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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 11, 2017

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD student achievements:

Speech and Debate

The CFHS Speech & Debate Team placed at the Southwest Tournament at Hamilton High School, Chandler, in early March with the following results: Josh Cohen, 3rd Place, Lincoln Douglas; Max Quint, 1st Place, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Sammi Swayze, 1st Place, Novice Lincoln Douglas. Speaker awards were earned by Josh Cohen, 1st Place; Sammi Swayze, 4th Place, Haseeb Irfan, 6th Place; Scott Wisnom, 8th Place; and Memi Maruflu, 10th Place.

The team took 3rd Place at the recent state competition. Individual results included: Congressional Debate - Meena Venkataramanan, 4th Place; Maxim Quint, 5th Place; Josh Cohen, 6th Place; Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Josh Cohen, 2nd Place; Maxim Quint, 3rd Place; Sylvia Zarnescu, 3rd Place; Meena Venkataramanan, Quarterfinalist; Public Forum Debate - Hunter Ackerley and Halley Chen, Quarterfinalists; Prose Interpretation - Meena Venkataramanan, 2nd Place; Poetry Interpretation - Meena Venkataramanan, 3rd Place; Program Oral Interpretation - Mitchell Kaufmann, 4th Place; Duet Acting - Sameed Irfan and Josh Cohen, 6th Place; Impromptu Speaking - Maxim Quint, 1st Place; Extemporaneous Speaking - Maxim Quint, 5th Place.

Model United Nations

The CFHS Model United Nations Club won the following awards at the Model UN Conference at the U of A recently: Bassil Ramadan (Guatemala), Distinguished Delegate, Economic and Social Council; Juliana Cazzato and Sophie Metzler (Ivory Coast), Best Position Paper, Historic Security Council (1965).

Chorus

These CFHS vocal musicians were named to the Arizona All State Chorus: Claire Adams, Inge Pham-Swann, Julia Crocoo, and Samantha Jorgensen.

Boys and Girls State

CFHS Juniors Sam Mulay and Rodrigo Guerrero were selected as delegates to the American Legion Auxiliary's Boys State, and CFHS Juniors Shivani Patel and Sarah Strickland as delegates to the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State. The American Legion Auxiliary works with local high school educators to identify boys and girls who have demonstrated leadership qualities. Boys State will take place in June at NAU, and Girls State will take place in June at the U of A.

Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership

CFHS Sophomore Aaron Green was nominated to attend the HOBY State Leadership Seminar at ASU in June. This is HOBY's flagship program that allows high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them in becoming effective, ethical leaders in their homes, school, workplace, and community.

Entrepreneurship

Zoe Benson, CFHS sophomore, is hailed as a future entrepreneur in a recent *Inside Tucson Business* article. She'll present her product, No More Scorpion Stings, to a U of A Eller College panel in "shark tank" style.

Scholar Athletes

The Southern Arizona Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame recently announced their ten graduating senior football 2017 Scholar-Athlete Award recipients. Two of the ten are CFHS athletes, Cullen Drenkhahn and Mason Westmoreland. The organizations' mission is to promote and develop leadership, character and academic excellence through amateur football.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM)

Four OM teams from Manzanita did very well at the state tournament held on April 1st. The number shown in parentheses is the student's grade level. Odyssey Problem: To Be Continued: A superhero Cliffhanger, 1st Place - Avery Brown (4), Caileen Feeney (4), Madeline Reed (3), Jacob Toole (4), Johnny Yu (4). Odyssey Problem: Odd-a-Bot, 1st Place - Dillan Douglas (4), Keona Kuo (5), Maggie Toole (5), Carter Willems (3), Katherine Willems (5), Montana Wright (5). Odyssey Problem: Classics... It's Time, OMER, 4th Place - Jordan Andrews (5), Bryce Falkoff (4), Eli Hanna (3), Anissa Madrid (5), Ava Mercaldo (4), Jocelyn Swift (4); Odyssey Problem: Catch Us If You Can, 4th Place, Hayli Pinto (5), Bodhi Sethi (5), Avery Stemick (5), Tanner Aros (6 OG), Logan Douglas (6 OG), Nathan Kuo (7 OG).

Economic Education

The Arizona Council for Economic Education sponsors a case study competition where students are asked to analyze a family's current financial situation and provide recommended strategies. Based upon students' written submissions, top finalists are invited to present in person at the state final competition on Friday April 7th at the Mayors' Challenge for Economic Education at Mesa Community College. Six teams from the entire state made it to the finals. Orange Grove Middle School had two of the six. The two teams are Hugh Ganem, Preston Helfand, Ajay Partha, Max Rubin-Toles; and Sydney Loudermilk and James Yang.

Update: At the state competition las weekend, Sydney Loudermilk and James Yang won the competition. They are the state champions. The head judge commented at the Awards Ceremony that their case presentation was better than most professionals working in the field.

Southern Arizona Research, Science, and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF)

The following CFSD students had winning 2017 SARSEF projects. Canyon View: 4th Grade Class – Z Factor Program (Sleep Study), 3rd Place; 1st Grade – Rhys Gibson, 2nd Place, Static Electricity; 5th Grade – Julia Beskind, 2nd Place, What are you putting in your eyes; Larissa Limesand, Rock Hound Award, Rip Rap: It's not Hip Hop it's Erosion Stop; Joseph Markowski, 3rd Place, The Fight to the top; Kaijtek Zreda, 3rd Place, Water flow in Sabino Stream. Catalina Foothills High School: Sylvia Christine Zarnescu, Yale Outstanding Science & Engineering Award, Rethinking the Bandit: An Analytical Approach to the Explore-Exploit Dilemma. Manzanita: 5th Grade – Siena Davoli-Boen, 2nd Place, Calamitous Crickets; Nicholas Eliopoulos, 2nd Place, Which Plant Absorbs the Most CO2?;

Martin Emmons, Arizona Science Center Never Stop Wondering Award, Does Spicy Cure?; Isabell Ijams, 1st Place, Just Breathe Salt; Kate Mansfield, 2nd Place, How Does the Force Affect the Break?; Jessica Roudebush, 2nd Place, Marshmallow Sweeteners; Forest Saxe, 2nd Place, Plant Growth in Different Light Wavelengths; Montana Wright, 3rd Place, Bacterial Counts. Sunrise Drive: 1st Grade – Greta Barber, 3rd Place, Would you eat a cricket?; Audrey Dessent, 1st Place, Kindness in my classroom; 4th Grade – Vivianna Colson, 1st Place, Super Powered Solar Tracker; 5th Grade – William Ames, 3rd Place, Save your smile; Torin Claggett, 1st Place, A Cap on the C.A.P.; Connor Gillespie, 1st Place, The paper airplane showdown; Isaac Leviton, 2nd Place, Cutting Butter. Ventana Vista: Kindergarten – Zeke Bialis, 1st Place, Does Organic Matter?; 2nd Grade – Sophia Rucker, 2nd Place, Mars: Where do we land first?; 3rd Grade – Ethan Bialis, 3rd Place, Harnessing the Wind; 5th Grade – Diana Klestadt, 2nd Place, How Far Will Rubber Bands of Different Temperatures Stretch?

Young Authors

Noah Wellman, Orange Grove student, and Hannah Levin, Sunrise Drive student, were published in the Young Author's Competition Anthology of Winners from the 2017 Festival of Books. There were 250 entries in K-12 and only 18 student winners.

Science Olympiad

The CFHS Science Olympiad team won second place in Division C at the recent state championship tournament. Team members included Ayla Ahmad, Kacie Bauer, Rebecca Bauer, Kathryn Burkey, Mark Cai, Victoria Carotenuto, Deven Carmichael, Emma Finkelstein, Amanda Fordyce, Donovan Guard, George Jiang, Andrew Liu, Jack Liu, Jesse Liu, Richard Lu, Emily Mahadeven, Danilo Malo-Molino, Irene Meikle, JiHwan Min, Insoo Oh, Emma Potter, Stephen Pryor, Walter Rahmer, Sophia Reiland, Ryan Shallcross, Kara Thompson, Ryan Thompson, Shane Vincent, Alaa Zahlan, and Martha Zeng.

Two Esperero Canyon Middle School teams won second and third place in Division B. Team Purple members included Aditi Ghosh, Rohini Ghosh, Charvi Goyal, Will Grobe, Emily Kamp, Jason Kross, Hannah Lehrfeld, Natalie Mast, Mark Meikle, Ty Pham-Swann, Josh Raposo, Josh Tint, and Bella Wexler. Team Gold members included Jerry Barela, Zachary Crampton, Krista Dewanta, Sarah Farley, Sophia English, Bhargav Ghosh, Sevren Jackson, Travis Laster, Hannah Nielsen, Sarah Nielsen, Mia Prucinsky, Aidan Roberts, Kulindu Vitnanachi, and Bailey Williams.