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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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:

Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) Spelling Bee

Esperero 7th Graders Bryan Zhang is CFSD's 2020 spelling bee champion. Esperero 8th Grader Greta Moore is the 2nd place winner. Both Bryan and Greta will move on to compete in the Pima County Spelling Bee on February 15.

Congratulations to all CFSD school winners who moved onto the district competition: Canyon View - Taryn Smith and Milo Smith; Manzanita - Alex Yetka, Colin Gooden, Shay Wong; Sunrise Drive - Xeevara Quiambao, Elsie Bazarnic, Liliana Ruiz; Ventana Vista - Orian Vogiatzis, Sophie Al Nassif; Esperero - Bryan Zahng, Siena Mayfield, and Greta Moore.

Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS) Pomline

The CFHS Pomline won a state championship over the weekend. They were named 2020 Varsity Pom (large) State Champs and took 2nd Place in Varsity Jazz. The members of the team are Irma Almada, Raven Blackstone, Courtney Brett, Alexa Dorf, Callie Gooding, Kylee Harrison, Caroline Kenerson, Megan, McHorney, Annalise Mendoza, Emily Mokhtarian, and Megan Mokhtarian. Their coaches are Brooke Beckler and Miriam Frieden.

CFHS Chess

The CFHS Chess Team won the 2020 State Grade Team Championship. Three of the team members finished in the top seven over all. Quinn Hudson won clear 1st

place with a perfect score of 5-0. Matthew Coy tied for 3rd place and finished 4th. Jonathan Martinex finished 7th. The Team is coached by Robbie Adamson.

CFHS DECA

Twenty-two (22) high school DECA students won numerous awards at the DECA District 3 Competitions where 11 schools and 300+ students competed. These students will also be going on to state competitions February 21-23 in Phoenix: Maddie Ballis, Principles Hospitality and Tourism (PHT), Overall Role Play Medal and 1st place Role Play; Melanie Dasch, PHT, 2nd place Role Play; Sage Furrer, Principles Marketing (PMK), 2nd place Role Play; Katie Nguyen, PMK, Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play; Evan Kamp, Principles of Business Management (PBM), Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play (100%), Ximena Leon, PBM, 2nd place Role Play; Mya Breitweiser Finance (BFS), Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play; Om Chabra, BFS, 2nd place Role Play; Olivia Leonard, Accessories and Apparel Merchandising (AAM), 2nd place Role Play; Ashley Lamb, Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making (TTDM T1), Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play; Izabella Ortiz, TTDM T1, Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play; Alex Tretschok, Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making (ETDM T1), Overall Role Play Medal & 1st Place Role Play (99%); Lauren Vaz, ETDM T1, Overall Role Play Medal & 1st place Role Play (99%); Isabella Estrella, Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making (BTDM T1), Overall Role Play Medal & 2nd place Role Play; Mariah Rocha, BTDM T1, Overall Role Play Medal & 2nd place Role Play; Charlotte Bellows, Hospitality Services Team Decision Making (HTDM T1), 2nd place Role Play; Jenna Derman, HTDM T1, 2nd place Role Play; Allison Chuang, HTDM T2, 2nd place Role Play; Tess Singer, HTDM T2, 2nd place Role Play; Eddie Uche, Marketing Management Team Decision Making (MTDM T1), 2nd place Role Play; Joseph Vouvakis, MTDM T1, 2nd place Role Play. Other award winners: Emily Chinnock & Elana Nenadic, MTDM, 3rd place Role Play; Jordann Mars, PBM, 3rd place Role Play; Kennedy Sata-Williams, Restaurant and Food Service Management (RFSM), 3rd place Role Play. The Team's teacher/coach is Jason Reinhardt.

Robotics

The CFHS team, Foothills Pioneer Robotics, took 1st Place and the Inspire Award at the Chandler Robotics Tournament. Team members are Jerry Barela, Josh Barlow, David Berk, Joseph Cohen, Braeden Cantor-Goldner, Danil Clayton, Delaney Endean, Nik Gruber, Mohamed Katbah, Dexi Lin, Gianluca Tenino, Josh Tint, Jeremy Wang, Noah Wellman. Their coach is Charlotte Ackerman.

Two CFSD Community Schools' robotics teams took home top awards at the Arizona FIRST Lego League statewide championship. Middle School Team 5155

City Shaders, 3rd Place Robot Performance and Mechanical Design Award: As'id Badereen, Connor Belokovski, Ingrid Benito, Landon Chang, Dante Franco, Maija Hildebrand, Rory McGuire, Luke Sadalla, Zacarias Young. Elementary Team 5156 Red Light Redemption, 6th Place in Robot Performance and Gracious Professionalism Core Values Award: Conner Bates, Casey Berk, Henry Bonomolo, Zak Gruber, Maxwell Palermo, Zoe Wung, Seth Rojas, Bryan Zhang, Cyrus Zhang. The Teams' coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Mark Haye.

The Purple Paper Eaters, a community robotics team of Esperero and Ventana Vista students won the Research Presentation Award. Team members are Ethan Bialis (EC), Zeke Bialis (VV), Arianna DuPont (EC), Sienna Mayfield (EC). The Team's coach is Tiffanie Bialis.

CFHS Yearbook

The high school's 2019 yearbook was chosen to be part of the 2019 Herff Jones Portfolio - The best of Herff Jones. The publication showcases the best of the best yearbooks from across the country. Yearbook teachers are Kim Gassman and Shireen Behzadi.

Keep Engaging Youth in Science (KEYS) Program

Five CFHS students have been awarded a KEYS internship with the University of Arizona: Megan Bime, Aidan Gee, Becky Han, Eli Lifkowitz, and Margo Nicholson. KEYS is a summer opportunity for motivated Arizona students with a strong interest in bioscience, engineering, environmental health, or biostatistics. They will work side-by-side with top university faculty in laboratories.

Speech & Debate

At the Wildcat Cup, the CFHS speech & debate team took home an armful of medals. Foothills 'closed out' Dramatic Interpretation, winning all three top spots: Dannielle Muller, Eliana Siegel, and Tahreem Amber Qureshi finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place (in that order). The teams of Migel/Martin and Cantor-Goldner/Sunder took 1st and 2nd place in Duet Acting (in that order). Bella Wexler came in 1st Place in Prose. Yusuf Rahman finished 2nd in Congress, and Daniel Meles took 7th in Congress. The teams of Banerjee/Tint and Guise/Rahmer finished 2nd and 4th respectively in Duo Interpretation. Romit Banerjee finished 3rd, and Daniel Meles was 5th in Humorous Interpretation. Danielle Muller and Josh Tint placed 3rd and 4th respectively in Oral Interpretation. Walter Rahmer placed 4th in Original Oratory. Max Sigsworth came in 5th in Impromptu Speaking.

Theatre Arts

CFHS theatre arts students won numerous awards at the Southern Arizona Theatre Festival (SAFT). SAFT is part of a Regional AZ State Thespians Society Festival, which is part of the International Thespian Society. Twenty-three of our students participated in the all-day competition, winning the following team and individual awards: Tech Challenge - 1st Place, CFHS Backstage 2, 2nd Place, CFHS Backstage 2; Sewing Machine Thread - 1st Place, CFHS Backstage 1; Light Hang - 1st Place (and state record), CFHS Backstage 2, 2nd Place, CFHS Backstage 1; Knots - 1st Place, CFHS Backstage 2, 2nd Place, CFHS Backstage 1; Cable Coiling - 2nd Place, Backstage 2; Individual Certificates of Recognition: Jade Arrington, Acting; Maya Benita, Stage Management; Zuleyl Castro, Acting; Carys Lynch, Acting; Danielle Muller - Musical, Stage Management, and Sound Design; Annie Roche, Dracula Costume Design; Ellen Sipos, Costume Design; Jackson Sparrow, Acting; Lexi Tofel, Acting and Musical; Alex Zega, Lighting Design. Their teachers are Norm Testa and Amy Byroad.

Recommended Motion: Information Item