



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

DATE OF MEETING: **March 11, 2025**

TITLE: **Recognition of Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Recipient**

BACKGROUND:

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the nation’s highest award that is conferred to outstanding STEM educators. Awarded by the President of the United States and facilitated by National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office on Science and Technology Policy, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is awarded to our nation’s most accomplished and innovative educators.

Since its inception by Congress in 1983, only 5,200 educators have earned this prestigious award in the last 41 years. Annually, 110 teachers across this United States are awarded the highest honor a mathematics or science teacher can receive.

To be considered, an educator must teach a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) subject in grades 7 – 12 for at least five years and must demonstrate, through a rigorous application/evaluation process, a deep understanding of their subject(s) and evidence their praxis has inspired their students and supported students’ success.

Prior to consideration by the National Science Foundation, recipients must be nominated by their respective state, who may only nominate six finalists, three in math and three in science. Subsequent to nomination to the foundation, the National Science Foundation committee selects one math and science teacher from each state.

This year’s recipient from Arizona, and one of only 50 science educators in the United States, is Mrs. Jill Christman, Chemistry teacher at Canyon Del Oro High School. Mrs. Christman has been a teacher in the Amphitheater District at CDO for the last 23 years. Mrs. Christman holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Chemistry.

Mrs. Christman will travel to Washington D.C. to attend a ceremony and recognition banquet in the White House.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Governing Board’s recognition.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: March 4, 2025

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent