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Agua Fria High School District Hosts Academy Selection Day Celebrations

(Goodyear, Ariz. – January 31, 2025) – The Agua Fria High School District recently hosted its inaugural Academy Selection Day Celebrations, marking an unforgettable day for students as they proudly committed to their chosen academies and career pathways. The event was designed to generate excitement, foster belonging, and celebrate the future journeys of all students.

The Academies of the Southwest Valley embody the District's vision of **Creating Choice, Crafting Character, and Cultivating Community**, offering students robust pathways in career and creative industries. Through hands-on learning and real-world experiences, students have the opportunity to shape their futures in fields such as Trades, Technology, Medical, Arts, Entrepreneurship, and more.

The celebration honored students' commitment to exploring these dynamic career pathways, bringing academy cohorts together for the first time. Dressed in their academy colors, students cheered alongside peers and staff, marking this milestone with music, games, and high-energy activities that fostered excitement and pride in their chosen paths. They heard inspiring messages from their principals and connected with their future academy coaches and pathway teachers. Encouraged to fully immerse themselves in their academy experience, students were urged to stay curious, embrace opportunities, and explore whether their chosen industry could shape their future careers.

"Academy Selection Day is about more than choosing a path; it's about celebrating who our students are today and who they will become tomorrow," said Superintendent Mark Yslas. "This event builds excitement while creating a sense of belonging and identity for every student as they take these meaningful next steps."

The Academies of the Southwest Valley are the cornerstone of the District's commitment to preparing students to enroll in college, enlist in the military, join the workforce, or become entrepreneurs. By fostering a community-driven, student-centered approach, Agua Fria High School District ensures that every student has access to educational excellence and real-world readiness.

For more information on the Academies of the Southwest Valley, visit aguafria.org/academies.

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Agua Fria Union High School District was established in 1955. Today, the district serves the communities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, with six high schools: Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Millennium, Verrado and Agua Fria Online. Plus the District offers two alternative programs: Coldwater Academy and New Directions. More information can be found at aguafria.org



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El Distrito de Escuelas Secundarias Agua Fria Union se estableció en 1955. Hoy en día, el distrito sirve a las comunidades de Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, con seis escuelas secundarias: Agua Fría, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Millennium, Verrado y Agua Fría Online. Además, el distrito ofrece dos programas alternativos: Coldwater Academy y New Directions. Más información se puede encontrar en aguafria.org