



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **April 5, 2016**

TITLE: **Recognition of Canyon del Oro (CDO) Academic Decathlon Team**

BACKGROUND:

The CDO Academic Decathlon Team earned the top score at the Arizona Academic Decathlon in March 2016. This is the third consecutive state championship for the CDO Academic Decathlon team, and their sixth state title. The team will represent Arizona at the United States Academic Decathlon Finals in Anchorage, Alaska April 28-30. The CDO team scored 47,910 out of a possible 60,000 points beating the second place team (Chandler Hamilton High School) by 1,953 points.

During the competition, each student answers nearly 350 questions related to the curricular theme of the year. This year the students studied the history of Modern India, including art history, musical traditions, literary movements, economic development, ecological conditions, and the interplay of empires of the Indian subcontinent with the colonial powers of Europe. Students also must write an essay, be interviewed and deliver a prepared and impromptu speech.

Each team has nine students: 3 "A" or Honor students, 3 "B" or Scholastic students, and 3 "C" or Varsity students. The following students will be recognized as members of the Canyon del Oro High School Academic Decathlon state championship team:

David Arbogast
Zac Azares
Paige Dingman Manela
Alli Gilbreath
Piper Gray
Brady Lybarger
Christina Redford
Sarah Sheldon
Sarah Spurlin

Coach:
Chris Yetman

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Governing Board's information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:


Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations

Date: March 25, 2016



Patrick Nelson, Superintendent