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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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:

Orange Grove Middle School (OG)

Jose Aguirre, OG sixth grader, is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2018 Arizona National Geographic State Bee to be held on April 6 in Tucson. This is the second level of the Bee competition. Jose is OG's champion. He then took a qualifying test, which the school submitted to the National Geographic Society. Jose is one of the 100 top-scoring students in Arizona.

Esperero Canyon Middle School (EC)

Esperero's 8th grade basketball team won the state championship over the weekend. Team members are A.J. Eisenman, Trevor Garcia, Jaden Gee, Dylan Hadley, Matthew Markosian, Dylan Orosco, Chaz Romney, Brett Rosenblatt, James Sochan, Joshua Sochan, Nicholas Standridge, and Ryan Tertel. Their coach is Brad Greenwell, EC counselor.

Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS)

Thomas Gerald, CFHS junior, has been selected by audition for the Music for All's 2018 Honor Band of America. He plays the tuba and is a member of the CFHS

Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Falcon Steele under the direction of CFHS instrumental teachers, Renee Shane-Boyd, Ramon Sepulveda, and Tina Walton. He also plays in the Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra. Thomas will join other outstanding musicians from around the United States to perform a concert on March 17 at Butler University. The members of the group will also participate in instrumental master classes and Music for All National Festival events.

Caleb York, CFHS sophomore, was accepted to the percussion section of the National Youth Orchestra of America (junior division). The orchestra will travel to Asia after performing the orchestra's annual concert at Carnegie Hall on July 19.

The CFHS Falcon Band won the Paul Grimes Performance Award at this year's Tucson Rodeo. This marks the 7th year in a row that the marching band has been recognized with this award.

Chris Brinkley, CFHS junior, won a Silver Medal in Math at the Academic Decathlon regional competition.

The CFHS SkillsUSA Graphics Team took the 2nd Place Overall Team Award at the graphic design regional competition on February 2. Team members are Ronan Armstrong, John Konrad, and Emma Petersen. John Konrad, CFHS junior, also won 1st Place in Illusionist Poster Design, 2nd Place for Individual Student Score, and 3rd Place in Logo and Package Design (water bottle). Their advisor is Kim Gassman, graphics teacher.

Mira Raju, CFHS sophomore, took 3rd place in the annual Arizona Regional Brain Bee, an educational competition similar to a spelling bee that focused on neuroscience. Her anatomy and physiology teacher is Lisa Osinga.

Girls soccer team members Tatianna Lizarragam CFHS junior, and Meghan Hawkins, CFHS senior, were named Region Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year respectively by the Arizona Interscholastic Association. Coach David Lemon was named Region Coach of the Year.

Connor Cosgrove, CFHS senior, was named Region Offensive Player of the Year for boys soccer.

Seventeen CFHS musicians were selected to the Arizona All-State Band. They are Sophie Barnard (horn), Nathan Brown (trumpet), Elaine Chaffee (clarinet), Thomas Gerald (tuba), Phoenix Hanes (tuba), Gracie Hufford (flute), Claire Kross

(oboe), Will Kurth (trombone), Eli Lefkowitz (bassoon), Andrew Liu (trombone), Carlton Louie (percussion), Richard Lu (clarinet), Layne Reiners (alto saxophone), Judy Samani (clarinet), Ryan Shallcross (trumpet), Caleb York (percussion), and Julian Valenzuela (horn). Their teachers are Renee Shane-Boyd, Ramon Sepulveda, and Tina Walton.

Spelling Bee

Our CFSD Spelling Bee winner, Ravindu Vithanachchi, took second place at the 2018 Pima County Spelling Bee and will now move onto state competition on March 24.