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MOUNTAIN POINTE STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

February 12, 2024 – The <u>National Honor Society</u> (NHS) announced that Cailinn Allen, a high school senior at Mountain Pointe and member of NHS, has been selected as an NHS Scholarship semifinalist.

Since 1946, more than \$25 million in scholarships have been awarded to outstanding NHS senior members to support college access and student success. The scholarship program is supported by the parent organization of NHS, the <u>National Association of Secondary School Principals</u> (NASSP). Recipients are chosen based on their demonstrated work to support the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

"Since the moment Cailinn came to Mountain Pointe, I have been fortunate to interact with her as the Gifted Coordinator for Pride's Peak, as her NHS sponsor, and as her teacher in Honors College Level 4th and 5th year Spanish courses," said Mary Catherine Boatright, Mountain Pointe teacher and NHS sponsor. "Because I have interacted with Calinn in many ways, I have been able to see her grow and mature as a responsible student who is preparing to begin her studies at the university level as well as a young person moved to make a difference in this world".

During her time at Mountain Pointe, Allen has served in leadership positions in the Environmental Club, Band, and the Indigenous Peoples Student Union. She also assisted in reactivating the HLSU (Hispanic Latino Student Union) and is actively involved in many other honor societies and clubs on campus. She is an AP Scholar and earned the Seal of Biliteracy as a junior in English/Spanish. As a College Knowing and Growing Ambassador and Pride's Peak Gifted Scholarship Chair, she actively seeks out and shares resources to all students. Currently she is in the UofA Native American Science and Engineering program. Her dream school is Stanford, where she plans to study environmental science and public policy.

For more information about the NHS, visit www.nationalhonorsociety.org.

About Tempe Union High School District

Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) is an A-rated school district by the Arizona Department of Education and home to approximately 12,000 students across six high schools. Five TUHSD schools have also earned the A+ Award of Excellence from the Arizona Educational Foundation and three schools – Desert Vista, Mountain Pointe and McClintock - have earned the award twice. It is our vision that all students will graduate with the knowledge, understanding and ability to apply skills necessary for success in college, career and life. For more information, visit www.tempeunion.org.