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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 3.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, December 10, 2019

**OPENING ITEM:** Outstanding Achievements

**SUBMITTED BY:** Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

**PRESENTED BY:** Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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

### Canyon View

Canyon View fifth-grader Izzy Garcia was selected by Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman as a member of the first statewide Student Advisory Council. There are 20 student members selected from across the state.

### Catalina Foothills High School

Speech & Debate - Nine members placed in the Finals with a First Place Finish at the Water Tower Tournament. Josh Tint won the "Big Question" championship event.

At the Division I Winter Trophy Tournament, held at ASU on December 6-7, nineteen CFHS students competed. The following team members medaled in their events: Jake Martin, Congressional Debate, House 2, 6th place; Yusuf Rahman, Congressional Debate, House 4, 3rd place; and Josh Tint, Big Questions Debate, 2nd place. The following team members advanced in their events: Romit Banerjee, Humorous Interpretation, Semifinals; and Pranav Iyer and Max Sigsworth, Varsity Public Forum, Quarterfinals. Their teacher/coach is Angela Hill.

First Tech Challenge - The high school's FTC team, Pioneer 327, won the Connect Award at the FIRST Tech Challenge regional competition last weekend. The Connect Award goes to the team that best connects with their community, FIRST,

and the business world. They won a majority of their robot matches and advanced to the semifinals. The fifteen students on the team are Jerry Barela, Josh Barlow, David Berk, Braeden Cantor-Goldner, Danil Clayton, Joseph Cohen, Delaney Endean, Nik Gruber, Mohamed Katbah, Dexi Lin, Ben Seckeler, Gianluca Tenino, Josh Tint, Jeremy Wang, and Noah Wellman. Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman, Mark Haye, and Tim Colson.

Cross Country - The girls team placed 2nd in State competition with 3 runners finishing in the top twelve. Girls coach Amy Peterson and boys coach Steve Carney were named Cross Country Coaches of the Year by All Sports Tucson. Brandon Martz and Taylor McCue were named Freshmen Runners of the Year. Taylor McCue, Tia Woods, Brandon Martz, and Henry Anderson were named to the All-Star Freshmen Team. Lauren Jorgensen, Taylor McCue, Alyssa Roudebush, Bryn Callie, and Luis Sotelo were named to the All-Southern Arizona First Team.

Pomline - They placed 2nd and qualified for USA Nationals in Pom and Jazz at the Regional Qualifier. The team will travel to Disneyland in February to compete at the national level.

Volleyball - Lauren Rumel was named to the Tucson Local Media 2019 Girls Volleyball All-Region First Team, Middle Blocker. She was also named to the All-Southern Arizona first team by All Sports Tucson. Mya Breitweiser, Jiana Lawson, and Ashley Ruiz were named to the All-Southern Arizona second team. For the 4A Conference, Jiana, Ashley, and Lauren were named to the first team. Myra Breitweiser and Caroline Parker were named to the second team. Ella Parsons and Olivia Rubio were named to the third team.

National Letters of Intent for Athletics - Six athletes signed their letters on November 13: Kiersten Belkoff, gymnastics, University of Pennsylvania; Maya Benita, golf, University of Arizona; Skylar Dikeman, swim, University of Arizona; Hannah Draper, soccer, New Mexico State University; Caroline Parker, volleyball, Western Colorado University; and Christiana Williams, swim, Tulane University.

Chess - The team won the Division IV championship with a perfect match score. The team also placed 2nd in the State Team Championship.

Theatre - Two CFHS teams competed in the Arizona Thespian Society State Conference, Tech Challenge on November 15-16. Sixty-one teams registered for the event, the largest Thespian Society Tech Challenge in the country. "Backstage Badgers 1" tied for 7th place overall. Team members are Maya Benita, Elle Muller, Katrina Purvance, and Annie Roche. Maya placed 2nd in Overall Individual Events

for Rigging, and The Team placed 2nd for the Cable Coiling Relay. "Backstage Badgers 2" placed 12th overall. Team members are Maya Benita, Erik Ostrop, Ellen Sipos, and Carter Weeks. Their teacher/coach is Norm Testa.

### Community Schools

Our First Lego League (FLL) robotics teams competed in the Tucson Regional Robotics Tournament last weekend. Each team presented research on urban sustainability and resilience and proposed innovative ideas for Tucson. They were also scored on teamwork, robot design, and performance. "Team 5156-Red Light Redemption" took 1st place and the Championship Award. They advanced to State. Team members are Connor Bates (OG), Casey Berk (OG), Henry Bonomolo (EC), Zak Gruber (OG), Maxwell Palermo (EC), Seth Rojas (EC), Zoe Wung (EC), Bryan Zhang (EC), and Cyrus Zhang (EC). Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Mark Haye. "Team 5155-City Shaders" won the Robot Performance Award and the Core Values Award. They advanced to State. Team members are As'id Badereen (OG), Connor Belokovski (EC), Ingrid Benito (OG), Landon Chang (OG), Dante Franco (OG), Maija Hildebrand (OG), Rory McGuire (OG), Luke Sadalla (OG), and Zacarias Young (OG). "Team 27727-Accessibility Matters" won the Rob Design Award and advanced to State. Team members are all Sunrise Drive students: Elizabeth Esquer, Braeden Gracy, Olivia Luff, Nicholas Pickard, Patrick Twomey, and Gregan Vamos. Their coaches are Eugene Vamos, Sarah, Esquer, and Charlotte Ackerman. "Team 5152-Y.I.M.B.Y." advanced to State. Team members are Michelle Chiu (CV), Gavin Hoose (CV), Ian Huber (VV), Kian Mccandless (VV), Constantine Panousopoulos (VV), and Jolie Wung (VV). Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Kelly Taylor. "Team 5154-High Five" advanced to State. Team members are all Manzanita students: Alexis Bates, Madison McCoy, Matthew Meislin, Nathan Wu, and Aiden Zhou. Their coaches are Kelly Taylor and Donna Fisher.