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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 11, 2023

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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

Choir

Eight (8) Esperero choir students participated in the Arizona Music Educators Association Junior High All-State Choir on March 25: Sopranos - Abigail Carnahan and Charlotte Gordon; Altos - Ivy Buffalo and Abigail Sinclair; Tenors - Eli Schmidt and Calvin Wright; and Basses - Zach Bailey and Julian Merheb. Their choir director is Julia Higgins.

Orchestra

The high school Sinfonia Orchestra earned a Superior with Distinction at the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association Area Festival on March 7. Members are Sophie Bian, Isabelle Bleakley, Matilda Caballero, Hannah Campa, Miah Chavez-Hernandez, Lauren Dodds, Lilian Franz, Sara Garcia, Wesley Geary, Stephen Henderson, Maximilian Henry, Chihiro Kazui, John Kettelle, Jennifer Kim, Emma Lindsay, Gabrielle Matty, Oliver Moeller, Andrew Nairn, Nilay Patel, Nina Raju, Lily Rhodes, Tomas Salazar, Alejandro Tavera-Reyes, Aiden Wilt, and Zoe Wung. Their director is Ryan Watson.

Percussion

Each year, the Arizona Percussive Arts Society holds a festival with clinicians and a solo/ensemble competition. CFHS senior Tyler Kebo and his friend Campbell

Stewart from Pusch Ridge were selected to perform in this year's Showcase Concert.

Photography

CFHS photography student Allison Witt won "Special Recognition" at the Pima County Library Art Invitational. Her entry was displayed at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library in Tucson. CFHS photography teacher is Mark Cook.

Poetry Contest

The following students and their poems were winners in the 2023 CFSD District Poetry Contest: Farrah Elias, "Upon the Lovely Blue" (kindergarten, VV); Olivia Barone, "Desert Poem" (1st grade, MZ); Felix Terry, "The Outside Showers" (2nd grade, CV); Audrey Fraser, "Monsoon Season" (3rd grade, CV); London Emerson, "Come and Go" (4th grade, VV); Eleanor Fellrath, "Hope" (5th grade, MZ); Zen Shah, "My Loyal Friend" (6th grade, OG); Julia Ellis, "DejaVu" (7th grade, OG); Sam Yetka, "The Mule on a crumbling road" (8th grade, OG), Calista Morrison, "What am I?" (9th grade); Natalia Ortiz, "[Maybe it's time to let go]" (10th grade); Amy Cao, "Indulgence" (11th grade); Tuko Goes, "Sobra Sobradinho" (12th grade)

Science

The following CFSD students and their projects were winners at the Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF) science fair: Canyon View - Autumn Andrews-Hanna, "What things affect plant growth?" (2nd place); Isabelle Babst, "Alfalfa growth in a warmer future" (1st place); Olivia Babst, "Do young plants suffer from car exhaust fumes? Let's ask alfalfa!" (1st place); Myla Closterman, "The Beak of the Bird" (3rd place); Krish Kedia, Alekasandr Sudakov, Caris Wiegand, "Loop Bike Path Lights" (3rd place); Margaret Kennedy Morris, "Plant Growth Results Using Different Kinds of Liquids to [Water] the Plants" (3rd place); Levi Siemens, "How do kids learn better - Google Slides vs. Active" (1st place); Jocelyn Smerz's class, "The Great Pencil Problem" (1st place); Linus Wright, "Mobile Energy Generator" (Award of Excellence). Catalina Foothills High School - Josiah Holguin, Zakary Gruber, "Genetic Diversity in Duplicate Genes Produced by Ancient Whole Genome Duplications" (3rd place); Brandon Martz, Henry Roth Gordon, "Agrivoltaic Efficiency in Selected Lettuce Varieties During Drought Conditions" (2nd place); Nicole Richards, Sophia Tsai, "The Effect of a Labellum on the Success of Bumble Bee (*Bombus impatiens*) Landings" (1st place). Manzanita - Maura Baker's class, "Wonderful Water" (2nd place); Ella Winter, "How does music affect my heart rate and breathing rate?" (3rd place); Lilah Winter, "Family Germs: Do family members really share the same microbiomes with one another?" (1st Place). Sunrise Drive - David Bui, "Comparing Balloons Filled with Different Gases" (1st place); Katharina Mangelsdorf, "Trebuchet Science Experiment" (3rd place); Madi

Myers, "How can marshmallows sink in water?" (Special recognition); Amelie Puell, "The battery consumption of my toy car" (1st place); Aheli Shil, "Floods, Floaties, and Lives" (3rd place); Westyn Spear, Adilyn Navarro, "SF2022WESTYN&ADILYN" (Award of Excellence); Melissa Touma, "How Far Can It Stretch" (3rd place); Zachary Tucker, "Fiberglass Casts: Does Temperature Matter?" (2nd place); Abrielle Zoucha, "Which Location Is the Best to Slow Down the Rotting Process of a banana?" (Special recognition); Ventana Vista - Maura Baker's class, "Beating Buffelgrass" (1st place); Jaxson Burhans, "Gasses in Plant Growth" (2nd place); Tzipora Chorny, "Nailed It" (Resilience Through STEM Award); Jennings Cluck, "What makes a plant grow faster? A nerite snail or a labiste guppy?"(3rd place); Kai Concannon, "Deflategate 2014" (2nd place); Emily Dockins, "Dog Treats" (3rd place); Zoe Frankfort, "Tooth Truth" (2nd place); Naomi Hudgens, "The Five Second Rule" (2nd place); Natasha Jain, "Healthy eating at school (specifically snack)" (2nd place); Chris Job, "How much water is in your fruit?" (3rd place); Michael Montoya, "Do plants grow better in hot or cold?" (1st place); Dexter Potter, "Cardinal Cafe" (2nd place); Brecken Schlenker, "Bad chemicals. Healthy eats?" (3rd place); Arlo Tofte, "Does Beyblade Size Matter" (2nd place); Ariana Wallace, "Why Are Astronauts Weightless on the International Space Station?" (2nd place).

Recommended Motion: Information Item