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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 1.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018

**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 and student achievements:

### CFSD Governing Board

CFSD Board President Amy Bholá and Vice President Amy Krauss have earned the Arizona School Boards Association's (ASBA) *Associate of Boardmanship Award*. The Award is for 60 hours of ASBA-approved professional development.

### 2019 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Six CFHS seniors have been named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: Miriam Arden, Zoe Benson, Katherine Carr, Will Glaesser, John Konrad, and Zachary Schlamowitz. Approximately 1.5 million high school students take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) each year. These students are among 16,000 semifinalists (1.1%) named across the country, ninety percent (90%) of whom are expected to attain finalist standing.

### 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP) Commended Students

Our NMSP high school commended students are Xaoquin Baca, Aidan Barg, Ari Dettman, Haley Dveirin, Andrew Leapsin, Elizabeth Monthofer, Sage Pezzulo, Shivansh Srivastava, Kevin Strout, Gabriel Stultz, Ryan Thompson, and Jackson Tint. Of the 1.5 million high school students taking the PSAT, 50,000 (3.3%) are Commended Scholars.

### National Hispanic Scholars

Our National Hispanic Scholars are Xoaguin Baca, Viaggio Chavez, Paris Lopez, Danillo Malo-Molina, Noah Rojas, and Julian Valenzuela. The National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) recognizes approximately 5,000 Hispanic/Latino students each year from among the 400,000 who take the PSAT. The NHRP is administered by the College Board and Scholarship America (not by the NMSP). The NHRP recognition requires a minimum 3.5 GPA as well as qualifying PSAT results.

### Tucson's Birthday Stamp

CFHS 9th grader, Serena Hsu, was the grand prize winner of the 11th Annual Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest. Her stamp features a front door with cacti and chilies drawn with colored pencils. Serena said that her design inspiration came from Tucson's original neighborhood Barrio Viejo. The contest is an event held every year by the Postal History Museum to celebrate Tucson's birthday. This year, Tucson is celebrating 243 years.

### Book Authors

CFHS senior, Shivansh Srivastava, and freshman, Shreya Srivastava, have authored and illustrated the book, *India: Faith, Facts, and Festivals*. The book has a structure whereby the reader can follow various Indian festivals through the year and other facts.

### Girls Cross Country Team

CFHS Girls Cross Country Team took 1st place in the Eye of the Tiger Invitational Tournament. Team members are Lillian Bhola, Bryan Callie, Kristin Finn, Audrey Ganem, Emily Gruber, Julia Hejl, Tenley Hughes, Emily Kamp, Hallie Kolter, Ximena Leon, Zoe McLaughlin, Elizabeth Monthofer, Mia Nielsen, Mariah Rayon, Alyssa Roudebush, Aliana Sanchez, Kaylyn Siegfried, Stella Swindells, Ruby Wank and Carolyn Zhao.

### All State Show Choir

CFHS students, Liam Boyd and Ryan Pittner, qualified for the Arizona All State Show Choir. They were among 400 students who auditioned for only 40 spots.

### Ben's Bell

Freshman Ryan Sadowsky was awarded a Ben's Bell for his work to create FreshSole. It is a non-profit project that collects and donates new to slightly used sneakers to families in need.

### Chinese Language and Culture Day

The following Sunrise Drive students participated in the academic competition sponsored by the University of Arizona Confucius Institute Chinese Language and Culture Day. First Place - "Gu Dong is Coming," Miles Anderson, Sophie Collins, Sara Glaesser, Jules Manger, Stella Schenten; Second Place - "Little Tadpole Looking for Mom," Ezra Jacob, Alexander Lu, Milena Rubin, Josephine Tor, Xavier Wu; Third Place - "From Now On," Levi Anderson, Riley McGuire, Jaylin Peterson, Alexa Sommers, Isabella Uzomba; Third Place - "A Story of a Fan Ti," Anne Laird, Chloe Lamb, Nicholas Li, Alyssa Marshall, Edward Tsai.