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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 13, 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:

Catalina Foothills High School

Hughes Federal Credit Union awarded two graduating seniors \$2,000 scholarships to pursue higher education. Scholarship recipients are Class of 2024 graduates Siena Hazel Davoli-Boen and Anderson Peters.

CFHS senior Nina Raju was a finalist in the U.S. Department of State's 2024 NSLI-Y Russian Summer Program in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The merit-based scholarship provided by the U.S. government covered her travel, living, and study expenses in Kazakhstan during the summer. NSLI-Y immerses participants in the cultural life of the host community, giving them formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. Participants receive intensive language instruction, live with a host family for all or part of the program, and participate in various cultural activities. Nina is also the 2024 ArcGIS Online Competition National High School Winner. For the competition, she created a storymap on "Wildfires Threaten Saguaro Cacti in Pima County, AZ". Advanced storymaps such as Nina's combine GIS skills, environmental science and probabilistic modeling. Nina is the first winner from the state of Arizona.

Catalina Foothills School District Opening of School Video

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Information Item