

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

DATE OF MEETING: May 7, 2019

**TITLE:** Recognition of 2019 Flinn Scholar

## **BACKGROUND:**

Each year, 20 of Arizona's highest-achieving high-school seniors are named Flinn Scholars and receive scholarships to Arizona's three public research universities valued at more than \$120,000.

This year, Kailee Savage of Canyon del Oro High School has been named a Flinn Scholar, providing a full ride that covers the cost of tuition, fees, housing, meals, and provides funding for at least two study-abroad experiences plus additional benefits. The scholarship is valued at more than \$120,000.

This is an extraordinary accomplishment in any year, but even more so in 2019. A record-high 894 students applied for the scholarship, and the 34<sup>th</sup> class of Flinn Scholars features 20 students from the Phoenix metropolitan area, Tucson, Prescott, and Pinal County, representing 19 high schools.

The Flinn Scholarship benefits include eight semesters of tuition, fees, housing, and meals, and:

- A three-week summer seminar in China for the full class following the freshman year and at least one additional study-abroad experience;
- Mentorship from top faculty and exposure to global leaders, including leaders from Arizona's business, civic, and academic communities;
- Membership in a university honors college with small classes, guest lecturers, and research experiences.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

**INITIATED BY:** 

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Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Symerintendent

Date: May 1, 2019