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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 4.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 11, 2018

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD student and staff achievements:

FIRST Lego League (FLL)

As a result of their performance at the Tucson Regional FLL competition, five (5) CFSD teams will advance to state competition. Every major award was won by a CFSD team. First Place Champions Award - Team 10906 Intergalactic Sous Shefs (OG and EC) with OG members Conner Bates, JD Donnelly, Cooper Kruk, Sam Moreno, and EC members Braden Cantor-Goldner, Spencer Schiller, and Bryan Zhang. First Place Research Project Award - Team 5154 Biofilm Busters (MZ) with team members Alexis Bates, Jake Brandt, Eli Hanna, Alex Lehrman, Isaak Martin, Madison McCoy, Matthew Meislin, Nathan Wu, and Aiden Zhou. First Place Judges Award - Team 5158 Transformers (OG and EC) with OG members Ingrid Benito, Casey Berk, Violette Donnelly, Maija Hildebrand, Sonia Swaroop, Bridgett Walters, Diana Zarif, and EC members Lily Wood and Zoe Wung. First Place Robot Performance - Team 5155 Cosmic Club (OG and EC) with OG members David Berk, Justin Byun, Landon Chang, Reece Culliney, Kaiden Kiracofe, Rory McQuire, and EC members Conner Belakovshy and Josh Max. First Place Core Values Award - Team 5156 Gut Instinct (OG, EC, FH) with OG members Sa'id Badereen, Zak Gruber, Seth Rojas, and EC members Henry Bonomolo, Maxwell Palermo, Cyrus Zhang, and FH members Jerry Barela, Bhargav Ghosh, Josh Tint, and Noah Wellman. Staff coaches are Charlotte Ackerman, Kelly Taylor, Donna Fisher, and Melvin Stubbs. Volunteer coaches are Mark Hays and Eugene Vamos. FH mentors are Sean Bergan, Michael Gross, Nik Gruber, and Jeremy Wang. Parent mentors are Aaron Bates, Gregg Cantor-Goldner, Sarah Esquer, Lukas Gruber, and Michael Kruk.

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Sophomore Marlo Bevington won honorable mention in the Gun Safety Art Competition sponsored by Pima County.

Special Olympians Ethan Bennett, Eugenio Maldonado Garza, Riley Gurnett, Jake Imbody, and Tim Roden earned medals at a recent Special Olympics Bowling competition. Their coaches are Sue Whorley, Cassie Myers, and Taylor Franks.

Fall Sports All-Stars have been named: Lauren Rumel - 4A All-Star Girls Volleyball Freshman of the Year; Jiana Lawson and Lauren Rumel - First Team 4A Tucson All-Star Girls Volleyball; Jaden Boling, Bobby Heitzinger, Pouria Mostafizi, Will Parker, and Enrique Perez - First Team 4A All Region Football.

The boys varsity basketball team won the Dick McConnell Thanksgiving Classic Tournament at Pima College by defeating Cholla High School 80-49. Team Members are Cody Blumenthal, Jake Blumenthal, Trace Comeau, Charles Curtis, Daniel Garcia, Carson James, William Menaugh, Hayden Moser, Carson Peabody, Remington Stauss, Erik Stupka. Their coach is Doug D'Amore.

The Astronomy Club's Falcon-2 Near Space Probe was successfully launched and recovered on November 14. Club members are Samantha Anaya, Alejandra Borunda, Michael Kumar, Elizabeth Miller, Zachary Miller, Michael Padilla, Wyatt Perkins, Alana Petersen, Julian Valenzuela, Bryson Walker, and Saul Weintraub. They are coached by Mike Winters, FH physics teacher.

Theatre Arts Students won the following awards at the Technical Challenge with 51 teams competing from 44 Arizona High Schools: 6th Place - Backstage Badgers 2 with members Elle Mueller, Emily Murphy, Annie Roche, and Victoria Rodriguez; 20th Place - Backstage Badgers 1 with members Sean Bergan, Cipora Cohon, Indigo Runge, and Abby Wood. Superior Rating for One Act Play (1 of 9 Superiors out of 48 entries) -*The Other Room* by Ariadne Blayde starring Miriam Arden, Connor Cline, Olivia Leonard, Liam Moher, Piper Runge, Andrew Soderberg, and Kaylee Wilt. Directed by Chloe Metzler and Maddie Webster; Scenic Technicians and Run Crew - Abby Wood and Sean Bergan; Sound Design - Emily Murphy; Lighting Design - Victoria Rodriguez. Their teacher coaches are Amy Byroad and Norm Testa.

In its first competition ever, the recently organized high school FIRST Tech Team 14584-Pioneer 327 placed 2nd winning the *Finalist Alliance Award* and the *Motivate Award* at the Tucson Qualify Tournament for FIRST Tech Challenge. They competed with 18 teams from Tucson, Globe, Gilbert, Queen Creek and

Buckeye, AZ, and Los Alamos, NM. The *Finalist Alliance Award* was in recognition of their achievement in robot game performance, and the *Motivate Award* for embracing the culture of FIRST and clearly demonstrating what it means to be a team. Team members are Wesley Chiu (12th), Danil Clayton (9th), Michael Gross (12th), Nicholas Gruber (11th), Giuanluca Tenino (10th), Jackson Tint (12th), Jeremy Wang (11th). Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Mark Haye.