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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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:

Perfect ACT Scores

A perfect ACT score is an extraordinary achievement, attained by only about 0.313% of students nationwide. This year, we proudly announce that two Catalina Foothills High School students have joined this prestigious group. Congratulations to Ava Becker and Bryan Zhang!

National Merit Scholarship Program

We are pleased to share that eight of our students have been recognized as Commended Students in the National Merit® Scholarship Program. As Commended Students, they are part of an elite group of about 34,000 nationwide for their high achievement on the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). Although only 16,000 of the highest-scoring participants advance as Semifinalists, being named a Commended Student is a significant honor that reflects their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to Sebastian Cross, Ella Hennings, Lilian Li, Siena Mayfield, Brandon Mokhtarian, Kyriaki Papas, Nina Raju, and Zacarias Young.

CFHS Student Qualifies for ProAm Golf Tournament

Junior Oliver De Guia is one of three Tucson junior golfers who qualified for the Pebble Beach at the PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee tournament. The event, which pairs PGA Tour Champions professionals with

juniors from the First Tee program, took place September 20-22. Oliver was paired with pro Retief Goosen. This is the first time Tucson has had three golfers make the cut. Eighty juniors in all are selected based on their playing ability as well as their personal growth and life skills learned through First Tee's programs. This year's group has an average GPA of 3.89. Congratulations, Oliver!

CFHS Tech Theatre

On September 19, CFHS tech theatre students went to Live Theatre Workshop and participated in the tech challenge workshop, preparing our students for the state competition in November. The tech teams included Saki Grobe, Elise McFarlane, Brayden DuBois, Amanda Biava, Veronica Davis-Soto, Zarya Vinal, Calista Morrison, and Cameron Smith. Students earned the following awards: 1st place in knot tying, 1st place in light hang, 1st place in legging a platform, 2nd place in cable coiling, 2nd place in knot tying, and 3rd place in folding a theatrical backdrop.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Information Item