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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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

CFSD Foundation Teachers of the Year (TOY)

The CFSD Foundation recently announced the two Teachers of the Year for 2016-2017. They are Megan Kirts, social studies teacher, CFHS; and Kathleen Bowman, fifth grade teacher, Manzanita. Three distinguished teachers were also named. They are Timothy Malan, science, Orange Grove; Kirstin Pannikar, special education, Sunrise Drive; and Laura Pennington, second grade, Sunrise Drive. All five teachers will be honored at the CFSD Foundation TOY brunch on Sunday, March 12, 10:00 a.m., at the Westward Look Resort.

CFSD Spelling Bee

On January 12, school spelling bee winners from across the district competed in the CFSD Spelling Bee. School finalists included Dawson Smith and Ravindu Vithanachchi (Canyon View), Eli Hannah and Johnny Lu (Manzanita), Emma Kim and Naysa White (Sunrise Drive), Ethan Hellenbusch and Skyler Finical (Ventana Vista); and Madison Bonomolo, Margot Nicholson, Spencer Schiller, and Jillian Smith (Esperero Canyon).

Congratulations to CFSD Spelling Bee winner, Jillian Smith; second place winner, Dawson Smith, and third place winner, Johnny Yu. Jillian will represent CFSD at the county spelling bee this month.

Scholars Program

High school seniors, Brennen Feder and Meena Venkataramanan, were selected as semifinalists in the 2016-2017 Coca Cola Scholars Program. Only 1,914 semifinalists from across the United States were chosen among the nearly 86,000 applicants. Their recognition is for outstanding leadership, academic achievement, and dedication to the community.

Speech and Debate

The CFHS Speech and Debate Team competed at ASU over winter break with 90 high school teams with the following results: Extemporaneous Speaking: Maxim Quint, 3rd place; Prose Interpretation: Meena Venkataramanan - 5th place, Poetry Interpretation: Meena Venkataramanan - Semifinals; Programmed Oral Interpretation: Meena Venkataramanan - Quarterfinals; Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Haseeb Irfan - 3rd place, 6th speaker; Sammi Swayze - Octofinals, 7th speaker; Shivansh Srivastava - 24th speaker; Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Gabe Cohon - Octofinals; Scott Wisnom - Double Octofinals, 14th speaker; Sylvia Zarnescu - Double Octofinals, 12th speaker; Josh Cohen - Double Octofinals, 17th speaker; Novice Public Forum Debate: Brooke Lenhart and Sarah Varghese - Octofinals; and Varsity Public Forum Debate: Abraham Cho and Sarah Cho - Triple Octofinals.

DECA

CFHS's DECA students brought home 12 medals at the recent Region 3 DECA Competition. They will now move onto state competition on February 27-28. The medal winners were Carter Eckel, 2nd Place, Principles of Marketing; Miriam Arden, Best Overall, Role Play Principles of Marketing, 1st Place Principles of Marketing, and Top 10% Statewide Written exam; Taylor Curry, 1st Place, Quick Service Restaurant Management; Nathan Pagel, 3rd Place, Sports & Entertainment Marketing; Jose Borquez and Isaac Malagon, 1st Place, Travel & Tourism Team Decision Making; Ashley Lam and Izabella Ortiz, 3rd Place, Travel & Tourism Team Decision Making; Campbell Rogers and Lauren Vaz, Best Overall, Role Play Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making; Gabriela Grodzki, 3rd Place, Apparel and Accessories Marketing; Diego Nunez, Best Overall, Role Play Automotive Services Marketing, 1st Place Automotive Services Marketing, and Top 10% Statewide Written exam; Joseph Simmons, 2nd Place, Business Finance; Valeria Almeida, 3rd Place, Business Finance; Ryan Gaibel and Cory Lamb, 2nd Place, Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making; Greyson Rogers and Nicholas Stavinski, Best Overall, Role Play Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making; Victoria Hirsch and Raquel Moreno, 3rd Place, Hospitality Services Team Decision; Campbell Rogers and Lauren Vaz, Best Overall, Role Play Travel and Tourism Decision Making.

FIRST Lego League State Competition

The CFSD students who participated in the January 17 FIRST Lego League Tournament brought home 3 trophies. First place Robot Performance and 2nd place overall: Local Legends Unleashed - Wesley Chiu, Michael Gross (CFHS), Nik Gruber (CFHS), Vishakk Rajendran, Josh Tint (EC), Jeremy Wang (CFHS), and Alex Zhou (CFHS). The Strategy and Innovation Award: Varmint Vigilantes - Devin Armstrong (OG), Madison Bonomolo (EC), Violette Donnelly (OG), Delaney Endean (EC), Jaxon Goddard-Westland (EC), Jake Jump (OG), Ben Seckeller (OG), Gianluca Tenino (OG), and Lily Wood (EC). The fourth grade Manzanita team placed 10th in robot performance (out of 48).

Student Council

Shay Mac Ban, CFHS junior, was recently elected the next Arizona Association of Student Councils (AASC) president. At the state meeting, our CFSD Student Council took the AASC Council of Distinction Award, the Gold Level Charity Award, and the Silver Level Service Project Award.