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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 3.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

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:

Flinn Scholar

Senior Nik Gruber has been named a 2020 Flinn Scholar. He plans to study engineering at the University of Arizona. The Flinn Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship awarded annually to 20 Arizona high school seniors. It provides four years of study at an Arizona public university, study abroad, a funded internship, personal mentorship by faculty and alumni scholars, and other benefits.

Middle School Orchestras

All four of our middle school orchestras, representing both Esperero and Orange Grove, earned an Excellent rating or higher at the Arizona Music Education Association's all-state competition. Esperero - Concertino orchestra - Excellent; Esperero - Camerata orchestra - Superior. Their teacher/director is Ryan Watson. Orange Grove - Concertino orchestra - Excellent; and Orange Grove Camerata orchestra - Superior. Their teacher/director is Terry Alexander.

National Geographic Educator Certification

Kathleen Bowman, Manzanita 5th grade teacher, has successfully completed the National Geographic Educator Certification program. According to National Geographic, their certified educators "are committed to teaching their students about the world and how it works, empowering them to succeed and to make it a better place.

Virtual Signing Day

Six CFHS senior athletes signed their National Letters of Intent last month in a virtual signing ceremony hosted by Principal Jody Brase. Both family and friends were able to participate remotely. The athlete, their sport, and college are: Dania Ben-Shabat, Soccer: Menlo; Charlie Curtis, Golf: Roosevelt; Selma Fereres, Tennis: Loyola New Orleans; Chase Goorman, Baseball: Pomona-Pitzer; Hayden Moser, Basketball: Pomona-Pitzer; and Christian Rodriguez, Baseball: Cochise.

Speech and Debate

Two CFHS Speech and Debate team members are among the 77 Arizona competitors for the National Speech & Debate Association championship ("Nationals"), which will be held online this year. Junior Josh Tint is selected as the first qualifier in the even Big Questions. Senior Husuf Rahman is named a second alternate for Congressional Debate. The competition takes place June 14-20. Their teacher coach is Angela Hill.

Art Awards

Maria Cazzato, CFHS sophomore, was a gold key recipient winner for the Scholastic Art and Writing awards for 2020. Maria was invited to New York City's Carnegie Hall this summer to receive her award but will now be held virtually on June 4. Her artwork is also due to tour the country this year with other Scholastic winners.

Ava Sheppard, CFHS junior, won Best Drawing for her artwork 'Serenity' at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library in Tucson.

Their teacher is Zoe Reinhardt.

Community Schools' Staff Recognition

The Arizona Community Education Association named Travis Kolter, CFSD Director of Community Schools, its Community Educator of the Year. Sherri Wirth, CFSD CARE and K+ Office Coordinator, received the Office Staff of the Year award.

Junior Achievement

Jonathan Martinez, CFHS Sophomore, was named this year's "18 under 18" in Junior Achievement. Junior Achievement selects 18 youth under 18 years of age each year, who have made a difference in their community. Jonathan is an accomplished chess player, ranked nationally in his age group. He created the Pawn Initiative to encourage more people to play chess. He began teaching chess at the Boys and Girls Clubs in Tucson and at St. Luke's Home for seniors. His coach is Robby Adamson.

Scholar Athletic Award

Bryn Callie, CFHS senior, was selected as a finalist for the AIA Scholar Activity/Scholar Athletic Award. She will be honored at the AIA Champions virtual event which will be live-streamed on AZPreps365.com on Saturday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m.

CFSD Poetry Contest

The following students were First Place and Honorable Mention award winners in the 2020 CFSD poetry contest: Kindergarten - Aria Hafner, "Raindrops", and Mia McNulty, "Sand." 1st Grade - Reagan Ogden, "Winter Poem", and Camilla Alfaro, "How to Be a Rainbow." 2nd Grade - Suly Cohn, "Blue Is the Sky", and Henry Swartz, "How to Be a Cactus." 3rd Grade - Julie Moreno, "Rainbow Rain", and Amelia Holmes, "Fox's Prey." 4th Grade - Zara Montevaldo-Wood, "Past of Sorrow", and Stella Ausland, "A Whisper." 5th Grade - Autumn Allred, "Rain Drop", and Danae Borbon, "I am Hope." 6th Grade - Taryn Shah, "Not Christmas Socks", and Arianna DuPont, "Magic on the Roof." 7th Grade - Sabina Coan, "Dreams", and Zachary Newman, "The Crew's Demise." 8th Grade - Jordan Andrews, "The Sound", and Jordan Andrews, "The Veil." 9th Grade - Jonah Demetriou, "Get a Dog" (1st place). 10th Grade - Maggie Hollingsworth, "Butterflies", and Cole Yaskanich, "That Place in My Mind." 11th Grade - Daniel Harwin, "Beating Heart of a Nation", and Sarah Nielsen, "Doubt of a Flower." 12th Grade - Katya Cohen, "I Am Not Privy to What Came Before", and Bryn Callie, "My Character in 789 Characters."

Teacher Excellence Award

Amanda "Mandy" Campbell, CV 2nd grade teacher, was honored with the Teacher Excellence Award for May, sponsored by Tucson Values Teachers. Mandy was nominated by her students who submitted a video about her. The award was presented to Mandy during one of her virtual class sessions on May 6 during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Correction: Caris Wiegand, Canyon View 2nd grader, won 'Best Female Project - 2nd Grade' at the Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF) Fair in March. Her award was incorrectly noted as a 2nd place award in last month's *The Boarder*.