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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 1.5

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017

**OPENING ITEM:** Outstanding Achievements

**SUBMITTED BY:** Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

**PRESENTED BY:** Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD staff achievements:

### Catalina Foothills High School

The following CFHS seniors have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists: Alan Boldt, Mark Cai, Hyewon Hong, George Jiang, Emma K. Petersen, and Scott Wisnom. These students have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,500 National Merit Scholarship worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

The following CFHS students in the class of 2017 earned the Seal of Biliteracy: Hunter Ackerley (Spanish), Astrid Cambuston (Spanish), Victoria Carotenuto (Spanish), Timothy Demers II (Spanish), Miranda Duenas (Spanish), Xiao-Li Glahn (French), Meena Venkataramanan (Spanish), Isaac Zarif (Spanish), and Sebastian Rahmer (Spanish). The following students in the class of 2018 (seniors this year) have earned the Seal of Biliteracy and will be formally recognized in the spring: Heidi Bockisch (Spanish), Karina Brescia (Spanish), Nathan Brown (Spanish), Emily Ceja-Lopez (Spanish), Sarah Cho (Mandarin Chinese), Anna Kittle (Spanish), Avin Kreisler (Hebrew), Nolan Mac Ban (Spanish), Hector Morales (Spanish), Maya Morken (Spanish), Allison Rascon (Spanish), Dylan Sadowsky (Spanish), Arely Sotelo (Spanish), Deevany Tirado Flores (Spanish), Shane Vincent (Spanish), Scott Wisnom (Spanish), Miriam Yaltaghian (French and

Spanish). Note: There will likely be additional students from the class of 2018. We continue to offer testing dates.

Kim Gassman, CFHS graphic design teacher, and her students participated in a project sponsored by a non-profit organization, the Memory Project. Photos of 45 youth living in an orphanage in Tanzania were sent to Ms. Gassman. Her students created portraits of the children that were delivered to them. The appreciation expressed by the Director of the Memory Project included this comment, "...I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that your school has provided them with personal gifts to last a lifetime."

### Sunrise Drive Elementary School

Sunrise Drive was awarded the "Great Team" award at the University of Arizona Confucius Institute's Language and Culture Day on September 30. The school garnered several awards, including

- Primary Level Second Place awarded to "Little Horse Crosses the River," performed by Alexa Sommers, Adelyn Sommers, Norah Jacob, Quinn Franklin, and William Liu.
- Primary Level First Place awarded to "The Beautiful Rooster," performed by Greta Barbar, Miles Hao, Miles Anderson, Sara Glaesser, and Sofie Collins.
- Intermediate Level Second Place awarded to "Self Contradictory," performed by Braedan MacDowell, Caleb Leonard, Daniel Wu, Lucas Leonard, and Zoe MacDowell.
- Intermediate Level First Place awarded to "There Just to Make Up the Number," performed by Celine Liu, Chloe Lamb, Hannah Levin, Raiden Redford, and Sophia Novak.

Their teacher/coach was Ms. Ning He.