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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 12, 2019

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD staff and student achievements:

Teacher Honors

CFHS theatre teacher, Norm Testa, was named Pima JTED's Satellite Legendary Teacher. The term "satellite" refers to any JTED career technical education programs delivered at the area high school and not at a central campus with programs delivered by the JTED. Mr. Testa has taught in CFSD for over 20 years. His technical theatre students have performed at the highest levels in regional and state competitions, and many of them are now engaged in related professional careers.

CFHS Director of Bands, Renee Shane-Boyd, was named the 2018 Music Educator of the Year, sponsored by the Arizona Music Educators Association. Ms. Shane-Boyd has taught for 36 years in CFSD at the three levels of elementary, middle, and high school. Since the opening of CFHS in 1992 under Renee's leadership, the instrumental music program has grown from twenty-two (22) students to almost six hundred (600) students.

Sunrise Drive teacher, Laura Pennington, is a newly renewed National Board Certified (NBC) Teacher. The renewal requirements are rigorous, making sure that

the teacher continues to demonstrate that she meets the NBC professional standards and is up to date on the knowledge and skills for accomplished practice.

The CFSD Foundation has announced their 2018-2019 Teachers of the Year and Distinguished Educators. Teachers of the Year are XI (Lucy) Lin, kindergarten Chinese immersion teacher at Sunrise Drive, and Patricia Moore, music teacher at Canyon View. Distinguished Educators are Teena Clark, 5th grade teacher at Canyon View; Travis Michalak, English teacher at Orange Grove; and Melissa Taylor, 1st Grade teacher at Sunrise Drive.

CFSD Spelling Bee Winners

The 2019 CFSD top speller is Esperero sixth grader, Bryan Zhang. He will represent the district at the Pima County Spelling Bee on February 16. The second and third place CFSD winners are Romina Karam, 3rd grade, VV, and Lilly Abdelmessieh, 2nd grade, SD.

Theatre Awards

The following CFHS theatre students earned Superior ratings at the Southern Arizona Festival of Theatre, a regional division of Arizona Thespians: Miriam Arden (Acting Monologue); Miriam Arden and Liam Moher (Duo Acting); Emma Burkhart (Musical Solo); Joshua Guise (Acting Monologue); Liv Leonard (Musical Solo); Liv Leonard, Liam Moher, Danielle Muller, and Miriam Arden (Group Acting Scene); Danielle Muller (Stage Management); Emily Murphy (Sound Design); Anne Roche (Costume Design); Piper Runge (Acting Monologue); Abigail Wood (Sound Design).

The following CFHS technical theatre students won awards at the SAFT Regional Technical Theatre Challenge event: 1st Place - Brennen Sharpe (Lighting Quick Hang); Abby Wood (Riggings/Knots QuickTie); CF Backstage Badgers 2 (First Place Overall Team and Cable Coiling Team of Jason Carrick, Kierra Garland, and Abby Wood). 2nd Place - Emily Murphy (Rigging/Knots QuickTie); and CF Backstage Badgers 1 (2nd Place Overall Team of Emily Murphy, Annie Roche, and Brennen Sharpe). 3rd Place - Jason Carrick (Lighting quick Hang); and CF Backstage Badgers 1 (Cable Coiling Team).

Their teacher coaches are Amy Byroad and Norm Testa.

First Tech Challenge (FTC)

CFHS's First Tech Challenge (FTC) team, Foothills Pioneer 327, participated in the Queen Creek Qualifying tournament and earned 4th place in a field of 22 teams from Arizona and California. The team was recognized with the Think Award (removing engineering obstacles through creative thinking) and as a runner up for the Control Award (mastering robot intelligence). The team will advance to the state tournament this month. Team members are Wesley Chiu, Danil Clayton, Michael Gross, Nicholas Gruber, Giuanluca Tenino, Jackson Tint, and Jeremy Wang. Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Mark Haye.

FIRST Lego League (FLL)

At the Arizona FIRST Lego Championships at Arizona State University on January 19, a CFSD middle school team came in third place overall and won second place in the Robot Performance category. In their research project, Intergalactic Sous Chefs cooked up a device that can unzip food bags safely in a zero-gravity environment. Team members are Conner Bates (OG), Braden Cantor Golden (EC), JD Donnelly (OG), Cooper Kruk (OG), Sam Moreno (OG), Luke Sadalla (OG), Spencer Schiller (EC), and Bryan Zhang (EC). Their coach is Charlotte Ackerman, and their parent mentors are Michael Kruk and Aaron Bates.

Manzanita's team and one of the youngest at the competition, Biofilm Busters, had a top 10 robot score out of 48 teams. Team members are Alexis Bates, Jake Brandt, Eli Hanna, Alex Lehrman, Isaak Martin, Madison McCoy, Matthew Meislin, Nathan Wu, and Aiden Zhou. Their teacher coaches are Charlotte Ackerman, Kelly Taylor, and Donna Fisher, and parent mentor Aaron Bates.

CFHS seniors Sean Bergan and Andy Liaupsin won the Vivian Chen Adult Coach/Mentor Award. Sean and Andy are longtime FLL participants and team members, but this was their first year to coach a team on their own.

Academic Decathlon

The CFHS Academic Decathlon team competed in regionals last month and will advance to state competition. Team members are Chris Brinkley, Jadin Desai, Ryan Fordyce, Liam Hart, Andy Liaupsin, Brenden Little, Quinn McClish, and Ryan Palm, and Quinn McClish. Their teacher coach is Carissa Boyd.

Girls Soccer

The CFHS Soccer team won the regional championship. Team members are Sachiko Bean, Dania Ben Shabat, Flavis Burrell, Rebecca Burrows, Veronica Bush, Hannah Draper, Caiden Dwyer, Sophie Fell, Jaye Goodrich, Katelyn Kelch, Tatianna Lizarraga, Sophie Luzader, Caitlyn Maher, Zoe McLaughlin, Paulina Medina, Solei Moton, Emma Nance, Samantha Peebles, Sierra Rabenneck, Ellie Robinson, Sania Tuli, and Anna Wright. Their coaches are David Lemon, head coach, and Cathal Ledgewith, Tom Balderama, and Alexis Balderama, assistant coaches.

Jazz Band

Two CFHS students, Gabriel Stultz and Keven Ravellette, performed in the All-State Jazz Band on January 31. Gabriel placed 1st on Jazz Guitar in the state, and Kevin placed 1st in the state on Tenor Saxophone. Both students auditioned in early January, beating out hundreds of students who auditioned to participate in the top All-State Jazz Band. The band members will work with famed jazz performer and faculty member of jazz at the Lincoln Center, Jerome Jennings. Their CFHS teachers are Renee Shane-Boyd, Ramon Sepulveda, Tina Walton, and Alex Meredith.

Speech and Debate

Several CFHS speech and debate students placed at the Wildcat Cup tournament held at the University of Arizona on February 1-2. Results include: 2nd Place - Gianluca Tenino and Joshua Tint (Big Questions); Danielle Muller (Poetry); Romit Banerjee and Joshua Tint (Duo Interpretation); Yusuf Rahman (Informative Speaking); Kristi Price and Jory Leaver (Duet Acting); 3rd Place - Bella Wexler (Prose); Romit Banerjee (Dramatic Interpretation); Jake Martin and Martin Wallis (Duet Acting); 4th Place - Yusuf Rahman (Original Oratory); Jake Martin (Congressional Debate); 6th Place - Maxmillian Sigsworth (Impromptu Speaking). Their teacher coaches are Angela Hill, DeeAnn Perez, and Amanda Kimberly.

KEYS Internship Program

Four CFHS students have been selected for the University of Arizona's KEYS Internship Program for summer 2019. They are Eliza Johnson, Stephen Pryor, Mira Raju, and Jeremy Wang.

KEYS is a seven-week program for motivated high school students who have a string interest in bioscience, engineering, environmental health, or biostatistics. They work side-by-side with top U of A faculty in research labs.

Recommended Motion: Information Item