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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 3.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, May 14, 2019

**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 student and staff achievements:

### Athletics

Both our high school girls and boys tennis teams won state this past weekend. They are Division II state champions. Members of the girls team are Selma Fereres, Emily Flowers, Macy Goode, Serena Hsu, Gianna Lampert, Peris Lopez, Annabelle Mulick, Ellie Nentl, Katie Nguyen, Ava Pritz, Stephanie Saunders, and Sophie Silverman. This was the 15th state title for CFHS Coach Kristie Stevens. Emily Flowers and Annabelle Mulick placed #1 and #2 respectively in the girls state singles tennis championship. This was the 6th straight state championship for the boys. Team members are Esteban Alvarez, Jeevaj Bondalapati, Anurag Krishna Dasika, Rueshil Fadia, Hugh Ganem, Chris Hupp, Mason Lee, Anton Nazaroff, Brendan Perry, and Alexey Pivniouk. Their coach is Jeff Bloomberg.

Five CFHS athletes signed a college Letter of Intent as scholar athletes. They are Faith Flores, soccer, Louisiana Tech University; Carson James, basketball, Johns Hopkins University; Alexis Kinan, cheer, Angelo State University; Alex Larson, baseball, Eastern Arizona College; and Tatianna Lizarraga, soccer, Long Island University, Brooklyn.

CFHS sophomore, Cody Blumenthal, was selected to play on the Maccabi USA Youth Men's Basketball Team for the 14th Pan American Maccabi Games July 5-

15 in Mexico City. Cody will be among more than 2,500 athletes from 19 countries at the games, and one of only 12 selected for the U.S. men's youth basketball team.

### Teacher Excellence Award

Canyon View Teacher Brittany Weeks was recognized on May 8 with the Teacher Excellence Award sponsored by Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) and Office Max. Her students submitted a video nomination in which they performed a song about Ms. Weeks and everything that they love about her. Representatives of TVT surprised Ms. Weeks with a visit to the school to present her with roses, a \$250 cash award, and a \$100 Office Max gift card with a bag of school supplies.

### Science Olympiad

Teams from Orange Grove Middle School and Catalina Foothills High School placed at the Science Olympiad State Championship competition. Orange Grove took 3rd place. This was the first year of state competition for the Orange Grove team. Scientists are Olivia Bankhead, Connor Beck, Rowan Cafiero, Dean Gill, Nicole Richards, Kyle Sebring, Sonia Swaroop, Jake Toole, Daniel Wu, Johnny Yu, Michelle Zhang, and Shawn Zhu. The high school's blue team took 2nd place out of 37 teams. Team members are Jerry Barela, Zachary Cramton, Rhys Davis, Aditi Ghosh, Rohini Ghosh, Brooklyn Hampton, Danilo Malo-Molina, Natalie Mast, Irene Meikle, Mark Meikle, Mira Raju, Walter Rahmer, Sofia Reiland, Ryan Thompson, and Josh Tint. The blue team had the highest number of individual 1st place honors: Anatomy - Rohini Ghosh and Mira Raju; Astronomy - Natalie Mast and Walter Rahmer; Boomilever - Jerry Barela and Danilo Malo-Molina; Codebusters - Rhys Davis, Mira Raju, and Josh Tint; Forensics - Brooklyn Hampton and Natalie Mast; Geologic Mapping - Zachary Cramton and Aditi Ghosh; and Water Quality - Mark Meikle and Sofia Reiland. The high school's silver team took 6th place. Team members are Kathryn Burkey, Maria Cazzato, Om Chabra, Marina Couto, Bhargav Ghosh, Nik Gruber, Emily Kamp, Emily Mahadevan, Mateo Malo-Molina, Sara Nielsen, Stephen Pryor, Connor Russell, Kulindu Vithanachchi, Jeremy Wang, and Noah Wellman. Alternates are Erin Dietzman, Morgan Jones, and Kelly Mannenbach.

### String Teacher of the Year

CFSD string teacher, Terry Alexander, was named the Arizona String Teacher Association's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Alexander started our grades orchestra program last year. In 2017-2018, there were 166 elementary students in the program. This year the program has grown to 243 students. We credit Ms. Alexander for the high interest in the program among our families.

### Jazz Student Awards

Two CFHS students, Kevin Ravellette and Colin McIlrath, performed with the Tucson Jazz Institute's Concord Combo at the Monterey Jazz Festival's 49th Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey, California, the longest running jazz festival in the U.S. Kevin was a featured soloist on sax and clarinet, and Colin was a bass soloist and also played guitar.

### Advertising Design

CFHS senior and graphic design student, John Konrad, won the silver medal at the Skills Advertising Design State Championship.

### Community Schools Staff Awards

Two CFSD Community Schools staff members, Deborah Ross and Jennifer Noyce, were award winners in the category of Community Education Office Staff of the Year at the Arizona Community Education Association's annual conference in April.

### Guitar

Ryan Chen, CFHS classical guitarist, was one of 5 instrumental soloists to perform in the opening concert of the 2019 Arizona All-State Honors Festival of Performance at Northern Arizona University.

### Chess

The Orange Grove chess team took 2nd place in the grades K-6 competition at the Arizona Chess Championship. Team members are Jesse Delong, Kyriaki Papas, Zach Young, and Johnny Yu who took 7th place in the state. Jack McNeilus and Suraj Shah took 10th place in the junior high competition.

### CFSD 2019 Poetry Contest

The district poetry contest award winners for this year's competition are (1st place winner followed by honorable mention winners): Kindergarten - Emily Siegel, "Butterflies"; Mason Clark, "Lightning"; Julia Castro, "Dogs"; First Grade - Maximilian Seelbach, "In My House at Night"; Eleanor Fellrath, "A Seed is Inventive"; Walker Duncan, "The Domino"; Second Grade - Momoko Abe, "My Color is Black"; June Vincent, "Night"; Alex Yetka, "Black"; Third Grade - Joaye Annabi, "Me in My Bed"; Stella Ausland, "Light"; Sofie Collins, "Here We Come"; Fourth Grade - Sophie Al Nassif, "The Beginning"; Samantha Gaither, "Swimmer's Waves"; Tessa Strickland, "Statue of Stone"; Fifth Grade - Avery Maland, "The Artist's Vision"; Luca Cafiero, "Fog"; Jillian Hartshorne, "Growing Smaller"; Sixth Grade - Jana Holt, "Forgotten"; Charlotte Ranney, "Cancer"; Samantha Farbarik, "Imagination"; Seventh Grade - Jordan Andrews, "The Stereotype"; Forest Saxe, "Granda"; Felix Fan, "Ashes to dust, and dust to war"; Eighth Grade Maria Jonas, "Sorry Party"; Michelle Zhang, "Reflection";

Griffin Salkowski, "Salad is Genocide"; Ninth Grade - Maggie Hollingsworth, "You"; Maggie Hollingsworth, "Safe Address"; Samuel Xie, "Life as a Minor"; Tenth Grade - Joshua Tint, "A Couplet, As Could Have Been Written by Several American Poets"; Alison Chuang, "The Rise & Fall of the Tides"; Paula Ehiri, "Two Entities"; Eleventh Grade - Brennen Sharpe, "Lights"; Nathaniel Peterson, "A Nature Walk"; Nathaniel Peterson, "There is a Ghostly Figure Only Some Can See"; Twelfth Grade - Emma Burkhart, "Silent"; Emma Burkhart, "Illusion of Light"; Jason Peper, "Out of the Dark"