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Press Release

U.S. Army All American Marching Band Selects Two From Mountain Ridge HS

Mountain Ridge HS Marching Band sending two to National Marching Band Bowl Event

Glendale, AZ November 2, 2017:

U.S. Army All American Marching Band selection tour will stop at Mountain Ridge High School in Glendale, AZ **Monday November 6, 2017 at 10:00 am** to officially announce two seniors for the 2018 Army All American Marching Band roster: **Jaydah Cox and Max Stauffer** (<http://www.usarmyallamericanbowl.com/marchingband/>). All media are welcome to attend the event but must check in at the front office first. Army representatives along with All-American Games have been traveling the country to announce selection of 125 nominees to participate in the US Army All American Bowl Jan. 6, 2018 at San Antonio's Alamodome (<http://www.usarmyallamericanbowl.com/>). The game will showcase the nation's top senior football players and top marching musicians/guard produced by All American Games. **Mountain Ridge HS has produced more All Americans than any other high school in Arizona,** Jaydah and Max are numbers 18 and 19 since 2008.

The Mountain Ridge students selected will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to San Antonio. During Bowl game week the members will receive instruction from top collegiate, high school, and drum/bugle corps instructors from across

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the country as well as educational sessions with members of the U.S. Army Field Band. The band of 125 will march in the halftime performance at the Jan. 6 Bowl game. The Army All American Bowl is seen worldwide by television and live webcast. The U.S. Army All American Marching Band has performed at the game yearly since 2008. The two Mountain Ridge students were nominated by their former (now retired) band director George Hattendorf last November and completed a lengthy application process which ended in May. Applications included academic excellence, personal recommendations, demonstration of good citizenship/volunteerism, two performance auditions, marching auditions, and interview supporting why he/she should be selected as the next Army All American.

This is the 5th year for the Mountain Ridge Pride of the West Marching Band to send students to the U.S. Army All American Bowl Game since 2008 and has produced **more All-Americans than any other high school in Arizona**. The band program is one of the top programs in the state as honored 3 times by the William E. Richardson Program of Distinction Award and has top honors in state and national music festivals. MRHS Pride of the West has performed in the national spotlight many times: 2009 Obama Inauguration, 2007 Rose Bowl Parade, 2015 NFL Pro Bowl, 2015 NFL Experience, 2015 Super Bowl, 2003 & 2008 Fiesta Bowl, 2014 Midwest Clinic, and twice at the USS Arizona memorial and Waikiki Holiday events including the 75th Anniversary. For more about the Mountain Ridge HS Marching Band visit www.mrhsband.net.

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