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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.3

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 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:

Community Schools

Our middle school robotics team, *Local Legends*, won the FIRST Lego League (FLL) state championship competing against more than 60 other teams from across Arizona. The team will represent Arizona at the LEGO World Festival in April 2015 in St. Louis, Missouri. The team members are Michael Gross, Josh Tint, Alex Chiu, and Wesley Chiu.

Code Name: JASON with Esperero 8th graders Sean Bergan, Andy Liaupsin, Alex Melde, Jason Peper and Jackson Tint, won the Robot Strategy and Innovation Award at the FIRST Lego League tournament. The award recognizes a team that uses engineering practices and a well-developed strategy to design and build an innovative, high performing robot.

Coach Kerrie Bergan, an Esperero parent, won the Vivian Chen Adult Coach/Mentor Award (AZ FLL Coach of the Year) for her work with Code Name: JASON as well as meeting with other Foothills teams.

Orange Grove Middle School

Zoe Benson was accepted into the 8th grade All State Band, and Torrence Schurig was named an alternate.

Bryan Nunez has been selected for a trainee position with the Academy Drum and Bugle Corps. The Academy is a 21 and younger group that begins taking members at age 15. Since Bryan is quite a bit younger, his selection reflects his capable musicianship.

The eighth grade chess team placed third in the 2015 Arizona State Grades Championships last weekend. The team consisted of Rueshil Fadia and Ryan Thompson. Ryan also received an individual 5th-place trophy.

Catalina Foothills High School

The CFHS Speech & Debate team achieved a 1st place finish in the Winter Trophy Tournament in Paradise Valley Dec. 5-6. Four students also won individual 1st place in their events: Payton Baker in Extemporaneous Speaking, Sena Maruflu in Prose, Alexander Relich in Varsity Public Forum Debate and Sumhith Aradhyula in Varsity Public Forum Debate.

The following CFHS athletes were named to The Arizona Daily Star's 2014 All-Southern Arizona Football Team: Patrick Stevens - Second-Team Defense; and Ian Turner and Grant Hubble - Third-Team Offense; James Dick, Miles Goldsmith, Connor Kobylinski, Dakota Kordsiemon, Max Michalczyk, Rhett Rodriguez - Honorable Mention.

The CFHS wrestling team placed 5th as a team at the Cholla Duals Tournament. Placing individually were Jacob Davis and Zach Davis - 1st place champions, Mario Trujillo - 3rd, Nathan Buterbaugh - 4th, Michael Orlandella and James Dick - 5th, and Ryan Martz - 6th. Zach Davis was also voted as the Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

On January 6, 30 CFHS students competed in 10 event at the annual DECA Southern District Competition at the Eller College of Management, UA. Our team had 9 1st place winners, 15 runners up, and 9 medals for exam scores.
1st Place: Amir Gaber, Alex Justus, Krystal Kennedy, Thalia Korte, Alex Lopez, Fernanda Lopez, Matt Rosenberg, Stephanie Treanor, and Anna

Williamson. Runners Up: Nikki Baim, Emily Bleaman, Caitlin Darnyi, Sofia Gerhart, Kelly Hart, Perry Hutchison, Britney Johnson, Maddy Mack, Regina Miranda-Robles, Olivia Shaw, Grant Sturtevant, Stephanie Valenzuela, Demarques Wilson, and 2 other students. Medals for Exam Scores: Kelly Hart, Krystal Kennedy, Ben Kurtzman, Fernanda Lopez, Diego Nunez, Matt Rosenberg, Eric Ruboyianes, Grant Sturtevant, and Stephanie Treanor.