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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 1.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, September 10, 2024

**OPENING ITEM:** Outstanding Achievements

**SUBMITTED BY:** Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

**PRESENTED BY:** Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

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

### Boys Golf

The CFHS Boys Golf team placed 2nd in the Brophy Rodeo National Golf Invitational at Grayhawk on Saturday, August 24, 2024. The Falcons finished one (1) stroke behind Brophy in this elite event. Chase Cesarek brought home the individual championship with an electrified eagle on the final hole! Teammates Parker Servoss, Finn Meister, Zachary Schaefer, and Jack Khedia joined Chase in celebrating a great start to the season.

### College Board Recognition

Twenty-five students from CFHS have been awarded National Recognition by the College Board, setting a new record for our high school. The students earned this recognition through their exceptional performance on the PSAT/NMSQT® and/or AP® Exams, along with maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The awards include National African American Recognition Award (NAARA); National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA); National First-Generation Recognition Award (NFGRA); and National Indigenous Recognition Award (NIRA).

The awardees as of August 31, 2024, are: Adib Abubeker – NAARA; Chantall Aguirre-Minjarez - NFGRA , NHRA; Ingrid Benito - NHRA; Liliana Clevenger - NFGRA; Aisha Gereau – NAARA; Maximilian Henry - NHRA; Myah Herrera - NFGRA, NHRA; Myles Hopkins - NAARA; Daniel Lizarraga - NHRA; Gabriela

Malo-Molina - NHRA; Esteban Matzkin - NHRA; Siena Mayfield - NHRA; Emma Mireles - NHRA; Brandon Mokhtarian – NHRA; Alessandra Moreno - NFGRA; Giovanni Procopio, - NHRA, NIRA; Ronan Ranellone-Mims - NAARA; Mia Reidy - NHRA; Carson Ruiz - NHRA; Martin Serratos - NHRA; Jesse Steele - NFGRA; Lauren Thompson - NHRA; Makena Thompson - NHRA; Ivanna Vilorio Enciso – NHRA; and Zacarias Young - NHRA.

### Cross Country (XC)

Junior Katherine McNulty was named the girls champion of the cross-country Rio Rico Rattler Cross Country Invitational held on August 30, 2024, in Rio Rico. The CFHS Girls XC Varsity team came in 3rd place overall.

### 2024 Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge

We are proud to announce that Isabelle Babst, a seventh grader in Ms. Kelly Smith's science class at Esperero Canyon Middle School, has been named one of the Top 300 Junior Innovators in the 2024 Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge (JIC), a prestigious program of the Society for Science. This remarkable achievement places Isabelle among only 300 middle school science and engineering projects in the United States, selected from a pool of 1,862 entrants. Isabelle's innovative project studied the effect of shading solar panels on the growth trajectory of alfalfa, showcasing her dedication to scientific inquiry and exploration at a young age. Congratulations, Isabelle!

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