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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 1.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, November 12, 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 board member, staff and student achievements:

### Governing Board Member Awards

The Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) recently recognized President Amy Bhola and Vice President Amy Krauss with ASBA's *Master of Boardmanship Award* for their commitment to continuing board professional learning.

### Orange Grove

Orange Grove was recently mentioned in a CITY Center for Collaborative Learning blog about the school's Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) implementation, highlighting the work of the OG PBIS team to implement a Tier 2 intervention – Check-in, Check-out. Tier 2 interventions provide additional support for students who need more help to meet their goals socially, emotionally, and/or academically.

### Catalina Foothills High School Band

The CFHS Band capped off its undefeated season by winning the Nunamaker Award at the U of A Band Day. In addition to snagging the top award, the Band won four out of five captions: General Effect, Visual Effect, Music, and Auxiliary.

Their teachers are Renee Shane-Boyd, Ramon Sepulveda, Tina Walton, and Alex Meredith.

Director of Bands Renee Shane-Boyd is one of 25 music educators in the country to be named a semifinalist for the Music Educator Award presented by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum. More than 3,300 nominations were submitted from all 50 states. The Music Educator Award recognizes current educators who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education. The recipient will be recognized during GRAMMY week 2020. One recipient is selected from 10 finalists and will be flown to Los Angeles to Attend the 62 Annual GRAMMY Awards and a range of GRAMMY Week events. The 9 additional finalists will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, and the schools of all 10 finalists will receive matching grants. The remaining 15 semifinalists will receive a \$500 honorarium with matching school grants.

### Arizona Ambassadors of Music

The following CFHS student musicians traveled to seven countries (England, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, Germany) between June 21 and July 6 as members of the Arizona Ambassadors of Music: Choir – Alex Aguilar, Elliot Baruch, Liam Boyd, Timothy Elmer, James Hollingsworth, Tristan Holmes, Matthew Kelch, Shea Newton, and Bennett Silvyn; Band – Alex Aguilar, Liam Boyd, Elaine Chaffee, Delaney Endean, Megan Garland, Aidan Jacobs, Claire Kross, Zach Nichols, Robby Pawloski, Nathan Peterson, Josh Raposo, and John Shin.

### 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade State Honor Choirs

Catalina Foothills High School, Esperero Canyon Middle School, and Canyon View Elementary School choir students auditioned, were selected, and will perform in the American Choral Directors Association State Cantaremos Honor Choirs on Saturday, November 9th. CFHS students Olivia Mahadevan, Caroline Pyle, Charlotte Raines, Grace Shoemaker, and ECMS students Sterling Edwards, Samantha Farbarik, Nicole Hassen, Julia Jonas, Kiera Kuenhle, Ava Servidio, and Amelia Sommerhauser will perform with the 7-9 Grade Women's Honor Choir. ECMS students Marcos Escudero, Lucas Frank, Lance Jacobson, Macklin Keller, Anderson Peters, Jaden Peterson, and Ben Silverman will perform with the 7-9 Grade Men's Honor Choir. ECMS students Elizabeth Braun, Tatum Bruwer, Jackie Foley, Addison Fluegel, Presley Frank, Tristan Kohl, Naya Moukabary and CVES students Ivy Buffalo, Charlotte Gordon, and Aiden Green will perform in the 5-6 Grade Treble Honor Choir. Their directors are William Mattison (CFHS), Julia Higgins (ECMS), and Patricia Moore (CVES).

## Catalina Foothills High School Athletics

Senior Maya Benita was named to the 2019 American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Scholastic Junior All-America Team. The team consists of 12 young men and 12 young women who demonstrate the ability to excel not only on the golf course, but also in the classroom and in the community. She will be honored at the Rolex Junior All-America Awards Banquet on November 24, at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. She is also eligible to participate in the Rolex Tournament of Champions, one of the prestigious events in junior golf, November 23-28.

Maya Benita also won the Division II Individual Girls Golf State Championship. The CFHS Girls Golf Team took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in state competition.

CFHS Pomline won the Wild West Classic with three achievements: overall high score, 1<sup>st</sup> Place jazz, and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Division II pom.

Both CFHS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams finished in 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the Rio Rico Rattler Invitational.

CFHS Girls Swim and Dive Team earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the TYR High School Classic. The Team had 8 1<sup>st</sup> Place race finishes. Junior Summer Westmoreland won the Dive Championship. The Boys Team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. The girls and boys teams won Top Team Combined Swimming.

CFHS Boys Cross Country Team earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the Eye of the Tiger Invitational. Evan Kamp led the boys with a time of 16:51. The Girls Cross Country Team placed 4<sup>th</sup>, led by Lauren Jorgensen with a time of 18:31.

CFHS Cheer placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Amphi Spirit Cup Cheer competition.

The CFHS girls swim team won the state championship on Friday, November 8. Team members are Taylor Alicia-Jorgensen, Kristina Defoor, Skylar Dikeman, Emma Dowe, Avery Howayek, Jill Howayek, Melissa King, Hannah Kunstman, Ainsely Limesand, Delaney Mitchell, Lucy McLaughlin, Bella Pantz, Ava Reidy, Audriana Scala, Ellie Scala, Avery Spade, Summer Westmoreland, Christiana Williams. Their coach is Robyn Burton.

Both the CFHS boys and girls teams finished in 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the 2019 AIA State Cross Country sectionals on November 6. Their coaches are Steve Carney and Amy Peterson.

## Chinese

Sunrise Drive 4th graders took 1st Place (intermediate level) in the Chinese Language & Culture Day drama competition on Saturday, November 9. They also won the Group Participation Award. The students are Elijah Barbieri, Audrey Dessent, Weston McNerney, Sophia Novak, and Jayden Yao. Their teacher is Ning He.