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### **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO: 3.5**

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023

**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:

#### LEGO Building Competition

Three Esperero students, Jacob Colman, Sergius Sakali, and Alejandro Urbina ("Brick Bros" team) won first place at the first ever Tucson Mini-Master LEGO Building Competition on April 15. The competition was hosted by Liam and Emily Mohajeri Norris who reached the top 5 on the Fox TV show "LEGO Masters" and also live in Tucson.

The Brick Bros built a colorful Monsoon Madness landscape with a flying hummingbird, a saguaro, and a nefarious coyote. Their coach and CFSD STEM Integration Specialist Noah Mickey-Colman reported that the team "showed creativity, teamwork, determination, and perseverance to get their build done in two hours and tell a great story in their build." Their build will be displayed at the Tucson Botanical Gardens for the next month.

#### Tennis Champions

At the Division II tennis doubles state championships on May 1, the CFHS team of Jason Jia and Santiago Lietzau won 1st place.

CFHS athletes advanced to the final rounds in boys singles and girls doubles. Jared Perry finished second in the boys singles, and Maria Aranguren and Morgan Filer finished second in the girls doubles.

Both the CFHS boys and girls tennis teams won their Division II State Championship on May 6. The boys victory was the 17th team title and the 9th championship in a row. The girls victory was the 18th team title and the 6th championship in a row.

Boys team members: Hudson Brack, Grant Cohen, Jason Jia, Santiago Lietzau, Jared Perry, Luke Sadalla, Suraj Shah, Edwin Uche, and Aaron Zeldin.

Girls team members: Madelyn Anderson, Maria Aranguren, Morgan Filer, Isabella Gamas, Charlotte Ganem, Charlotte Henderson, Samantha Hickman, Jana Holt, Daisy Hurst, Lilly Johnson, Amile Kaiser, Evangeline Mayo, Abigail Meger, Madison Meisinger, Emma Mireles, Abigail Mulick, Gracie Petrow, Ashiana Sanan, Charlotte Teeple, Alexis Weidner, and Allison Wheeler.

Jeffrey Bloomberg is the head coach of the boys team, and Daniel Root is the girls team's head coach.

### Theatre Arts

CFHS Kiera Kuehnle, Intermediate Theatre Arts student, participated in the National Shakespeare Competition in New York City on April 24. She was one of the top ten finalists. Her teacher is Amy Byroad.

### Choir

At the All-State Choir Festival, CFHS's Julia Jonas was asked to perform as part of the Tier III honors recital inside Gammage Hall at ASU. She sang "When I Have Sung My Songs" by Ernest Charles in front of all of Arizona's All State musicians and their teachers.

Out of 829 musicians in Arizona who participated in the Tier 1 solo & ensemble competition that began in January, 222 of them received ratings of superior, allowing them to submit Tier II audition videos. Seven of the students were from CFHS: Jacqueline Foley, Julia Jonas, Caroline Kenerson, Rene Navarro, Jaden Peterson, Finch Silverman, and RC Troike. The group of 222 was narrowed to 34 who were awarded "Best In Class" and among them were two CFHS students, Jacqueline Foley and Julia Jonas. From the 34, six musicians were invited to perform. Julia Jonas was one of them.

Jeffrey Evans is CFHS's choir teacher/director.

### Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Two CFHS Computer Programming students, Johnathan Hanson and Zacarias Young, qualified to go to the National Competition in the Computer Game & Simulation Programming event. Also, the team of Jason Bjornholm, Samantha Lim, and Caroline Rosen qualified in Digital Video Production. They will be heading to Atlanta, GA June 25-July 1.

The CFHS film teacher is Jacob Robinson, and the software programming teacher is Kevin Trebbe.

### Economics

Several Orange Grove 8th graders participated in the Arizona Council of Economics Education competition. More than 800 students competed from across Arizona.

Taking 1st place in the competition for the personal finance quiz bowl was the Blue Panthers: Ethan Fyock, Fritz McGee, Milo Peters, and Nathan Wu.

Taking 2nd place was Better Your Wealth: Tess Brevaire, Bella Pouliot, Cally Sulger, and Andie Tkalcevic.

Two OG teams tied for 3rd place in the case study competition. The team members: Finances - Bianca Cao, Lucy Freebourn, and Ella Horn; Bright Future Financial - Ethan Fyock, Gage Lyon, Fritz McGee, and Nathan Wu.

The students' coaches were OG teacher Dawn Willman and retired OG teacher Collin Flynn.

### Track and Field

On April 15, the Orange Grove track teams took 1st place for the girls and 3rd place for the boys at the Kiwanis de Amigos Relays out of 33 teams participating. Noteworthy individual performances included: Adelyn Sommers, 2nd place, girls 100m; Lexi Appel, 2nd place, girls 1600m run; girls 4 x 200 relay team, 2nd place, Lacy Crouch, Adelyn Sommers, Jazie Thornwell, and Bella Uzomba; Ben Grandner, 1st place, boys 100m; Tenzin Luorong, 1st place, boys high jump.

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