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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 14, 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:

All A Schools

All of CFSD's K-12 schools (elementary, middle, and high) were graded A by the Arizona Department of Education. The state's A-F letter grade system is an accountability model for school performance. Parameters are year-to-year student academic growth and proficiency in English language arts, mathematics, and science; the proficiency and academic growth of English language learners; indicators that elementary K-8 students are ready for high school and that high school students are ready for success in a career or in higher education; and high school graduation rates. Congratulations to all of our capable students and staff for once again achieving the top grade!

High School Music - Choir, Orchestra, Band

Congratulations to our Concert Chorale, Concert Silver and Change of Pace for earning the highest possible rating, Superior with Distinction, at the regional Fall Choral Festival hosted by CFHS. Twenty-three other choirs attended. The choirs presented short musical programs adjudicated by local choral experts on performance ability, as well as ability to sight read music that had never been seen before. Concert Silver received the highest performance score and Change of Pace received the highest sight reading scores of any choir in the festival. Their teacher/director is Jeffrey Evans.

Kudos to our Sinfonia and Symphonic Strings orchestras on their performances on Friday, October 20, at the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association Fall Orchestra Festival held at Tucson High School. Sinfonia earned an Excellent with Recognition and Symphonic Strings earned a Superior with Distinction. Their teacher/director is Ryan Watson.

The Marching Falcons represented CFHS on Saturday, October 7, at the Bands of America Festival in Flagstaff, AZ. The Marching Falcons took to the field for the first time ever in this prestigious marching competition, which features bands from around the country. This year's festival had bands from Arizona, California, New Mexico, Colorado, and Nevada. The Falcons found out at the 4:00 p.m. awards assembly that they had made the finals and would march again at 8:00 p.m. The Marching Falcons returned home having earned 8th place overall and 2nd place amongst the bands from Arizona. Director of Bands is Renee Shane-Boyd.

Cheer

On November 6 at the Arizona Crown championships in Phoenix, the CFHS Varsity and JV Cheer teams both won first place. Varsity also won Showstopper (a judges' choice award), which came with a paid bid award to the World Class Cheer Championship in April. Varsity members are Maya Alvarez, Valerie Armstrong, Karina Aronoff, Ava Bahling, Madi Brown, Sagelynn Dundas, Gabby Fiello, Madi Gradillas, Maddy Hazzard, Giana Bueno Johnston, Andy Marye, Ava Moltrup, Kaylee Ornelas, Des Ortiz, Kira Saathoff, and Lauren Sita. JV members are Mia, Alvarado, Veronica Bavier, Abby Beach, Victoria Benitez, Arlo DeWire, Sidney Flores, Layla Fraser, Taylor Garcia, Ayla Huerta, Annelise Kohut, Maiya Nixon-Lopez, Madison Taylor, and Sage Wexler. Their coach is teacher Brooke Hoglin.

Swim and Dive

At the State Championship, Foothills Girls Swim and Dive came in second overall, with Junior Amber Janky winning three medals. In Foothills Boys Swim and Dive, Junior Kyle Dowe earned one gold medal and one silver medal. The teams' teacher/coach is Tamara Brandhuber.

All Foothills Top 10 results:

State Champions

D-II 200 IM: Kyle Dowe (1:51.67)

D-II 50 FREE: Amber Janky (23.51)

D-II 100 FREE: Amber Janky (50.97)

D-II 200 FREE RELAY: 1:37.85 (Wren Smith, Julia Beskind, Leila Stafford, Amber Janky)

Division II Boys Top 10

Individuals

- 1 200 IM: Kyle Dowe (1:51:67)
- 2 100 Breast: Kyle Dowe (58.16)
- 6 500 Free: Ethan Semanko (4:57:60)
- 7 100 Fly: Cole Barbier (54.71)
- 8 200 Free: Ethan Semanko (1:50.26)
- 9 100 Back: Connor Daggett (57.36)
- 9 200 Free: Cole Barbier (1:50.79)

Relays

- 3 400 Free: 3:19.31 (Connor Daggett, Cole Barbier, Ethan Semanko, Kyle Dowe)
- 4 200 Med Relay: 1:40.23 (Ethan Semanko, Kyle Dowe, Cole Barbier, Connor Daggett)
- 6 200 Free: 1:35.52 (Ariston Elsesser, Mason Hashim, Nicholas Dinsmore, Nathan Doak)

Division II Girls Top 10

Individuals

- 1 50 Free: Amber Janky (23.51)
- 1 100 Free: Amber Janky (50.97)
- 3 50 Free: Julia Beskind (24.54)
- 3 100 Free: Leila Stafford (52.61)
- 3 200 IM: Lilian Li (2:09.36)
- 4 100 Breast: Lilian Li (1:08.13)
- 5 200 Free: Wren Smith (1:54.56)
- 6 100 Free: Wren Smith (53.79)
- 7 100 Free: Julia Beskind (54.12)
- 7 200 IM: Zoey Switzer (2:15.80)
- 7 500 Free: Izzy Geiger (5:23.81)
- 9 100 Back: Zoey Switzer (1:03.45)
- 9 500 Free: Ruby Smith (5:22.27)

Relays

- 1 200 Free: 1:37.85 (Wren Smith, Julia Beskind, Leila Stafford, Amber Janky)
- 2 400 Free: 3:31.50 (Lela Staffor, Lillian Li, Wren Smith, Amber Janky)
- 4 200 Med Relay: 1:54.78 (Zoey Switzer, Lilian Li, Gwendolyn Alviar, Julia Beskin)

Theatre

Advanced Theatre students competed in the Arizona State Thespian Festival in Phoenix on November 10-11. CFHS was represented in the tech challenge by two teams, and one won 2nd place in quickest costume change. All students participated in workshops, attended one act plays, and saw to mainstage

productions. Students who participated were: Backstage Honey Badgers (won 2nd place in costume change) - Amy Cao, Vivianna Colson, Allison Hoyt, and Sophia Polyakova; Backstage Badgers - Dorian Andrews, Sixx Eilliott, Saki Grobe, and Robin Oxnam. Amy Byroad is the CFHS Theatre Arts Director.

Golf

Catalina Foothills Boys Golf earned four of the 2023 Southern Arizona Boys Golf All-Star awards from All Sports Tucson: Finn Meister, Jr., Golfer of the Year; Zachary Schaefer, Freshman of the Year; Chase Cesarek, Super Sophomore; and Julie Walters, Division II Coach of the Year.

Young Women of Impact

Each year the University of Arizona (UofA) Office of Research, Innovation & Impact leads the Women of Impact Celebration. It is a campaign and recognition event to honor notable women faculty and staff at the U of A. This year, they also honored high school students, nominated from 18 public high schools in Pima County.

Congratulations to Emaan Iftikhar, CFHS's nominee for the UofA 2023 Young Women of Impact honor. Alongside 30 UofA Women of Impact, she was recognized for her commitment to and demonstration of six core values of UofA: integrity, compassion, inspiration, adaptability, inclusivity, and determination.