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## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM NO:** 1.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, November 8, 2022

**OPENING ITEM:** Outstanding Achievements

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

**PRESENTED BY:** Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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

### CFSD's "A" Schools

The Arizona Department of Education released its 2022 A-F letter grades for all of the state's public schools. All CFSD schools earned an "A" letter grade. The state's definition of "A" - Excellent:

- Distinguished performance on statewide assessment
- Significant student growth
- Students on track to proficiency
- High 4-year graduation rates
- Overall performance is significantly higher than state average

### State 5-9 Grade Honor Choirs

Several Esperero Middle School and Canyon View Elementary students were selected by audition to participate in the Arizona Choir Directors Association State Cantaremos Honor Choirs. Esperero students Sophie Al Nassif, Natalie Braun, Ivy Buffalo, Abigail Carnahan, Charlotte Gordon, Brielle Groves, Olivia Linton, Sophia Oliveira, Abigail Sinclair, and Olive Telles were selected for the 7-9 Grade Treble SSA Honor Choir. Esperero student Anakin Ramirez was selected for the 7-9 Grade Tenor Bass Honor Choir. Esperero students Savanna Arzate, Josie Deegan, Azalea Duran-Ebright, Brynn Hisey, Emma Moseke, Charlette Parent, Elise Woolley, and Canyon View students Azalea Bailin, Lily Crawford, Ivie Garbarino, Sylvia

Garbarino, Maisy Good, Abigail Gordon, Emma McNulty, Cadence Moore, Presley Panno, Gwen Seppala, and Grant Taylor were selected for the 5-6 Grade Treble Honor Choir. Their directors are teachers Julia Higgins, Esperero, and Patricia Moore, Canyon View.

### Orchestra

On October 21, the high school's Sinfonia Orchestra performed at the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association (ABODA) Fall Orchestra Festival and received a Superior rating. This was the orchestra's first festival off-campus and its first Superior rating in the history of the program. Ryan D. Watson is the Director of Orchestras. The student musicians are Stephanie Ashcroft, Connor Beckett, Sophie Bian, Isabelle Bleakley, Matilda Caballero, Hannah Campa, Miah Chavez-Hernandez, Lauren E. Dodds, Lilian Franz. Sara Garcia, Wesley Geary, Stephen Henderson, Maximilian Henry, Chihiro Kazui, John Kettelle, Jennifer Kim, Emma Lindsay, Gabrielle Matty, Oliver Moeller, Andrew Nairn, Nilay Patel, Nina Raju, Lily Rhodes, Tomas Salazar, Alejandro Tavera-Reyes, Aiden Wilt, and Zoe Wung.

### CFHS Choirs

The high school's Concert Chorale, Concert Silver and Change of Pace competed in the Arizona Choral Educators Fall Festival at Palo Verde High School. The choirs competed in both performance and sight reading categories, where all three choirs received the highest possible award of "Superior with Distinction." The director is teacher Jeffrey Evans.

### CFHS Band

The high school's Falcon Band received a top score in Music, Visual Performance, and General Effect at the U of A Band Day.

And, capping off its successful competition season, the Falcon Band won 1st place at NAU Band day on October 22. They earned caption awards for the highest scores in all categories: Percussion, Colorguard, Visual Performance, General Effect, and Music Performance.

The band's staff leadership team includes Renee Shane-Boyd, Director of Bands, Ramon Sepulveda, Tina Walton, Alex Meredith, Caleb York, Dave Walton, Andrea Villareal, Tanner Wetzel, Sandra Ehrler, Stephanie Buchard, Emma Rowe, Gavin Thatcher, Patricia Moore, Laszlo Veres, Anthony Eilas Hand, Cory Walavich, Dustin Chilson, and Dan Brown. Drum Majors are Braden Cantor-Goldner, Dylan Lisanti, Daniel Sutherland, and Antonio Padilla.

### Cross Country

At the Eye of the Tiger 2022 Cross Country meet hosted by Marana High School, both the CFHS girls and boys teams placed first in their divisions in the 5000 meter run finals. Individually, Falcons won second place in each competition: Katherine McNulty for girls and Max Irey for boys. The coach of boys cross country is Steve Carney and the girls' coach is Blake Hinson.

### Golf

The CFHS boys golf team placed 3rd in the Division II State Tournament. Finn Meister finished as the state runner up individually. Their coach is Julie Walters.

The CFHS girls golf team placed 8th in the state tournament. Mia Cesarek finished 8th individually. Their coach is Rob Rathbun.

### Cross Country

The CFHS boys and girls XC teams competed in a tournament at Rio Rico. The boys placed 2nd in their region, and Branden Martz placed first individually. The girls placed 1st in their region, and Katie McNulty placed first individually. The teams are coached by Blake Hinson and Steve Carney.

### Swim/Dive

The CFHS swim & dive teams competed at the Division II state finals last Saturday in Paradise Valley. The girls team placed 3rd overall, and the boys finished 7th. Kyle Dowe (100 Breast) and Amber Janky (50 Free) are state champions. Other awards: 2nd place - Kyle Dowe (200 IM) and Amber Janky (100 Free); 3rd place - Lilian Li (200 IM) and 400 Free Relay of Julia Beskind, Amber Janky, Lilian Li, and Zoey Switzer; 4th place - Rowdy Fordney (100 Fly) and 200 Medley Relay of Julia Beskind, Amber Janky, Lilian Li, and Mia Reidy; 5th place - Lilian Li (100 Breast) and 200 Free Relay of Alexa Burns, Mia Reidy, Wren Smith, and Zoey Switzer; 6th place - Mia Reidy (100 Fly) and 200 Medley Relay of Connor Daggett, Kyle Dowe, Rowdy Fordney, and Max Souvignier; 7th place - Julia Beskind (50 Free), Rowdy Fordney (100 Back), Ethan Semanko (500 Free), and Zoey Switzer (200 Free); 9th place - Cole Barbier (500 Free), Zoey Switzer (100 Free); 10th place - Cole Barbier (200 Free), Wren Smith (200 Free and 50 Free), and Max Souvignier (100 Breast). Their coach is Tamara Brandhuber.

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**Recommended Motion: Information Item**