



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

DATE OF MEETING: **April 9, 2013**

TITLE: **Recognition of CDO Academic Decathlon Team**

BACKGROUND:

Canyon del Oro's Academic Decathlon team competed in the 29th Arizona State Academic Decathlon finals at ASU West Campus. Let by strong performances by Jake Rockland, Rebecca Gosla, and Maria Elena Pakulis, CDO finished a strong second, behind Mesa Red Mountain, and well ahead of third-place Mesa Mountain View. Forty schools participated.

The highlight of the competition (for CDO) was an exciting victory in the Super Quiz Relay, which is the public portion of the competition. In the relay, they finished well ahead of second-place Boulder Creek High School and third-place Red Mountain.

In the overall competition, however, Red Mountain dominated, finishing with 48,408 points to CDO's 45,174 points. The competition between Red Mountain and CDO has been intense for many years as they each view the other as the main contender to be faced.

CDO students won a total of 25 medals. Jake Rockland won a special trophy for having the top interview score out of all students competing. Maria Elena Pakulis finished 3rd in the state in her category (out of all ten events).

CDO's second place finish qualifies them to be a wild-card team at the national finals in Minneapolis on April 23 – 27. CDO is currently seeded 8th nationally.

The team members are Jake Rockland, Annaliese Grant, Rebecca Gosla, Jakub Safar, Alexander Molina, Maria Elena Pakulis, Rose Booth, Powell Brumm, and Jason Trainor. They are coached by Mr. Chris Yetman.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent

Date: April 9, 2013

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent