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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 3.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017

**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 student and staff achievements:

### Honor Choirs (Elementary and Middle School Students)

Thirteen (13) Esperero Canyon Middle School students, five (5) Canyon View Elementary School students, and one (1) Sunrise Drive Elementary School student auditioned, were selected, and performed in the American Choral Directors Association State Cantaremos Honor Choirs on Saturday, November 11. The following students were selected: Esperero - Elle Doucette, Caroline Kenerson, Olivia Khedia, Rachel Lieberman, Taylor McCue, Chauncey Plante, Hannah Pun, Charlotte Raines, Grace Shoemaker, Riley Silvyn, and Abby Wade (7-9 Grade Women's Honor Choir), and Ronan Montgomery and Presley French (7-9 Grade Men's Honor Choir). Canyon View students Chelsie Akers, Annika Barg, Kiera Kuehnle, Adelaide Millar, and Anna Nielson, and Sunrise Drive student Lily Rhodes performed in the 5-6 Grade Treble Honor Choir. Their music teachers are Julia Higgins (EC), Patricia Moore (CV), and Teresa Ratliff (SD).

### High School Athletics

The following CFHS coaches and athletes were honored for their performance in their respective fall sport: Ed Walter, Swim Coach of the Year, Division II; Ryan Dunn, Girls Golf Coach of the Year, All Southern Arizona; Richelle Sandin, Girls Cross Country 1st Team, All Southern Arizona; Jacob Goode, 1st Team All

Southern Arizona and Golfer of the Year, All Southern Arizona; Maya Benita, Girls Golf 1st Team, All Southern Arizona; Scott Pekarske, Swimmer of the Year, All Southern Arizona; and Summer Westmoreland, Swim and Dive Freshman of the Year.

The following CFHS Falcons participated in Special Olympics Bowling on November 17: 1st Place trophies - Riley Gurnett, Eugenio Maldonado Garza, and Kendall Hodges; 2nd Place medals - Rania Qasim and Brandi Mogel; 3rd Place medal - Jake Embody. Their coaches were Susan Whorley, Alex Fenske, and Brittany Geweke.

At the First Lego League regional competition last Saturday, eight CFSD teams won four awards, including best research project, robot design, robot performance, and the 1st Place Champions Award. Six of the teams will move onto state competition on January 13-14. The winning teams were: 1st Place Champions Award, *Vapor Vigilantes* (perfect score) - David Berk (OG), Henry Bonomolo (EC), Reece Culliney (OG), Violette Donnelly (OG), Maija Hildebrand (OG), Seth Rojas (OG), Cyrus Zhang (EC), and Diana Zarif (OG); 1st Place Robot Design, *Snow Brainers* - Geronimo Barela (EC), Nicole Benito (CFHS), Ethan Blakely (OG), Danil Clayton (OG), Bhargav Ghosh (EC), Zak Gruber (OG), James Kickham (OG), Josh Tint (CFHS), and Noah Wellman (OG); 1st Place Research Project, *3 Sisters and 4 Brothers* - Casey Berk (SD), Justin Byun (SD), Landon Chang (SD), JD Donnelly (SD), Celine Liu (SD), Rory McGuire (SD), and Katie McNulty (SD); 1st Place Robot Performance, *Wraptors In Sync* - Ingrid Benito (MZ), Samantha Farbarik (VV), Megan Griffith (CV), Joshua Max (VV), McLaren Steffen (CV), Zoe Wong (VV), Bryan Zhang (CV), and Maxwell Palermo (EC); Advancing to State, *H2Flow* - Sa'id Badereen (OG), Connor Bates (OG), Braden Canter-Goldner (OG), Sam Mereno (OG), Luke Sadalla (OG), Spencer Schiller (OG), Bridgett Walters (OG), and Lily Wood (OG); *9th Battalion Grey Ops* - Thomas Benson (MZ), Eli Hanna (MZ), Cooper Kruk (MZ), Eric Liu (MZ), Evan Lin (MZ), Addison O'Brien (MZ), Roman Olivas (MZ), Jake Toole (MZ), and Zev Winkleman (MZ); *The Raingers* - Ethan Arioloa (CV), Ethan Bialis (VV), Owen Cantor-Goldner (VV), Alex Lewnes (VV), Ethan Lin (CV), and Christian Pierson (VV). Nik Gruber (CFHS) won the Youth Mentor Award. He helped seven of the teams. Coaches are Charlotte Ackerman, Jennifer DeBenedetti, and Donna Fisher

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**Recommended Motion: Information Item**