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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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

2023 Teachers of the Year (TOY) and Distinguished Educators

The CFSD Foundation announced its Teachers of the Year - Jennifer Lansey, Canyon View 4th Grade teacher, and Suzette Rosenblatt, Esperero Spanish teacher, and its three Distinguished Educators - Shireen Behazdi, High School English teacher, Kelsey Cordero, Ventana Vista 5th grade teacher, and Devon Inglee, Manzanita art teacher. The Foundation will host its TOY celebration on Sunday, April 16, at the Skyline Country Club, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Pomline

CFHS Falcon Pomline won 1st place at the Pink State Championship held on February 17-18. They earned 1st place in both Division 2 Varsity Pom and Division 1-4 Varsity Jazz Large. Team members are Avery Alexander, Olivia Bell, Haley Brett, Liliana Clevenger, Megan Connolly, Cailyn Cooper, Emmie Gooding, Elizabeth Harlow, Kalia Hoose, Nora Jackson, Maya Martin, Annika Maynes, Gisele Mendoza, Presley Sarullo, and Lauren Thompson. Their coach is Camryn Conforti.

Art

Katherine Wang, Sunrise Drive 5th grader, was among the 12 winners at the Tucson Festival of Books of the Aline Goodman Young Artist Award 2023, sponsored by the Friends of Western Art. The contest encourages young artists to develop their skills and express themselves in Western themes. Winners are awarded a \$100 art supply gift card, a commemorative poster, and are included in the Young Authors and Young Anthology of Winners. Her art teacher is Skylar Symonds.

Theatre Arts

Kiera Kuenhle and Wesley Geary, two sophomores in the Intermediate Theatre Arts class, who represented CFHS and competed at the English Speaking Union's 36th Annual Shakespeare Competition at the U of A on February 25. Kiera took home 2nd place. Their teacher is Amy Byroad.

Graphic Design

CFHS Students Kyle Boesen, Kamaya Feng, Esther Lieu, and Maya Martin competed in the Tucson Area High School Graphic Design Championships on February 10. These were the results. Keep in mind that all actual projects will be used by the clients. Overall team design score, 1st place; Team presentation score, 2nd place; Project 1 - Web Banner for Discount Tire, Kamaya Feng, 1st place; Esther Lieu, 3rd place; Project 2 - Poster for Asarco Mining Company, Maya Martin, 1st place; Kamaya Feng, 2nd place; Project 3 - Logo for Douglas Electrical Services, Maya Martin, 2nd place; Individual overall scores, Kamaya Feng, 1st place; Esther Lieu, 3rd place. Their teacher is Kim Gassman.

Athletics

NCAA Signing Day was on February 20 and the following CFHS students signed their letter of intent for athletics: Katie Burns, basketball, Pima Community College; Tanner Aros, Baseball, Hastings College; Uriah Burrell, Soccer, Pima Community College; Katie Burns, Basketball, Pima Community College; Anthony Diaz, Baseball, College of Central Florida; Beatrice Johnson, Soccer, Vanguard University; Ryan Jone, Golf, IU Kokomo; Molly Kettelle, Fencing, UNC Chapel Hill; Taylor McCue, Cross Country, University of Alabama; Abbigail Mulick, Tennis, Cal State; Cole Revis, Football, Northern Arizona University; and Clifford Moton, Soccer, Pima Community College.

CFHS Sophomore Mercy Martinez was named Arizona Central's Athlete of the Week. In the classroom, Mercy has a 3.8 GPA. In student government, she was selected to participate in the Arizona state convention for student councils. And in athletics, she made varsity in both volleyball and basketball as a freshman last year. In volleyball, she led her team in hitting percentage.

During the winter sports season, two Catalina Foothills High School teams reached the final four in the 5A state championships. With an overall record of 14-4-1 and a 6-0 record in the 5A Southern region, girls soccer advanced to the semifinals by winning two playoff games.

Their run was ended by Chaparral, the eventual state champion. Varsity team members are: Emerson Barker, Uriah Burrell, Emma Danforth, Olivia DeConcini, Caitlin Dessent, Parker Goodell, Mackenzie Goodman, Josephine Hanley, Natalia Hoerig, Bea Johnson, Lexcea King, Hailey Kohler, Lindsey Kramkowski, Larissa Limesand, Ixta Mendez, Avery Mitchell, Adrean Moncreif, Great Moore, Molly Murry, Emma Neal, Kailyn O'Connell, Gracie Oxnam, Grace Shoemaker, Riley Silvyn, and Mya Winton. The head coach is Kelly O'Connell, with assistant coaches Monica Sieck and Stephanie Zwaga. The AIA tapped Emma Danforth as Player of the Year and Uriah Burrell as Offensive Player of the Year. Kelly O'Connell was named Coach of the Year.

It has been 26 years since the CFHS girls basketball program reached the state semifinals. They had an overall winning record of 80% and an undefeated record in the region. In their semifinal game, they fought back from a 20-point deficit to lead Canyon View High School with three minutes to go, but the Jaguars ended up surging at the end. Congratulations to Mariah Benjamin, Katie Burns, Reilly Clark, Alessandra Egginton, Sam Farbarik, Rebecca Flores, Julia Ford, Sophia 'Fi Fi' Freas, Layla Gonzales, Clara-Mae Hrouch, Daisy Hurst Jennifer Kim, Nicole Lane, Valeria Luzania, Mercy Martinez, Ivanova Pavlovich, Allie Rosas, Ava Servidio, and Lana Ziad. Head coach is Jake Martinez with assistant coaches Kristina Hrouch and Kelsey Garner. In the

5A Southern, Reilly Clark was named Player of the Year, Clara-Mae Hrouch was designated Defensive Player of the Year and Jake Martinez earned Coach of the Year honors.

Choir

CFHS Change of Pace performed at the 2023 Jazz Madrigal Festival hosted by Northern Arizona University. The group received the highest possible rating of Superior. Choir members are Ethan Ackerman, Harrison Dodge, Olivia Ferrell, Scarlett Henderson, Morgan Hinkle, Julia Jonas, Rene Navarro, Dillon Peng, Jaden Peterson, Charlotte Raines, Finch Silverman, and RC Troike. Their director is Jeffrey Evans.

At the Arizona Music Educators High School Regional Festival on February 18, seventeen (17) singers were invited to participate in the 2023 South East Regional Honor Choir. CFHS singers held 1st chair positions in the Soprano, Alto, and Tenor sections, and Sophomore Kiera Kuehnle won a solo on the final number of the program. Congratulations to Ethan Ackerman, Harrison Dodge, Sagelynn Dundas, Marcos Escudero, Olivia Ferrel, Isabella Gamas, Scarlett Henderson, Morgan Hinkle, Julia Jonas, Kiera Kuehnle, Siena Mayfield, Rene Navarro, Anderson Peters, Charlotte Raines, Finch Silverman, Rudolph Troike, and Hayden Vigilia. Their teacher is Jeffrey Evans.

Instrumental Music

CFHS Colorguard took 1st place at the recent Mt. View Winterguard Invitational. Members are Taryn Austin, Payton Bergin, Mariah Bime, Tatum Bruwer, Alexander Cramton, Cali Glenn-Grambo, Ayla Huerta, Klara Jonksson, Sarah Lindner, Nicholas Luckey, Sophia Mallino, Matina Marias, Ellie Moffet, Calista Morrison, McKenna Pastorious, Jordan Pierson, Autiana Rumel, Annalise Runyon, Ava Servidio, Inara Smith, Daniel Sutherland, Lhiannon Ward, Sage Wexler, Basil Wood, Maria Zavros-Finnegan, and Addison Zugerma. Their coaches are Ghomas Gerald and Andrea Villareal.

At the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Concert Band Festival on March 1, three CFHS concert bands received the top rating of Superior with Distinction. Congratulations to our Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, and Symphonic Band. Ryan Watson is the orchestra director, and band directors are Renee Shane-Boyd, Ramon Sepulveda, and Tina Walton.

Seventy-five (75) CFHS musicians placed into the Regional Honor Band and Symphony Orchestra. They are Nathan Adler (trumpet), Mareliss Alvarez (clarinet), Kai Asbill (bassoon), Katie Beach (clarinet), Ethan Beckett (trombone), Ethan Blakely (trombone), Scarlett Bolton (flute), Jacob Braitberg (trumpet), Kyle Cagno (clarinet), Langston Campbell (trombone), Braden Cantor-Goldner (clarinet), Owen Cantor-Goldner (percussion), Shaurya Chauhan (trombone), Landon Cione (percussion), JT Clancey (percussion), Nina Cox (clarinet), Siena Davoli-Boen (flute), Franklyn DeLong (clarinet), Jess DeLong (French horn), Logan Douglas (percussion), Travis Dover (trombone), Shelby Giachetti (flute), Alyssa Gilbert (clarinet), Connor Gillespie (trombone), Joseph Han (flute), Jonathan Hanson (bassoon), Zachary Henson (French horn), Jasmine Junker (Bb bass clarinet), Ronick Kahlon (alto saxophone), Xiaowen Kang (clarinet), Sean Keefe (Bb bass clarinet), Tyler Kebo (percussion), Derek Kim (trumpet), Steven Klestadt (clarinet), Hannah Levin (clarinet), Isaac Leviton (trumpet), Elijah Leviton (tuba), Alex Lewnes (percussion), Andrew Lister (euphonium), Eric Lu (clarinet), Avery Maland (French horn), Jack McNeilus (tuba), Jackson Metzger (tenor saxophone), Cameron Murphy (French horn), Sage Newcomb (trombone), Anna Nielsen (clarinet), Sara Nielsen (oboe), Antonio Padilla (trumpet), Katie Pawloski (alto saxophone), Ella Pemberton (flute), Dillon Peng

(clarinet), Colten Quackenbush (oboe), Madeleine Reed (bassoon), Gage Richardson (trumpet), Caroline Rosen (flute), Jessica Roudebush (French horn), Nathan Schlosser (flute), Grace Seo (oboe), Rex Shetlar (French horn), Angelina Snodgrass (alto saxophone), Amy Sternburg (tenor saxophone), Daniel Sutherland (baritone saxophone), Hope Tankesly (French horn), Sofia Thorn (clarinet), Vito Toapha (oboe), Tyler Tosca (French horn), Oliver Ward (trumpet), Ella Weigand (flute), Zechariah Wright (trombone), Zeke Zavala (tuba), Angelina Zhang (flute), and Bryan Zhang (clarinet). Their band directors are Renee Shane-Boyd, Ramon Sepulveda, and Tina Walton. Alex Meredith is the guitar/drumline instructor, and Ryan Watson is the director of orchestras.

Robotics

Pioneer 327 won three judged awards at the FIRST Tech Challenge state championship at Northern Arizona University: Inspire Award (over all award), 2nd place; Control Award (autonomous program), 2nd place; Think Award (engineering portfolio), 3rd place; Connect Award (team that best connects with their local science, technology, engineering, and math community), 3rd place. Members of the team are Elyse Ardolino, David Beck, Henry Bonomolo, Eugenio Cambuston, Braden Cantor-Goldner, Own Cantor-Goldner, Zakary Gruber, Presley Landis, Ethan Lin, Kyle Lo, Dale Nelson, Christian Pierson, Camila Ritz, Seth Rojas, and Spencer Schiller. Alternates are Sara Nielsen, Thomas Scott, and Cole Warnock. Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman, Mark Haye, and Lukas Gruber. Team mentor is Jackson Tint.

DECA

During February 23-25, our DECA students attended the State Career Development Conference, the flagship conference of Arizona DECA. At their largest event of the year, students have the opportunity to network with over 2,200 of their peers from around the state while competing in one of 50 unique business competitions.

Four CFHS students placed in their competitions and will head to Florida for the DECA International Career Development Conference in April. They are Lexcea King, Natalia Ortiz, Anayochukwu Uche, and Zachary Wagenheim. Lexcea and Anayochukwu qualified in Business Finance; Natalia and Zachary qualified in Ignite Leadership Development. Their business teacher is Jason Reinhardt.

Recommended Motion: Information Item