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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 3.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

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:

Tennis State Champions

CFHS swept both the AIA Division II high school boys and girls tennis state championships on May 8. The girls team won the 16th championship in the school's history, and the boys team won their 15th state title. Members of the girls team are Morgan Filer, Emily Flowers, Macy Goode, Serena Hsu, Abbigail Mulick, Annabelle Mulick, Eleanor Nentl, and Sophia Silverman. Their coach is Dan Root. Members of the boys team are Jeevaj Bondalapati, Jack Clements, Krishna Dasika, Hugh Ganem, Santiago Lietzau, Jared Perry, Alexey Pivniouk, Luke Sadalla, and Suraj Shah. Their coach is Jeff Bloomberg.

The 2021 Division II girls state champion is junior Emily Flowers. The 2021 Division II boys state champion is sophomore Jared Perry. Abbigail Mulick and Annabelle Mulick are the Girls Tennis Doubles State Runner-Up.

Tennis Singles State Champions

On May 3, our high school tennis players captured the state singles titles at the Paseo Racquet Center in Glendale. The 2021 AIA Division II boys tennis state champion is sophomore Jared Perry, and the 2021 AIA Division II girls state champion is junior Emily Flowers. For Emily, this is her second state singles championship. She won the 2019 singles state title as a freshman. Note: Both the

boys and girls tennis teams are advancing to the state semifinals, with the team championships to be decided by Saturday, May 8.

Flinn Scholar

CFHS's Josh Tint is among 20 Arizona seniors selected for the Flinn Scholars Class of 2021. The Flinn Scholarship, valued at more than \$120,000, covers tuition, fees, housing, and meals at one of Arizona's public universities, plus study abroad. In the fall, Josh will major in Computer Science at Arizona State University.

CFSD has produced 16 Flinn Scholars in its history, including 3 in the last 3 years, which is remarkable given that only 2% of applicants statewide are chosen. All Flinn Scholars select one teacher who had the greatest influence on their education, and Josh chose CFHS English teacher Tiffany Fritz. Josh and Ms. Fritz will be recognized at a Flinn Foundation event in May.

National Merit Corporate Sponsorship Scholarships

CFHS seniors Aidan Gee, Robert Pawloski, and Margot Nicholson earned National Merit Corporate Sponsorship Scholarships. The final winners are candidates "judged to have the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies." Note: Of the 1.5 million juniors who entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program, only 1,000 distinguished high school seniors win corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards.

Teacher Excellence Award

Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) honored Manzanita kindergarten teacher Kylie Baker with its Teacher Excellence Award. The TVT surprised Kylie on May 4 with this recognition in front of her class. Her student Elizabeth Sipe created a video nomination that she submitted to TVT. Kylie received \$250 cash, a \$100 gift card for school supplies, a plaque, and flowers.

National Letter of Intent (NLI) Signing

The following CFHS athletes are continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level, and participate in the NLI Signing Day at the high school on April 23: Libby Axen (golf) – Embry- Riddle University, Flavia Burrell (soccer) – CSU Bakersfield, Tenley Hughes (cross country & track) – University of Arizona, Kai Johnston (Lacrosse) – University of Arizona, Lauren Jorgensen (cross country & track) – Northern Arizona University, Katelyn Kelch (soccer) – Embry-Riddle University, Garrick Krautz (football) – Morehead State, Will Menaugh (basketball) – University of Arizona, Solei Moton (soccer) – CSU Bakersfield, Annabelle Mulick (tennis) – Cal State Stanislaus, Isabella Plantz (dive) – University of

Hawaii at Manoa, Olivia Rubio (beach volleyball) – University of Arizona, and Summer Westmoreland (dive) – San Diego State University.

Arizona Girls State

CFHS students Megan Bime and Aditi Ghosh will represent the high school at the 2021 American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State.

Digital Art

CFHS student Mallika Sunder won a National gold medal in the Scholastic Awards for her digital art painting. Her work will be exhibited in the National Exhibition in New York City, and a virtual exhibition will be coming in May to display the medal-winning pieces.

Music Education Community

For the 2nd year in a row, Canyon View Elementary was named one of the best communities for music education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. The Foundation recognizes “teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who are making music part of a well-rounded education for every child in their communities.” Canyon View’s music teacher is Patricia Moore.

CFSD Poetry Winners

The following CFSD students were winners in our annual poetry contest: Kindergarten – “Lollipop” by Stasia Stevens (SD), 1st grade – “Springtime Birds” by Ava Moore (VV), 2nd grade – “Trees” by Brandon Siegfried (SD), 3rd grade - “Have you ever Wondered?” by Henry Kohler (SD), 4th grade – “Secrets” by Alex Yetka (MZ), 5th grade – “I Stand For” by Ee’ma Fair, 6th grade – “Shadows” by Aidan Kerwin (OG), 7th Grade – “Grandpa’s Gift of Gab” by Taryn Shah (OG), 8th Grade – “The Mind Mountain” by Caitlin Dessent (OG), 9th grade – “To The Thing Trying to Contain Us” by Nicole Hassen (CFHS), 10th grade – “Glug, Glug, Glug” by Edwin Uche (CFHS), 11th grade – “Respect of Colors” by Sierra Rabenneck (CFHS), and 12th grade – “Dedication to the Lost Class of 2021, Written by a poetic Biologist” by Sarah Nielson (CFHS).

Robotics

Our FIRST Lego League team, PedEx, is the only team from Arizona invited to compete in the Virtual Open Invitational, which is a community-organized event hosted by Droids Robotics 501(c)(3) Share & Learn. It has teams from over 25 countries and 35 states attending the all-virtual event between June 12 and June 19. Team members are Juan Estaban Aguirre (OG), Conner Belakovsky (EC), Sa’id

Badereen, Landon Chang (OG), Braeden Gracy (OG), and Zac Young (OG). The team is coached by Charlotte Ackerman.