



## Arizona Department of Education

Educator & School Excellence  
Arts Education

### The Arizona Department of Education Awards State Seal of Arts Proficiency to 585 Graduating Seniors

The Arizona Department of Education is proud to congratulate the 585 graduating seniors from 58 schools representing 19 districts & charters across the state who graduated with the Arizona State Seal of Arts Proficiency. In the wake of the COVID19 global pandemic, many of these seniors, their instructors, and administrators were faced with the added challenge of using digital & distance learning methods to ensure students met minimum requirements to achieve this recognition.

Students recognized with the State Seal of Arts Proficiency graduated with a GPA of 3.0 or better in 4 or more credits of qualifying arts courses, together they completed a combined total of 17,550+ hours of arts extra-curricular activities, and finished a student led capstone project demonstrating a culmination of their artistic learning. ADE awarded seals in five artistic disciplines including Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre Arts, and Visual Arts.

We are incredibly proud of the creativity & dedication of the inaugural cohort of young artists who overcame immense challenges to receive this rigorous honor. We can't wait to see where their creative skills take them in life. We imagine some graduates will pursue successful careers in the creative industries sector which employed 3.48 million people in the United States and 74,688 people in the state of Arizona in 2017. Other graduates will use the experiences they gained through their arts education to enrich their lives and the lives of others in whatever field they choose to pursue. Best of luck to the 2020 graduates!

View the attached report for a breakdown of arts seals awarded in the 2019-2020 school year by district/charter and artistic discipline.

Yours in Celebration,

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