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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2015

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD staff achievements:

Catalina Foothills High School

Eight (8) CFHS seniors have been named 2016 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. They are Sumhith Aradhyula , Vincent Bai, Liam Donovan, Amber Fox, Chloe Harwood, Neil Jha, Amy Liu, and Lucas Petersen.

These students will compete for 7,400 National Merit scholarships worth more than \$32 million. Of the 16,000 semifinalists nationwide (screened from 1.5 million entrants), about 90 percent are expected to attain finalist standing. About half of the finalists will win a scholarship and be named Merit Scholars.

Three CFHS students - Sondre Bergmann, David Johnejack and one other student - won first place in the Pima County Vimeo Contest, "Tieouts are Prohibited by Law in Pima County," a 30-second public service announcement (PSA). Pima Animal Care Center's advisory committee wanted a way to remind the community that it is not only illegal to keep dogs tied up but also causes psychological and physical issues when used regularly. The committee commented, "CFHS students made a video that was clear and full of impact; pervasive traits of effective PSA's."

CFHS Senior Sumhith Aradhyula was recently "belled" by Ben's Bells for his community service. He raised about \$4,500 for the Southern Arizona Community Food Bank. The Ben's Bells mission is "to inspire, educate, and motivate people to realize the impact of intentional kindness, and to empower individuals to act according to that awareness, thereby strengthening ourselves, our relationships and our communities."

Orange Grove Middle School

The Orange Grove girl's cross country team won first place at the Desert Solstice Invitational last month. Team members were Kristen Finn, Laurel Froehlich, Messina Morales, Capra Schwabe, and Kharra Schwabe. Laurel Froehlich took an individual 2nd place out of 202 runners. Their coach is Mark Souza.

Esperero Canyon Middle School

Congratulations to Cory Catterson, ECMS physical education teacher, who was inducted into the Peru State (Nebraska) Athletic Hall of Fame on September 26. Cory was a member of the 1990 NAIA National Championship Team. He still holds the top marks in several categories: 1990 all-time receiving with 1,223 yards; all-time in career receiving with 3,699 yards; career records of most receptions (206), yards per catch (17.9), and yards per game (84.1).