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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.6

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 12, 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:

Science Olympiad

Our high school Science Olympiad team placed 2nd at the AMS Invitational in November. The team also placed in 10 of the 18 events at the Winter Invitational on December 12. Team members are David Aguirre, Francesca Barela, Jerry Barela, Maria Cazzato, Om Chabra, Zac Cramton, Aidan Gee, Aditi Ghosh, Bhargav Ghosh, Rohini Ghosh, Ava Gill, Dean Gill, Zak Gruber, Becky Han, Joseph Han, Eli Lefkowitz, Andrew Nesnadny, Margo Nicholson, Sarah Nielsen, Alycia Oh, Nicole Richards, Simon Rubin-Toles, Max Rubin-Toles, Julian Sabalos, Annabelle Samuels, Stephen Shaw, Emily Song, Josh Tint, Mariasha Taariq, Kulindu Vithanachchi, and Noah Wellman. Their coach is CFHS science teacher, Terry Fortunato.

Theatre

Norm Testa, high school technical theatre teacher, was chosen as the recipient of the 2020 Arizona Thespians Teacher of the Year Award for the South Region. The award is given annually to a teacher that demonstrates exceptional courage and devotion to the performing arts program at a school.

Coca-Cola Scholar

High school senior, Bella Wexler, has been named a semifinalist for the 2021 class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. She is one of 1,609 American high school seniors selected as semifinalists from a pool of 99,403 students. The criteria for selection are students' academic excellence, leadership, and service demonstrated in school and community activities. One hundred fifty (150) college scholarships, each worth \$20,000, will be awarded to the finalists.

Speech & Debate

The CFHS speech & debate team competed in the Arizona State HDSHC Invitational on January 8-9 in five different events against 32 teams from 8 different states. Two Foothills seniors placed in the finals in two events: 4th place, Duo Interpretation Romit Banerjee and Josh Tint; 5th place, Humorous Interpretation - Romit Banerjee. In lieu of trophies, finalists were awarded a \$100 scholarship and other prizes. The team's coach is high school English teacher, Angela Hill.

Recommended Motion: Information Item