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November 2024

Marshall Elementary Student Raegyn Youngblood Shines as AZ529 Essay Contest Winner

November 8, 2024

Marshall Elementary fifth-grader Raegyn Youngblood has been named one of the winners of the prestigious AZ529 essay contest. Organized by Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee, this statewide competition invited fifth and sixth-grade students to write about their dream jobs and how they plan to achieve them.

Raegyn's essay stood out among 627 submissions and earned him the title of Coconino County winner. He shared his aspirations of becoming a chef, highlighting the joy of tasting new dishes and the importance of perseverance in reaching his goals.

"The best part about learning is you have to taste your food as you go," said Raegyn. "I like to taste new dishes."

Raegyn's mother, Jody Youngblood, shared the story behind his essay.

"Raegyn came home excited about this contest and kept reminding us to help him submit it," she said. "We finally sat down, and he poured his heart into it. When we found out he won, he was over the moon!"

Jody recounted their memorable trip to Phoenix, where they attended the award ceremony at the State Capitol.

"He got to meet State Treasurer Kimberly Yee and hold a giant check—something he was really excited about!" said Jody, laughing. "The \$529 prize, deposited into a 529 Arizona Education Savings Plan, will help support Raegyn's educational journey."

Raegyn's passion for cooking began at home, where he often made pancakes with his older brother. This love for culinary arts has now blossomed into a dream of opening his own restaurant someday. While he has not decided on a specific culinary school, his mother mentioned that Northern Arizona University, where his dad teaches, is always in the running.

"We've always encouraged our kids to chase their dreams," said Jody. "I'm proud of Raegyn for his determination and hard work. He stayed committed to this essay, and it

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A message from our **SUPERINTENDENT**

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it" — William Arthur Ward

Giving thanks is a longstanding, central tradition among Indigenous peoples that is still practiced today. I am especially grateful for the incredible honor to serve alongside so many dedicated, and compassionate educators within the Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) who help our students and school communities thrive. But we could not do this amazing work alone without the partnership and support of our families and communities. As we approach the holiday season,

I invite you to give your "wrapped presents" of gratitude to those who deserve and need them. To express our gratitude to the dedicated educators who shape young minds, let's take action:

- Handwritten thank you notes: A heartfelt note expressing gratitude to a teacher, bus driver, or custodian can make a significant impact.

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Dream Job

My grandmother was always happiest when the family was well fed and had, "a full belly". I have a dream of becoming a chef and owning my own restaurant. Some of the ways I will achieve this goal are by going to culinary school, studying restaurant management, and always looking for new fun things to learn to make.

The first major step will be going to culinary school. Learning from a chef will be a wonderful experience. There are many cooking techniques that they will be able to show me. Some involve dangers like fire and others are super delicate and hard to get just right. The best part about learning is you have to taste your food as you go. I like to taste new dishes.

The next step is also very important. I can only make great food and run a successful restaurant if it is able to make money. I think having a very diverse menu will bring in many different people. I currently do not know much about business but I am learning. Also, the money isn't the most important thing. My dad tells me that if I treat people right they will come back cause that is good business.

Finally, I will always be open to traveling and discovering new ideas for tasty food. I believe if I study hard, work even harder, keep an open mind and a smile that my dream will happen. Who know my restaurant might turn out better than I expect it to be. One thing I do know is it will be amazing to see the smiles people have when my food gives them "a full belly."

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paid off."

The AZ529 essay contest, now in its fifth year, aims to inspire Arizona's youth to think about their future careers and educational paths. This year's competition saw a diverse group of winners from district, charter, private, and Bureau of Indian Education schools across Arizona. Each winner received \$529 to kickstart or grow their AZ529 savings accounts, which can be used for future education expenses such as tuition, books, or trade school

costs.

Treasurer Yee emphasized the significance of this program.

"It's inspiring to meet these ambitious student winners who are planning for their future careers," she said. "They represent the future of our state."

Raegyn's accomplishment marks a proud moment for the Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) and Marshall Elementary. As the only winner from Coconino County, Raegyn has set a shining example for his peers. 🌲

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FUSD Annual Report 2023-2024



November 8, 2024

FUSD Annual Report 2023-2024 Now Available! Each year, FUSD publishes its annual report to summarize the school district's state, programs offered at its 15 campuses, the current school district calendar, and so much more. LINK: <https://ow.ly/rnX950U3u15>.



SCAN ME!



Aaron Cirzan



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Kortney Zesiger

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- Verbal appreciation: Take a moment to thank a principal, office assistant, or food service staff in person or through a phone call or email.
- Volunteer in classrooms: Offer assistance with classroom activities, field trips, or special events, or share your skills on FUSD's CommunityShare platform (<https://www.communityshare.org/flagstaff/>).
- Donate school supplies: Contribute to the FUSD Foundation's Teacher's Closet or donate directly to the school.
- Support school initiatives: Attend board meetings, volunteer for fundraising events, or advocate for increased education funding.
- Positive social media posts: Share positive experiences about FUSD schools and events on social media.
- Collaborate with local businesses: Partner with local businesses to offer discounts or special deals to educators.
- Organize community events: Host community events that benefit schools, such as fun runs or charity auctions.

By expressing gratitude, we not only uplift others but also enrich our own lives. Let's make this a season of gratitude and appreciation. 🌲

Flagstaff Unified School District Governing Board Election Results

November 7, 2024

The Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) recently held elections for three open seats on the governing board. The district is pleased to announce that Carolyn Kidd, Melissa Kirk, and Kortney Zesiger have been elected as the newest members of the governing board. Their four-year terms will begin in January 2025 and conclude on December 31, 2028. Each brings a diverse set of experiences and perspectives that will help shape the future of the district.

In addition to the newly elected members, Aaron Cirzan has been

elected to fulfill the two-year term through December 2026. Erik Sather will continue his service as an appointed member of the governing board, with his term extending through December 2026. His leadership and dedication will provide valuable continuity as the district navigates upcoming opportunities and challenges.

The district would also like to express its gratitude to the outgoing governing board members—Christine Fredericks, Carole Gilmore, and Dorothy Denetsose Gishie—whose

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FUSD Launches CommunityShare to Ignite Real-World Learning Opportunities

November 8, 2024

The Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) is excited to announce its partnership with CommunityShare, a new initiative designed to connect educators with parents, local professionals, and community members to create dynamic, real-world learning opportunities for students. By linking classrooms with a "human library" of individuals who bring diverse skills, knowledge, and experiences, this innovative platform enriches the educational experience for FUSD's PK-12 students.

CommunityShare's digital platform allows community members to create profiles that highlight their expertise and interests. Educators can then browse the platform to find collaborators for projects, guest speakers, mentors, and more. This approach fosters meaningful connections that inspire curiosity and build critical life skills among students.

Superintendent Michael Penca emphasized the impact of these partnerships.

"Guided by our incredible community members, we can inspire curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking," he said. "Even one hour of

your time can have a lasting impact."

FUSD invites individuals from all backgrounds to participate, whether you're an engineer, artist, athlete, traveler, or community leader. To join, visit www.communityshare.org/flagstaff, create a profile, and complete a background screening to ensure student safety. For assistance with setting up a profile or learning more about the program, please contact Joshua Butler at jbutler@fUSD1.org.

Educators in the district are encouraged to use CommunityShare as a resource for finding partners and inspiration for classroom projects. Local support, such as Kathleen Malkhassian (kmalkhassian@fUSD1.org), is available to help teachers brainstorm ideas and connect with the perfect community partner.

FUSD's partnership with CommunityShare highlights its commitment to fostering transformative learning experiences. By tapping into the wealth of talent and knowledge within our community, we can help students unlock their potential and prepare for the future. Together, we can empower the next generation through real-world learning! 🌲

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terms will end on December 31, 2024. Their years of dedicated service have had a profound impact on FUSD, and their contributions have been instrumental in advancing the district's mission.

Recognition is also due to all the candidates who participated in this election. Their willingness to step forward and serve demonstrates a deep commitment to public education and the Flagstaff community.

The newly elected and continuing members of the governing board will play a critical role in supporting the district's vision and ensuring a positive educational experience for all students. Coconino County Superintendent Cheryl Mango-Paget will administer the Oath of Office for the new governing board members on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 1 p.m. in the FUSD Governing Board Room. The first meeting of the newly seated governing board will take place in January 2025. 🌲

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Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age – Special Screening

November 15, 2024

FUSD invites middle and high school families to a special screening of Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age. This powerful documentary delves into the effects of screen time on children and families, offering practical solutions for achieving a healthy balance in today's digital world.

Event details:

- Date: December 5, 2024
- Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Location: Sinagua Middle School

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and strategies for navigating the digital age with your family.

Learn more at www.fUSD1.org/screenagers. 🌲



Your Voice Matters

Re-imagine Current Marshall Elementary School and Site

Join the Conversation: Re-imagining Marshall Elementary School

November 15, 2024

Your voice matters!

The Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) invites you to participate in a series of facilitated discussions to help shape the future of the current Marshall Elementary School site.

With the new Marshall Elementary set to open in Fall 2025, now is the time to re-imagine how this space can serve the evolving needs of our district and community.

These sessions are open to all staff, parents, students, and community members. Join us in this collaborative process as we envision new possibilities for this important site.

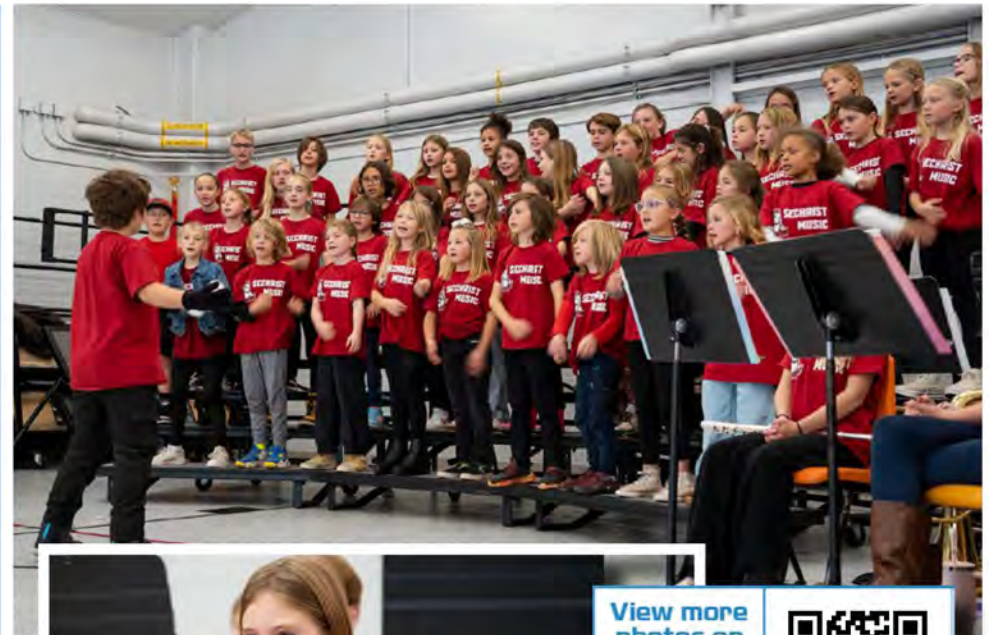
Let's work together to create a space that reflects our shared values and aspirations.

We look forward to seeing you there! 🌲

Discussion Dates and Details:

DATES: 6:30-8 PM | Wednesday, December 4, 2024
6:30-8 PM | Wednesday, January 22, 2025

LOCATION: Flagstaff High School Commons



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Sechrist Elementary Honors Veterans with Special Concert

November 9, 2024

On November 7, Sechrist Elementary School hosted a heartfelt Veterans Day concert, showcasing the talents of the Sechrist choir and intermediate band. The event also featured inspiring essays from select 4th-grade students, creating a

powerful tribute to veterans from all branches of the military.

Thank you to the students and staff who worked tirelessly to bring this memorable celebration to life! 🌲



FUSD Educators Honored as 2025 Coconino County Teacher, Rookie Teacher of the Year Nominees

November 17, 2024

The Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of its educators. Numerous teachers have been nominated for the prestigious 2025 Coconino County Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year awards. These nominations highlight the dedication, innovation, and excellence that FUSD educators bring to their classrooms every day, positively impacting students and the community.

This year's Teacher of the Year nominees represent a diverse group of passionate educators from across

the district. From Coconino High School, nominees include Janielle Buckley, Gaby Garcia, Joel Giannola, Molly Johnson, Kelley Smith, and Francy Solarte Soto. DeMiguel Elementary's Joy Bruner, Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School's Steven Busby, and Knoles Elementary's Haven Dubel, Jodi Hunt, and Christine Stoner have also been recognized for their contributions. At Puente de Hózhó Elementary, Lauren Bradshaw, Lani Giessinger, Joe Rauschenbach, and Natalia Reyes-Garcia are among the nominees, along with Samantha Lewis, Brandi Fairbanks, and Laurie Jeffers from Thomas Elementary and Dawn Quamahongnewa from Leupp

Elementary.

The Rookie Teacher of the Year category highlights the bright future of education. Five exceptional first-year teachers from FUSD were nominated. These include Ella Stoll from Coconino High School, Anacina Barry from Kinsey Elementary, Lesley Littlefield from Knoles Elementary, and Kristi Marshall and Samantha Lewis from Thomas Elementary.

Superintendent of Schools Cheryl Mango-Paget recently visited schools across the district to personally recognize each nominee for their outstanding contributions. Her visits were a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the incredible talent and

dedication of these educators in the presence of their colleagues and students.

The highly anticipated 2025 Teacher of the Year awards ceremony will take place on April 17, 2025, at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff. This event will be a special moment to honor the teachers who go above and beyond to inspire, motivate, and support their students. This year's record-breaking number of nominations highlights the extraordinary talent within FUSD and the profound impact these educators have on students, their families, and the broader community. 🌟

Celebrating Native American Heritage Month Across FUSD

November 22, 2024

November marks Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor and celebrate the rich cultural heritage, history, and contributions of Native American communities. The Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) proudly fosters a vibrant learning environment enriched by Indigenous traditions, cultures, and perspectives. Throughout the month, students, families, and staff joined in various events to recognize the achievements and ongoing influence of Native American individuals within the district and beyond.

District-wide, FUSD schools hosted special lunches to bring students, families, and staff together in celebration. These lunches featured freshly made frybread for Navajo tacos, with the help of dedicated volunteers. The shared meals provided a meaningful opportunity to honor Native traditions and build community connections while highlighting the cultural richness within the district.

At Kinsey Elementary School, the 2nd Annual Ambassador Pageant was a standout event. Students showcased cultural pride and leadership, with Liam Huskon, Kierra Sahmea, and Othell Bekay being named ambassadors. The pageant highlighted the pride and diversity that contribute to the school's unique spirit.

Killip Elementary also embraced the opportunity to celebrate diversity during its special lunch. Families and students wore traditional clothing, creating a visual reminder of the vibrant cultures that make up the school community. These gatherings emphasized the importance of coming together to share traditions and celebrate heritage.

Puente de Hózhó Elementary School took a creative approach with its event, Naadą́' es

Resistencia (Corn is Resistance), which explored the historical and cultural significance of corn among Indigenous peoples. Families shared corn-inspired dishes in a potluck that celebrated culinary traditions and reinforced the importance of community and cultural resistance.

Meanwhile, Mount Elden Middle School brought Native traditions to life with its Indigenous Dance Fest on November 14. The school's dome was transformed into a vibrant cultural space with performances by Navajo Ribbon Dancers, Pow-Wow dancers, and the Apache Crown Dancers. The event was filled with music, movement, and storytelling, fostering a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture while bringing the community together in celebration.

Thomas Elementary School rounded out the month's activities with a themed week of daily events from November 13-17. Students and staff wore turquoise, moccasins, Indigenous-themed t-shirts, and traditional outfits throughout the week. The celebration culminated in a colorful and meaningful display of pride in Native heritage and unity within the school community.

Throughout these celebrations, FUSD reaffirmed its commitment to honoring Native American cultures and ensuring that students, families, and staff feel valued and represented. The events and activities served as a reminder of the district's dedication to building an inclusive community enriched by diversity, tradition, and shared pride.



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Coconino High School Honors Tradition with Día de los Muertos Celebration

November 8, 2024

Coconino High School recently hosted its annual Día de los Muertos celebration, an event that brought students, families, and staff together to honor this vibrant and meaningful tradition.

From November 1 through November 8, the CHS library became a colorful gallery, showcasing student-created mini altars as part of the Third-Day of the Day of the Dead Altar Contest and Exhibition. This year's celebration highlighted the creativity of Spanish and English Language Learners (ELL) students, with the addition of contributions from the art department, making the event a collaborative celebration of culture, memory, and community.

Organized by Francy Solarte, Spanish teacher at CHS, the altar contest allowed students to craft mini altars from shoeboxes in tribute to loved ones, pets, or even famous figures. Each altar included a dedication written in Spanish, with some students incorporating their home languages into their tributes.

"This is more than just an art project—it's an interdisciplinary effort that brings Spanish, ELL, and art classes together to honor a deeply meaningful tradition," said Solarte. "We were especially excited this year to feature ceramic skulls from our art students as part of the exhibition."

The celebration was a true cross-departmental effort. Culinary arts students provided traditional pan de muerto (bread of the dead) and hot chocolate, which were enjoyed during the parent night on November 7. Families gathered in the cafeteria for food and fellowship before being treated to a beautiful performance by Ballet Folklorico De Colores, which added an extra layer of cultural significance to the evening.

Kelly Woodruff, CHS art teacher, participated in the event for the first time and praised the sense of community it fostered.

"Being able to gather with the Coconino High School community and honor the annual Mexican celebration, Día de los Muertos, is a great reminder of how special our Flagstaff Unified School District family is," said Woodruff. "Our sculpture students loved the opportunity to collaborate with the Spanish department on this special event."

The altar contest concluded with an awards ceremony celebrating student creativity. First place, determined by popular vote, went to Michelle Rodriguez and Yosra Karimi for their altar "Prima Iris." Honorable Mention was awarded to Alynna Cota and Ava Ríos for their altar dedicated to "Abuelos." Several students received Jury Recognition for their exceptional work, including Brianna Hernandez and Montserrath Herrera, Alexandra Villareal Adame, Sena Stoddard, Luis Angel Santellano, and Hanthuan Rodriguez. The event also featured a Candy Skull Contest, with first place awarded to senior Justine Sloan for her intricate design, second place awarded to Aubrey Furstnow, and third place to Shyann S. Bitsuie.

Judges for the contests included community leaders and CHS staff, such as Clay Showalter from the Arizona Trail Association and CHS Counselor Giselle Vera, highlighting the strong support from both the school and the wider community.

Reflecting on the event's success, Solarte emphasized the importance of cultural connection.

"It's a way for our students to connect with their heritage, learn about cultural traditions, and share that with others," she said. "Each

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Flagstaff High School Celebrates Día de los Muertos

November 6, 2024

Flagstaff High School hosted a vibrant Día de los Muertos Night, celebrating culture and tradition with the FHS Hispanic Heritage Club. The event featured delicious food, lively music, and heartfelt Ofrendas honoring loved ones who have passed.

A special thanks to the club president for sharing a perfected pan dulce recipe that was a crowd favorite! Guests also enjoyed a beautiful poetry wall, filled with words and art that honored life and cherished memories.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a meaningful and unforgettable celebration! 🌿



A Heartwarming Fall Harvest Feast at Leupp Elementary School

November 25, 2024

On Monday, November 25, Leupp Elementary School was filled with joy and community spirit as students, staff, and families gathered for a special Fall Harvest Feast lunch. The celebration brought everyone together to share delicious food and connect in gratitude. Before and after the feast, students stayed engaged in their learning and even took time to enjoy some fun dancing, making the day a perfect blend of education, celebration, and joy! 🌿

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year, I'm inspired by the creativity and heart that our students put into their work."

The 2024 Día de los Muertos celebration at Coconino High School was a powerful reminder of the importance of cultural exchange, creativity, and community. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event an unforgettable experience. The CHS community looks forward to continuing this cherished tradition in the years to come. 🌿

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Flagstaff High School Cross Country Makes History

The Flagstaff High School cross country teams achieved a historic milestone at the 2024 state championships, sweeping both the boys' and girls' Division II titles. A special congratulations to Olivia Baker and Alex Bland for their outstanding individual victories and to Coach Trina Painter for leading the teams to this remarkable accomplishment. Your hard work and dedication have made Flagstaff proud—way to go, Eagles! 🌲

Flagstaff, Coconino Mountain Biking Teams Shine at State

A huge congratulations to the Flagstaff High School Mountain Biking team for clinching their fourth consecutive state title at the Arizona Cycling Association Division I championship. This outstanding achievement reflects their dedication and consistency over the years. Special applause goes to Nora Kruse and Isaac Cole for their first-place finishes in the girls' and boys' varsity races, as well as Keegan Field for securing third place.

Let us also celebrate the Coconino High School Mountain Biking team's stellar performance at the state championships. Special recognition to Phineas Shroufe, the JV1 State Champion—an incredible accomplishment! Kudos, as well, to Ethan Rasmussen for finishing 3rd in JV1 and Ellie Scott for placing 4th in JV2.

Both teams have demonstrated remarkable commitment and sportsmanship. Way to go, Flagstaff and Coconino High School bikers! 🌲

Historic Flag Football Season for Coconino and Flagstaff

The Coconino Panthers and Flagstaff Eagles wrapped up remarkable seasons, cementing their status as flag football trailblazers in northern Arizona.

The Coconino Panthers had an outstanding season, finishing with a 12-4 record and earning the No. 6 seed in the 4A State Tournament. After an impressive 38-0 victory over Westview in the quarterfinals, the Panthers advanced to the semifinals, where they narrowly fell to Prescott in a thrilling 28-21 matchup. Key performances from standout players like Blanca Ventura Gomez and Lucy Stiegler, both nominees for the Arizona High School Girls Flag Football Player of the Year Award, helped propel the team to success. Senior Wylan Smith was also honored as the Arizona Daily Sun's Flag Football Athlete of the Year, indicating her leadership and impact on the field.

Flagstaff High School, established in 2023 as northern Arizona's first flag football team, continued to make waves in the 4A Mountain Sky Conference. The Eagles earned the No. 13 seed in the state tournament and competed fiercely in the first round against Heritage Laveen, showcasing their resilience and competitive spirit. Their program, now in its second year, has set a strong foundation for continued growth and success.

Congratulations to both teams for their remarkable achievements and for representing FUSD with pride, determination, and sportsmanship. Your efforts have inspired the community and set a high bar for the future of flag football in northern Arizona. 🌲

Flagstaff High School Swimmers Shine at State

A huge congratulations to our incredible Flagstaff High School swimmers for their remarkable achievements at the state championships! Special recognition goes to Abbie Miller and Victoria Core for their standout performances, as well as the entire Eagles swim team for their dedication and success in the pool. 🌲

FHS Volleyball Completes a Remarkable Season

The Flagstaff High School Eagles volleyball team had an incredible season, finishing with an outstanding 18-1 record, including an undefeated regular season. As the top seed in the state tournament, the Eagles advanced to the quarterfinals, where they faced a strong opponent in Saguaro.

While their season ended earlier than hoped, the Eagles demonstrated skill, determination, and resilience throughout the year. Led by Coach Beth Haglin, who was named Grand Canyon Region Coach of the Year, the team achieved significant milestones. Junior Lillian Hartman earned Region Player of the Year, and senior Macie Moseng was recognized as Offensive Player of the Year, with several players receiving regional honors.

The Eagles' success this season was built on teamwork, hard work, and a commitment to excellence. Congratulations to the team, coaches, and seniors for representing Flagstaff High School and FUSD with pride and achieving such remarkable success! 🌲

Coconino, Flagstaff Football

Congratulations to both the Coconino High School Panthers and Flagstaff High School Eagles for their dedication and hard work this season, culminating in an exciting Crosstown Rivalry game. Both teams finished strong with impressive 6-4 records, showcasing the passion and commitment of FUSD student-athletes, coaches, and support staff.

The Panthers' season extended into the 4A State Tournament, marking their second consecutive postseason appearance. While their run ended with a tough matchup against Mica Mountain, senior quarterback Colton Buckingham and running back Fernando Ramirez led an impressive offense that kept fans cheering throughout the year.

A special shoutout goes to senior Noble Young-Blackgoat, who was named the Arizona Daily Sun's 2024 Football Athlete of the Year. His leadership as a safety, wide receiver, and special teams player was instrumental to the team's success, earning him all-league honors two years in a row.

Thank you, Panthers and Eagles, for representing FUSD with pride, sportsmanship, and determination. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for these incredible student-athletes. 🌲

A Season of Growth and Achievement for Golf Teams

Congratulations to the Coconino High School Girls Golf team for a remarkable season and individual successes at the State Championships! Jada Dickson, a senior, shot 89-81 to finish 31st,

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while sophomore Jazmin Boyce shot 92-86, earning a 49th-place finish in Division II competition. Their hard work and dedication capped off an impressive year for the program.

The Coconino Boys Golf team also had a strong season, finishing third in the Section 7 Championship, narrowly missing a team appearance at the state tournament. Meanwhile, the girls' team finished second in their section and proudly sent two individual qualifiers to Tucson, representing the only girls' high school golf program in the area.

The Flagstaff High School Boys Golf team also impressed this season, finishing 4th overall in their section and earning a final Division II ranking of 20th out of 84 schools. Payne Lowry led the Eagles with a 20th-place individual finish, narrowly missing a state qualification by just two seeds. 🌲

Coconino Cheer Shines at Regionals!

Congratulations to the Coconino High School Cheer Team for an outstanding performance at the USA Regionals, where they took first place and secured a spot at the National Championships! This incredible achievement highlights the hard work, dedication, and talent of these student-athletes and their coaches.

Best of luck to the Panthers as they prepare to compete on the national stage. You've made FUSD and the entire community proud! 🌲



Photos, first-row L-R: Flagstaff High School (FHS) Cross Country Boys and Girls teams won the 2024 Division II Cross Country state championships on November 2, 2024, in Phoenix. Right: FHS Mountain Bike team won their fourth consecutive state championship. Middle row, L-R: Coconino High School (CHS) Mountain Bike team faired well at the state tournament and placed in several categories. Bottom row, L-R: CHS and FHS Flag Football teams played in their rivalry game in October 2024. Right: CHS and FHS Football teams played in their cross-town rivalry game on November 2024.



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