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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 8, 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

Our CFHS tennis players swept the All Sports Tucson All-Stars. Players of the Year - Emily Flowers and Jared Perry; Freshmen of the Year - Morgan Filer and Santiago Lietzaw; Coaches of the Year - Daniel Root and Jeffry Bloomberg. Girls All-Southern Arizona - Morgan Filer, Emily Flowers, Serena Hsu, Abbigail Mullick, Annabelle Mullick, and Sophia Silverman. Second Team - Gianna Lampert, Ellie Netel, and Ashiana Sanan. Third Team - Macy Goode. Boys All-Southern Arizona - Jeevaj Bondalapati, Jared Perry, and Alex Pivniouk. Second Team - Jack Clements, Krishna Dasika, Hugh Ganem, and Santiago Lietzaw. Third Team - Zach Gavin and Suraj Shah.

Math Club

Sunrise Drive's Math Team ranked 1st place in Sweepstakes at the state championship, and qualified five students for the national championship (only 20 Arizona students qualified). Their coach is Ning Hao.

Softball

Two CFHS softball players have earned spots on international teams: Kyrie Denny - Under 18 German National Softball Team, Carys Lynch - under 22 and Under 18 Great Britain National Softball Team.

Four senior softball players were nominated to play in the Southern Arizona All-Star Senior Game: Vianae Ochoa, Carys Lynch, Emmelie Vargas, and Ellie Willis.

Robotics

CFHS Pioneer 327 Robotics Team won the THINK Award and the COMPASS Award, and took 3rd place for the INSPIRE Award, at the first Tech Challenge Arizona State Championship. They came in 5th place out of 38 teams. Team members: Josh Barlow, David Berk, Henry Bonomolo, Braden Cantor-Goldner, Danil Clayton, Joseph Cohen, Delany Endean, Zak Gruger, Divya Gupta, Dale Nelson, Seth Rojas, Spencer Schiller, Mallika Sunder, Gianluca Tenino, and Josh Tint. Their coach is Charlotte Ackerman, and their advisors are Mark Haye, Lukas Gruber, and Nik Gruber.

Speech and Debate

Josh Tint, Class of 2021, qualified to compete in the 2021 NSDA National Speech and Debate Tournament, which will be held online June 13-19. His coach is CFHS teacher Angela Hill.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Our senior class had over 280 students - 60% of the senior class - complete the FAFSA prior to April 1 this year. It made CFHS the winner of the 2021 Arizona FAFSA Completion Contest in the large school category. CFHS was given Hewlett-Packard laptops to give away to three graduating members of the senior class. Two went to students who qualified for Pell Grants/Work Study through FAFSA, and one was awarded through a drawing among eligible seniors.

National Merit Scholarship Program

New graduates Muhammad A. Dahshan '21, Claire G. Kross '21, and Maxon B. Rubin-Toles '21 are among the 12 Tucson seniors who received college-sponsored National Merit Scholarships. These Scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by both the Finalists and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects, studied and grades earned; scores from the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®); contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the Finalist; and a recommendation written by a high school official. Only 8,000 seniors nationwide are selected for this program.

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