropriate, he or she will forfeit the privilege of participating in senior activities and/or walking at Graduation. If damage is caused to the school, no matter how little, law enforcement will be involved. Any behavior that draws attention away from the speakers, performers, or individual graduates being honored, or detracts from the dignity of the ceremony itself will result in removal from the ceremony.

We ask our proud parents to please respect all the graduates by remaining seated during the ceremony. Walking around on the field, engaging in conversations, or entering the student seating area for photographs is unfairly disruptive. Please do not enter the graduates' seating area. Blown up beach balls, poppers, silly string, bull horns, etc. are not appropriate. Graduation parties are more appropriate for celebrations of this nature. Please discuss this issue with your graduate. We want to do everything possible to make this a cherished memory for all our students. A good rule of thumb, if the action takes away from the ceremony and focuses on an individual or group of individuals, then it is inappropriate and unacceptable. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and cooperation.





Operation GRADUATION

Friday May 24th Cottonwood Rec Center
Doors open @ 9pm

The Rec Center will be open for Seniors and their guests until the last student leaves -BUT- once you leave, you are NOT able to come back in! Each graduate will receive a ticket for the PRIZE drawings! Tickets are drawn throughout the night for prizes, such as computers, electronics, sports equipment, gift certificates, music, movies, & the BIG prize of \$2,024 CASH!!!

Free Event!

ENTERTAINMENT ALL NIGHT!

MUSIC BY DJ SHARPIE-TATTOOS KARAOKE
VIDEO GAMES JOUSTING CLIMBING WALL PING PONG
WATER SLIDE & POOL


ALL MUHS 2024 GRADUATES WELCOME!

OpGrad is possible only through volunteer efforts and community support. This event is planned and run strictly by volunteers so that all donations received are used for the celebration. If you would like to volunteer, please email Sarah Garrett at sgarrett@muhs.com

You can make donations at the following GoFundMe link: (<https://gofund.me/fd01ee0a>)

OR scan the QR Code.

OPERATION GRADUATION IS A FREE, SAFE, ADULT-CHAPERONED EVENT FOR MUHS 2024 GRADUATES (+ 1 GUEST) THAT TAKES PLACE AFTER THE MUHS GRADUATION CEREMONY.




Main Stage Presents

AIN'T YOUR GRANDMA'S BINGO NIGHTS

GOOD FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE
The month of May proceeds will benefit

May 1, 8 & 15 | May 22 & 29

MUHS Hope Center



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Operation Graduation is possible only through volunteer efforts and community support!

Please use the following Link or QR Code to let us know that you are interested in volunteering your TIME to the event by setting up, taking down and/or supervising during the event on Friday, May 24th!

Contact us today to learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity.

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/EQSVGW01F4Y7YRB79](https://forms.gle/EQSVGW01F4Y7YRB79)



CONGRATULATIONS

MUHS Performance Choir competed March 26th at the Arizona chapter of the American Choral Director's Association's State competition and was awarded the highest Rank of Superior - Division 1.

"I am so proud of our choir students as they are not only amazing performers, but talented musicians," said James Ball, Choir and Theater teacher at MUHS. "The talent and dedication of the Mingus Choir is amazing to see. I am excited to see this program grow and thrive in the future as well!"

James Ball



Grace Groseta swept all of these FFA state awards:
State Winner of Beef Production - Entrepreneurship
State Winner of Sheep Production
State Winner of Goat Production



I am excited to tell you that Mingus Union High School had multiple place winners in the 2024 MATFORCE Youth Essay Contest.

Below is a list of student winners:

2nd Place: Tashyla Wagner (we had a tie for second place) - \$300 check

Honorable Mention: \$50 checks:
Paige Culver
Nariyah Thompson
Ambar Anaya Martinez

The following students received votes from the judges:

- Danielle Khin
- Lexi Cabrera
- Anna Ojeda
- Kayleigh Wright
- Ava Worthen
- Taylor Miller

Brandon Iurato
MUHS School Resource Officer

We are very proud to announce that two of our seniors were awarded the Dorrance Scholarship this year. This program awards only 36 scholarships to incoming freshman attending the state's public universities. The Dorrance Scholarship is a very competitive scholarship with a programmatic value of \$100,000 which includes the scholarship funding, a study abroad semester, and academic support. Mingus' most recent Dorrance Scholarship recipient was in 2019

Natalie Hughes is one of the Mingus recipient of the Dorrance Scholarship and plans on getting a double major from Northern Arizona University, a BA in Theater, and a BS in Public Health. She dreams of becoming an epidemiologist and researcher and working for a community theater on the side. Natalie has been part of the Mingus Choir and ATORT's Theater Program during her entire High School Journey.



Airam Hurtado Castro is the other of the recipients of this year's Dorrance Scholarship. Her mother describes her as a dedicated and hard-working young woman who makes her proud every day. Airam plans on studying Medicine at the University of Arizona in Tucson and wants to become an Anesthesiologist to serve her community in the medical field.





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Gianna Rodriguez



Gianna wants to work full time after she graduates so that she can save money and travel. She has been part of the student council for the past two years and feels this helped her become more outgoing and gave her a chance to be involved in the community.

Her best memory of high school is being able to hang out with her best friend and spend time with those who made high school an enjoyable experience. If she could go back in time, she would tell her freshman self not to overthink so much and enjoy high school because it goes way too fast.

Her teachers describe her as a student of the highest character and aptitude who works hard and comes out shining when faced with tough times. They will remember her as an empathetic and kind person who is a joy to have in class.

Gianna likes to do arts and crafts, read, play games, take pictures, bake, and spend time with the people she loves. In the future she wants to be a photographer, buy a home, and build a family.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Susanna Ventura
AP World History Teacher & Instructional Coach



Susana wears many hats, she is the AP World History teacher, an Instructional Coach for Mingus teachers, an Advisory Teacher of the Class of 2027, the Interact Club Sponsor, and the Assistant Swim Coach for the MUHS team. Ms. Ventura is also part of the Guiding Coalition and Lead of the Advisory Committee.

Her peers describe her as an amazing teacher, mentor, and friend who has done an outstanding job working with the staff to raise the level of teaching, and whose positivity and enthusiasm is contagious.

Ms. Ventura's favorite part of her job is the creative outlet lesson planning provides. She loves taking fresh ideas and implementing them to promote the best learning possible amongst her students.

What keeps her motivated are the people she works with and the connections she has made. She cares deeply about the work public schools do and hopes to uphold her personal responsibility to the community. She feels that lack of motivation amongst students can be due to lack of confidence, skill, or connection. She believes that letting them know she cares for them and that their learning is meaningful and relevant for their lives and future can become a great motivation factor.


Susana enjoys spending time with her family, watching movies, walking amongst nature, swimming, reading, and playing board games. She grew up in Cottonwood and graduated from Mingus in 2001. She has a Bachelor of Social Work and a Master of Education degree from NAU.




MARAUDER of the MONTH

TEACHERS & COACHES ARE ASKED TO NOMINATE STUDENTS IN THE ART, C.T.E. 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, ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND INVITED TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION IN FRONT OF OUR COMMUNITY AT THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S BOARD MEETING. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR MARAUDERS!

Isaiah Taylor




Over the past four years Isaiah has gone from being a quiet boy (in a very loud Hawaiian shirt) sitting at the sound board to one of the faces of the performing arts program (still wearing the loud Hawaiian shirts). This past month he has capped his dramatic high school career with the roll of Dromio in Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors" To see his journey has been tremendously rewarding. Whether it is as Dromio, Lonny in Rock of Ages, or Dallas in Outsiders, every time Isaiah has taken the stage this year, he disappears and a brilliant character performance emerges. Isaiah is our only Thespian that has Achieved National Honors status this year. Beyond acting, he was selected as a Regional Honors Choir Member and has been in our Performance Choir for the past few years as well. Isaiah is our ATORT Vice-President. Beyond being extremely talented and hard-working, Isaiah is one of the most humble people I have met. He has literally owned the stage this year and this award is well deserved!




~ Mr. Ball & Mr. Renard

Elam Branam



In the area of Business Management, Elam Branam is this month's CTE student of the month. Elam is a natural leader and an outstanding young man. Elam is currently running and operating his own lawncare business while also participating on the debate team, tennis team and supporting a cumulative 4.0 GPA his junior year of high school. Not to mention he was the lead role in the Mingus Production of The Outsiders. Elam has an amazing entrepreneurial mindset and understanding of subject matter, he's had the opportunity to present his own leadership workshop in class and other peers continuously look to him for guidance in the classroom daily. He always walks in with a smile and has a way of keeping me on my toes. Congratulations Elam.



~ Mr. Elmer

MARAUDER of the MONTH



Witten Armstrong

Witten is a team captain and strong leader and mentor to the team. This year he broke the school record for the pole vault with a jump of 14'-3" which puts him as ranked 5th going into state where he has the potential to make it up to 15ft or beyond. His other top events are 110 meter hurdles and 300 hurdles where he is ranked 14th and 17th. The boys 4x 400 meter relay also has a chance to make state with Witten running in that event. At the end of the year Witten plans to compete in the state Decathlon. Witten's goal is to attend college and run track. As a coach I'm so grateful to have an athlete like Witten on the team it's a pleasure coaching him.

~ Coach Midkiff



Dani Khin

Junior Dani Khin is in our #1 singles and doubles slots. And she's undefeated in both! To boot, no opponent has taken a set from her, and no opponent has even pushed her to a tie-breaker. In doubles, their wins have been due, in large part, to Dani's ability to target her serve in order to create a poaching opportunity for her partner at net. Dani's work ethic is outstanding. She plays USTA tournaments in the off-season and works with other coaches besides myself to develop a pin-point serve, a sharp undercutting volley, and frustratingly reliable groundstrokes. As a Co-captain, she is learning how to address her team in her own quiet way and to provide younger players with guidance about tennis protocol and tips on how to hit a better ball. Dani is an exemplary tennis player, student, and human being.

~ Coach Meyer



Ava Beery

Ava began playing last year as a sophomore near the bottom of the JV ladder. She has worked assiduously in the summer and off-season and adopts changes cheerfully and immediately to improve. Until recently, she was undefeated in JV singles and doubles, winning all 9 matches. Ava uses her intelligence, her heart, and her time to commit herself to improving and becoming a varsity player—and she's close. Ava Beery does everything within her power to win her matches, to strategize and reflect on her game in her match journal, and to help make practices go better for everyone. She's the first to push the teaching cart out, set up the ball machine, and arrange equipment for drills. Star players are star players, but they begin with what I admire in Ava.

~ Coach Meyer



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Athletics Program - Mingus Union High School District

All current athletic events, current team schedules and coaching information are posted on the calendar for quick viewing. You can subscribe and receive daily emails by clicking the link below, subscribe in the top right corner.



Congratulations to our 2nd Semester Athletes!!

We had over 143 AIA Scholar Athlete Awards in Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis, Boys Tennis, Wrestling, Theatre (ATORT), Boys and Girls Track. And 3 AIA Scholar Athlete TEAM Awards in Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis and Theatre/ATORT Cast!

These athletes are recognized for 3.5 GPA or higher and for their exemplary dedication to academics, athletics, and activities as a foundation for success.

Keep up the great work Marauders!!



Attention Athletes

Sports Registration for 2024-25 is now available!

Stop by the front office to pick up your athletic packet or visit

www.mingusunion.com/athletics

You must be cleared by the Athletic Dept in order to participate in sports.

The following steps need to be submitted:

- Family ID online registration needs to be created and/or renewed for the 2024/2025 school year.
- Concussion course and Opioid course needs to be completed through the AIA online academy
- All athletes need to turn in their 2024/2025 AIA sports physical evaluation form completed and signed.
- Visit our website www.mingusunion.com/athletics for all your registration needs





MUHS Performing Arts

MUHS Theatre Classes Proudly Present...
One-Act Play Festival

- STINKY CHEESE MAN AND OTHER FAIRLY STUPID TALES BY JOHN GLORE DIRECTED BY SEBASTIAN FOX AND AUBREE HERRING-WAITS
- SO YOU WANNA BE A CHEERLEADER BY M.G. DAVIDSON DIRECTED BY NATALIE HUGHES
- 10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE BY DON ZOLIDIS DIRECTED BY MOYU DOOM-THOMPSON
- BAD IDEAS FOR BAD TELEVISION BY DON ZOLIDIS DIRECTED BY SCARLETT MONTGOMERY

Friday & Saturday
May 10th & 11th at 6:30pm
Adults \$5 Students/Children \$3
Tickets available at the Door



Mingus Union High School's

SENIOR SHOWCASE

Class of 2024

We're gonna do this...
"...one more time!"

**TUESDAY
MAY 21st**

MUHS Auditorium

STARTS AT 6PM

Sign up at
mingusperformingarts.com/senior.html

Mingus Performing Arts Presents

Final Choir Concert

Concert Choir & Performance Choir

2024
15
MAY

6:30PM

FREE CONCERT
MUHS Auditorium
1801 E. Fir St.
Cottonwood, AZ

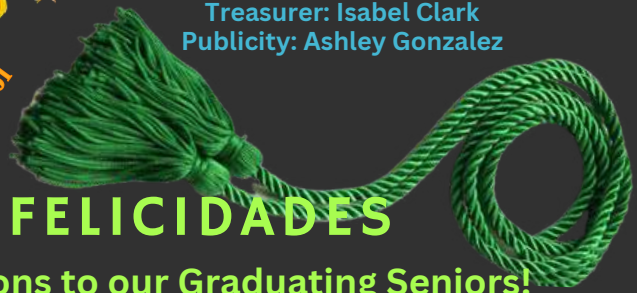


On May 6th, HHSS will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with piñatas during lunch. Students are invited to gather by the tree out front of the school during lunch to battle piñatas! Take a swing and see if you can knock it down! There will be rewards awaiting inside! We have looked forward to this celebration every year since the club's inception in 2017 because we always have so much fun!



Hispanic Honor & Service Society
24/25 Schoolyear officers!

- President: Jose Felix
- Vice President: Andrea Deras
- Secretary: Daizy Mejia
- Treasurer: Isabel Clark
- Publicity: Ashley Gonzalez



MUCHAS FELICIDADES

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors! They will be wearing Green cords at graduation to show that they have maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA, completed at least 10 hours of community service, and have been active members of the organization.

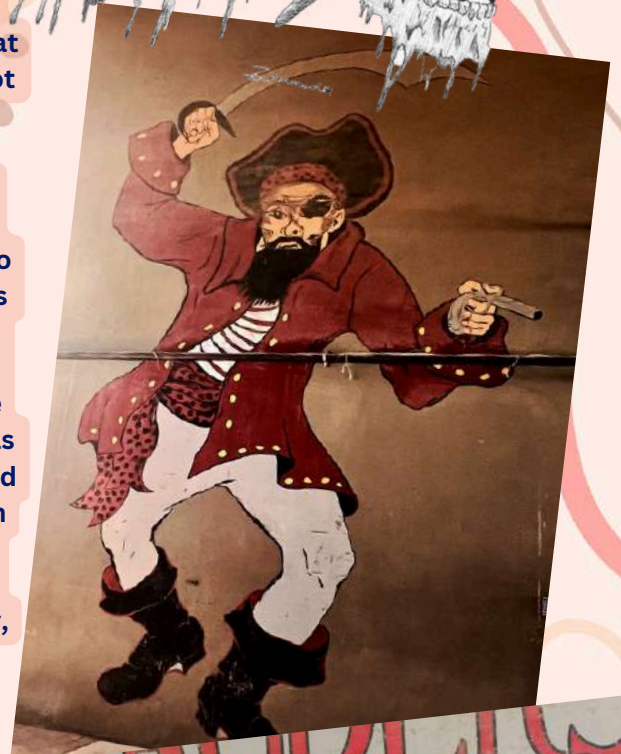
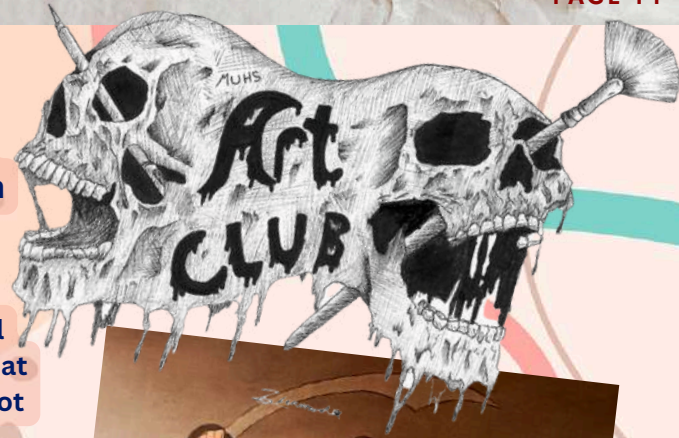


MUHS Art Club members took a field trip April 15th to explore the town of Jerome.

This field trip was possible thanks to the generosity of Mingus Connection who granted the funding through the Lane Family Grant for the students to visit the Douglas Mansion and the Old Jerome High School.

“This was the culmination of their efforts and service to the school and community over the past year”, said Beth Detwiler, Art Teacher at MUHS. “Some of our students have never been to Jerome and did not know that we have a State Park and Museum, or galleries and professional artists working in our area. I aim to give them more exposure to the Arts and History in our State. Artists throughout time have been visual record keepers and synthesizers of history,” said Detwiler. “I think that it is impactful for our Art Club members to see and learn about the history of our area so that they may perhaps make artworks that are based on the knowledge they have gained.”

After visiting the Douglas Mansion, students visited the Old Jerome High School which closed in 1960 and was reopened the same year as Mingus Union High School. The school has been closed since 1975 and is now a workplace for local artists and musicians. After eating lunch from local eateries in the old high school, the art students walked around Jerome and enjoyed the breathtaking views of this popular Arizona ghost town, admiring the landscapes, learning about history, and gathering inspiration for their next art project.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!





VACTE

Valley Academy for Career & Technology Education is wrapping up an amazing year with many students completing several certificates in our programs, earning college credits, or becoming licensed to work in the industry immediately following their graduation.

Over the last few weeks our students have also been competing in CISO State competitions and we would like to share the success our programs have achieved



Congratulations to our VACTE CNA/Phlebotomy HOSA Chapter for winning Silver in Chapter of Distinction. Sabrina Conway is our instructor for this program and has helped her students compete at regional and state levels.

Our Education Profession's FCCLA students led by their instructor, Mrs. Genna Adams, competed at the state level and students earned four gold, and six silver medals. One student earned her way to a chance to win a national title! They serve our community making a difference in our local schools.

Education Profession Awards:

- Avery Trezise & Addie Linford - Professional Presentation Gold Medals
- Jacob Jones & Katrina Le - Professional Presentation. Gold Medals
- Mia Vocca, Zoe Mangus & Vanessa Mendez - Focus on Children - Silver Medal
- Cheyann Ackerman, Jordynn Plante & Lindsey Gissell - Silver Medal
- Anslie Bliss - Red Talk - National Qualifier



Congratulations to our Construction Program on achieving the highest level of the SkillsUSA Chapter of Excellence – Models of Excellence! As a Models of Excellence (MOE) winner, our VACTE Construction Chapter is among an elite group of the top 24 Skills USA chapters nationally.

Building Trades & Renovations Section | Advisor: Travis Black
Component: Technical | Activity: Construction Demonstration/Mentorship Day





Our VACTE Law, Construction, and Cosmetology students competed at the Arizona State Skills USA competition. Please see our winners below:

Law Enforcement Program:

Employability Skills - Riley Johnson - Gold State Champion
Law Enforcement Chapter - Silver Chapter of Excellence

Law Enforcement Torch Awards:

- Reyna Sotelo
- Randy Holguin
- Walker Rice
- Riley Johnson
- Adriana Turnicio
- Baltazar Avila
- Mixtli Bahena
- Jason McClain



Cosmetology Program:

Cosmetology Chapter - Bronze Chapter of Distinction

Braxtyn Zimmermann- Job Demonstration - Gold State Champion



Construction Program:

Construction Chapter - Gold Chapter of Distinction

- Cai Diehl – Plumbing - Gold State Champion
- Micah Russel - Electrical Wiring - Gold State Champion
- Steven Kightlinger - Electrical Wiring - Silver
- Pearl Skolnick- Electrical Wiring - Bronze
- Matt Rodriguez - Roofing -Bronze



Thank you to all of our students that helped set up and tear down the SkillsUSA convention. We are so proud of all our students whether they won or entered because they worked hard and showed great dedication to VACTE.



A special thank you to our VACTE State representative, Shyann Hardy, who served this last year as the State Skills USA Vice President.

VACTE is excited to meet our students for next year! Please call the VACTE office or check with your high school counselor on openings in our programs for the upcoming school year.





Community Events & 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.

Click on the photos to be taken to the link for the event.



Inspiring CHANGE *Providing HOPE*

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

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

Sharing God's LOVE

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.

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This institution is an equal opportunity employer and provider.




Manzanita Outreach

For a Calendar of all this month's Food Share Events

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BRING THE WORLD

TO YOU!

Exchange students arriving soon

Can you host a student?

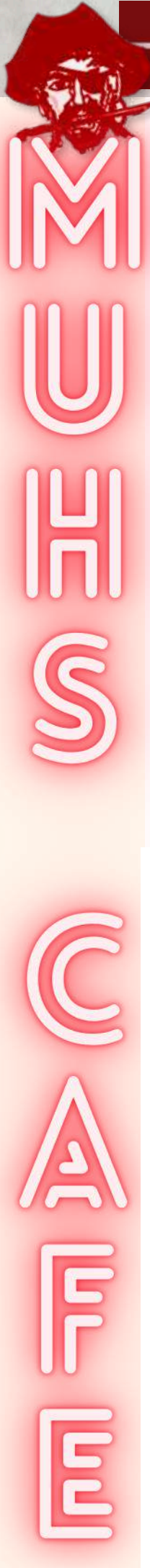


WWW.PAX.ORG/FAMILIES 1.800.555.6211 TO HOST!

Please note these students are sponsored by the Dept. of State based on their leadership, academics and personalities. They are provided a monthly stipend full medical insurance, and school funds. The student can share a room with a closely aged sibling. They arrive in August only if they have a family and are presently anxiously waiting to see where in the US they may be living. This is a great way to bring cultural diversity into your world and become global citizens.

For more information contact: Marcia Goebel
Marciagoebel@yahoo.com | (928)301-9868





| MAY 2024 | | Mingus Union High School | | | BREAKFAST |
|--|---|--|---|--|-----------|
| Meal Prices: Breakfast Lunch Students \$1.50 \$3.00 Adults \$3.00 \$5.00 | | Nutrition Tip: Get started cooking more often at home. If you don't usually cook, start gradually. Make it a goal to cook once a week and work up to cooking more often. Reference: USDA MyPlate | | | |
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | |
| | | Banana Bread 1 Assorted Muffins | Biscuits & Gravy 2 Super Donut | No School 3 | |
| Pancake on a Stick 6 Cinnamon Pancakes | Homemade Breakfast Burrito 7 Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll | Banana Bread 8 Assorted Muffins | Biscuits & Gravy 9 Super Donut | Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll 10 Banana Chocolate Chunk Breakfast Bar | |
| Pancake on a Stick 13 Cinnamon Pancakes | Homemade Breakfast Burrito 14 Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll | Banana Bread 15 Assorted Muffins | Biscuits & Gravy 16 Super Donut | Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll 17 Banana Chocolate Chunk Breakfast Bar | |
| Pancake on a Stick 20 Cinnamon Pancakes | Homemade Breakfast Burrito 21 Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll | Assorted Entrée Choices 22 | Last Day of School 23 Assorted Entrée Choices | 1st Day of School for the 24-25 school year... 24 August 1, 2024 | |
| Memorial Day 27 | Enjoy your summer! 28 | | Additional Entrees Offered Daily: Yogurt, Mini Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, String Cheese 29 | Offered Daily: Assorted Fresh & Canned Fruits, 100% Juice, 1% White Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Milk 31 | |

| MAY 2024 | | Mingus Union High School | | | LUNCH |
|--|---|---|---|--|-------|
| Meal Prices: Breakfast Lunch Students \$1.50 \$3.00 Adults \$3.00 \$5.00 | | May is National Egg Month. Eggs can be eaten in a salad, as part of a breakfast sandwich, as an omelet, mixed into fried rice or simply boiled, fried or scrambled. How do you like to eat eggs? | | | |
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | |
| | | Chicken & Waffles 1 Oven Baked Tater Tots | Korean Chicken Bowl 2 Mixed Vegetables | No School 3 | |
| Honey BBQ Pork Rib Sandwich 6 Oven Baked Fries | Beefy Nachos 7 Refried Beans | Hot Dog w/ Chips 8 Oven Baked Tater Tots | Orange Chicken Bowl 9 Steamed Peas | Bosco Cheese Pizza Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce 10 Sweet Potato Fries | |
| Popcorn Chicken w/ Whole Grain Dinner Roll 13 Oven Baked Fries | Doritos Walking Taco 14 Refried Beans | Chicken Wings w/ Whole Grain Dinner Roll 15 Sweet Potato Fries | Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl w/ Egg Roll 16 Mixed Vegetables | Big Daddy Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza 17 Oven Baked Fries | |
| Manager's Special 20 | Manager's Special 21 | No Lunch - Early Out 22 | Last Day of School 23 No Lunch - Early Out | 1st Day of School for the 24-25 school year... 24 August 1, 2024 | |
| Memorial Day 27 | Enjoy your summer! 28 | | Offered Daily: Fruit & Vegetable Bar, 100% Juice, 1% White Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Milk 29 | Daily Entrée Choices: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Spicy or Regular Chicken Sandwich, Bean & Cheese Burrito, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Deli Sandwich, PB & J Uncrustable 31 | |