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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2016

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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

The Catalina Foothills School District Foundation just named its two 2015-2016 Teachers of the Year. They are Charlotte Ackerman, teacher leader for science and engineering practices, and Jennifer Dooley, Valley View Early Learning Center. Three other teachers were also named Distinguished Educators: Catelin Beachy, 6-8 Special Education at Esperero; Jack Goodson, 6th Grade English at Orange Grove; and Angela Hill, 9-12 English at Catalina Foothills High School. All will be honored at the Teacher of the Year event on April 10 at the Westin La Paloma Resort.

Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD)

Esperero seventh grader Jillian Smith won the CFSD Spelling Bee on January 21 and will represent the district at the Pima County Spelling Bee on February 20. Second place winner was Canyon View third grader Dawson Smith, and the third place winner was Esperero eighth grader Mira Raju.

Orange Grove Middle School (OG)

Nicole Benito, OG 8th grader, has been accepted into the 2016 Biosphere 2 Summer Science Academy.

Andrew Nix, 8th grader, is OG's 2016 Geography Bee winner.

Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS)

Lucas Petersen, CFHS senior, has been selected as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. Scholars are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and the community.

The following CFHS band students were recently selected to the All State Jazz Band: Deven Carmichael, Nathan Hooker, and Ben Stowers. And the following CFHS band students were selected participate in the Tier 2 Honor Performance in the State Solo/Ensemble Festival in Mesa that took place on January 29: Flute Choir - Isabella Avery, Casey Cheung, Marisol Childress, Neil Collins, Justin Iaconis, Emma Kosmeder, Isabel Murphy, Mikela Petersen, Alex Sanoy, and Rory Scobie; Percussion Duo - Evan Goodson and Ryan Kemmer; Tuba Soloist - Calvin Holst; Harp Soloist - Erin Lessie. Their teachers are Renee Shane-Boyd, Ramon Sepulveda, and Christina Walton.

The CFHS VEX Robotics Team won the Design Award and finished 2nd in the January 16 competition at Palo Verde High School. Team members are Alan Boldt, Neil Collins, Mitchell Dzurick, Ariel Lamdan and Danilo Malo-Molina. Their teacher/coach is Thomas Patterson.

The CFHS Speech and Debate team took 3rd place at the January 8-9 nationally ranked tournament at ASU. Our team competed with teams from 85 schools in 10 states. Our awards included: Novice Lincoln Douglas - Jill Leaver, 1st place; Sameed Irfan, 2nd place; Carter Eckel, 3rd place; Varsity Lincoln Douglas - Kolbe Riney, 3rd place; Public Forum Debate - Sumhith Aradhyula and Alexander Relich, double octo medal; Justin Bai and Vincent Ni, double octo medal; Individual Speaker Awards in Debate - Novice Lincoln Douglas - Jill Leaver, 1st; Carter Eckel, 2nd; Julia Crocco, 4th; Sameed Irfan, 5th; Sarah Varghese, 10th; Varsity Lincoln Douglas - Kolbe Riney, 7th; Gabe Cohon, 8th; Max Quint, 14th; Public Forum Debate - Sumhith Aradhyula, 7th; Speech Awards - Meena Venkataramanan, 4th place in Prose; Natalie Tedards, semi-finals plaque in Expository speaking; and Liam Donovan, semi-finals plaque in Congressional Debate. Their teacher/coaches are Angela Hill and Taylor Johnson.

The high school DECA team won three 1st place medals and thirteen medals overall at the District Level Competition on January 14. Medal winners are: Hotel & Lodging Management role-play - Taylor Barnes, Kelly Hart, and Grant Sturtevant; Hospitality Service team role-play - Grayson Rogers and Nicholas

Stavitski (and 1st place in the category); Taylor Barnes, Kelly Hart, and Stephanie Treanor; Buying & Merchandising team role-play - Eyan Krunz (1st place in the category); Principles of Marketing role-play - Apoline Neau (1st place in the category), Jacob Brandt; Sports and Entertainment Marketing role-play - Creston King. Their teacher/coach is Jason Reinhardt.

Recommended Motion: Information Item