

To the Class of 2008

Here you stand, on the threshold of your future, a canvas ready for the first brush stroke. All you need to do is step forward and embrace your tomorrow. You are ready to take this first, essential step, but remember that each of the subsequent steps that follow and the direction they take is now in your hands. Consider carefully what you want to do and where you want to go.

Wherever your path may lead you, remember that the key to being successful is to continue the learning process.

As a member of the Apache Junction Unified School District Governing Board. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that I'm proud of you, and I believe you can accomplish anything. As you enter the global workplace, I will be watching your progress with pride because I know the future is in good hands. After all, it is now in your hands.

Sincerely,
Lucy Young, President
Apache Junction Unified School District Governing Board



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Apache Junction School Board

Dear Graduating Class of 2008

Congratulations on achieving a significant milestone in your life, graduating from Apache Junction High School. This is a significant achievement in your life; however, it is just the beginning. I have watched your class for the past three years and seen a class with a tremendous amount of potential. You have achieved success in the classroom, in athletic and fine arts. You have also demonstrated a sense of community by your commitment to service. You are now ready to begin a new phase in your life. Take the next step to fulfill your potential.

Apache Junction High School, your parents/guardians, and the community have provided you with the foundation to make a difference. Begin today to make that difference in your life, in the community you live in, in your chosen profession, and in the world. Make a difference by making a commitment to yourself and believing in your ability to impact the world.

You should be proud of the hard work you have put into your education for the past twelve years. Remember the hard work, planning, goal setting, dedication, commitment and fun that you put into reaching this goal, as these are many of the same attributes you will need to be successful in life.

No matter what directions you chose to move toward after graduation, good luck! I look forward to seeing and hearing about the difference you will make on the local, state, national and international stage.

Good Luck and Congratulations,
Dr. Greg Wyman
Apache Junction Unified School District Superintendent



Dr. Greg Wyman
Superintendent of Schools

AJHS NJROTC Awards List

Presented in Ceremony on Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Command Staff Appointees for 2008/2009

Commanding Officer: C/LTJG Presley Morrissey
Executive Officer: C/ENS Chance Carlson
Community Service Officer: C/CPO Amira Mogharbel
Command Chief: C/MCPO Sarah White
Personnel Officer: C/PO3 Samantha Steffen
Supply Officer: C/SCPO James Converse
Operations Officer: C/ENS Charles Zanella
Administrative Officer: C/PO3 Austin Kennedy
Training Officer: C/PO2 Stephanie Rowe
Public Affairs Officer: C/PO2 Sarah Swander
Weapons Officer: C/CPO James Farrell

Outside Awards

The Sword Award

A Navy Officer's Sword is presented by Judge Dennis Lusk to a graduating NS-3 or NS-4 cadet who has maintained the highest military bearing and leadership throughout their years in the NJROTC program. Awarded to: Tristan Stanger

Military Order Of the Purple Heart

Presented to the cadet who has shown exceptional potential for military leadership and high academic standing

Awarded To: Presley Morrissey

Marine Corps League Award (Demoss Award)

This award is presented to a cadet for superb performance and leadership potential. Awarded To: Charles Zanella

Chief Petty Officers Association, Naval Reserve Center Phoenix

Awarded for outstanding leadership and military excellence.

Awarded To: Sarah White

The Reserve Officers Association Award

Presented to the cadet who best exemplifies the objectives of the NJROTC program including responsibility, character, patriotism, and self-discipline. The award consists of a medal, certificate, and ribbon. Awarded To: Brandon Foutz

The Military Order Of The World Wars

Presented to the cadet who has demonstrated soldierly bearing and dedicated to the unit, school, and country. This award consists of medal, certificate, and ribbon. Awarded To: Glen Stillman

The Daughters of the American Revolution

Presented to an outstanding cadet who exemplifies character, patriotism, leadership, academics, and duty. Awarded To: Sara Preston

The Military Officers Association of America Award

Presented to a cadet who shows exceptional potential for military leadership and has demonstrated a high degree of loyalty to the unit, the school, and the country. This award consists of a medal and ribbon. Medal: Amira Mogharbel, Flag: Chance Carlson

The Sons of the American Revolution Award

Presented to a cadet who exemplifies the objectives of the NJROTC program including responsibility, character, patriotism, and self-discipline. Awarded To: James Farrell

The Daedalian JROTC Achievement Award

The Daedalians are a fraternity of commissioned military pilots from all military services. This award is presented to a cadet in the top 10% of his/her class, who has demonstrated patriotism, love of country, and service to the nation. Awarded To: Dustin Heine



Judge Dennis Lusk (l) presents outgoing Cadet Commanding Officer Tristan Stanger a Navy Officer's sword for his leadership accomplishments.

The American Veterans Award (AMVETS)

Presented to cadets who demonstrate exceptional leadership and possesses initiative, dependability, sound judgement, and self-confidence. Awarded To: Matthew Bielkiewicz, Ariel Taylor

The Navy League of the United States Youth Medal

Presented to cadets in providing a high standard of academic achievement and leadership. Awarded To: Keisha McClincy

The Non-Commissioned Officer Association Award

This medal is presented to the Cadet Petty Officer who best exemplifies the objectives of the NJROTC program, good character, and adherence to military discipline. Awarded To: Sarah Swander

The Fleet Reserve Association Award

Presented to the cadet who has shown exceptional potential for military leadership and high academic standing. Awarded To: Logan McClincy

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction, USA JROTC Award

Awarded in recognition of scholastic excellence and demonstrated Americanism in supporting the United States. Awarded To: Samantha Steffen

The National Sojourners Phoenix Chapter 306 JROTC Award

Awarded in recognition of the highest attributes of Americanism and support of the United States. Awarded To: Austin Kennedy

Surface Navy Associations Stephen Decatur Award

Two awards: one for a first year cadet and one for a second year cadet. Awarded to cadets who have demonstrated outstanding military and academic achievement. NS-1 Ivan Irygoyen, NS-2 Stephanie Rowe

United States Daughters of 1812

Awarded to a cadet who has demonstrated qualities of academic excellence, leadership, military discipline, dependability, patriotism, and upright character in speech and habits that exemplify the ideals upon which our nation was founded. Awarded To: Taylor Rath

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