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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 3.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

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

CFHS Track & Field Athletes Shine at State Championships

Congratulations to our Catalina Foothills High School track and field athletes for their strong performances at the 2025 Arizona Open State Track & Field Championships held May 16–17 at Mesa Community College!

We are proud to celebrate:

- Katherine McNulty – Open State Champion in both the 1600m and 3200m
Her double win places her among the elite distance runners in the state—way to go, Katie!
- Aliyah Akinbile – 4th place in the 300m Hurdles and 7th place in the 100m Hurdles
Aliyah competed with heart and grit in two of the state’s most competitive hurdle events.

We’re incredibly proud of these athletes coached by Blake Hinson and his staff, for their leadership and dedication throughout the season. Congratulations to all who competed—you’ve made CFHS proud.

CFHS HOSA Students Shine at National Anatomage Tournament

We’re proud to celebrate five Catalina Foothills High School HOSA – Future Health Professionals members who represented CFSD at the National Anatomage Tournament this past weekend in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Congratulations to Ella Hennings, Zoya Zar, Milaia Hart, Alexa Fischer, and Nathan Wu on qualifying and competing at this national event. This event brings together the top 5% of high school anatomy students from across the country. These Falcons earned their spot at nationals through exceptional performance in regional and virtual qualifiers.

A special congratulations to Alexa Fischer, who took first place in the suture competition.

We are proud of these future health leaders for representing CFSD nationally.

CFSD Robotics Teams Compete at Western Edge FIRST LEGO League Open

Two robotics teams from Catalina Foothills School District—Partners for Life and Reef Rangers—were selected to compete at the Western Edge FIRST LEGO League Open, an international tournament hosted in Long Beach, California. The event brought together 90 top teams from around the world for two days of STEM-focused competition and teamwork.

Partners for Life Team Members:

Brenden Sult (Orange Grove), Ethan Luo, Graham Martin (Sunrise Drive), Kason Strunk (Ventana Vista), Lucas Byrne (Sunrise Drive), Noah Chavez (Orange Grove), and Sebastian Bonomolo.

Reef Rangers Team Members:

Andrew Trombetta, Damon Hayden, Emily Fink, Gigi Trombetta, Lily Ruiz, Mikey Stefano, and Sophia Barrios (all Orange Grove); Isadora Friedman (Sunrise Drive); and Lucas Rodriguez (Esperero Canyon).

Both teams were led by CFSD coach Charlotte Ackerman, who emphasizes a student-driven approach that builds confidence and problem-solving skills. This approach was on full display during the “On the Spot” challenge, where students programmed new missions without coach assistance. Volunteer coach Nancy Hsiao assisted the teams.

The event also celebrated student leadership beyond the competition. Henry Bonomolo, class of 2024 was promoted to Head Referee, and rising senior Christian Pierson volunteered as a mentor. These students are a reflection of CFSD’s strong culture of student mentorship. Congratulations to all!

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