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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 3.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024

**OPENING ITEM:** Outstanding Achievements

**SUBMITTED BY:** Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

**PRESENTED BY:** Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

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I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD student and staff achievements:

### HOBY Nominees

Each year, the Catalina Foothills High School counseling department can select sophomores to participate in the prestigious Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar. This program is dedicated to training and nurturing the young leaders, empowering them to explore their potential and develop into effective leaders. This year, we are pleased to announce the nomination of seven outstanding sophomores who will represent Catalina Foothills High School at this summer’s HOBY Leadership Seminar: Annelise Kohut, Jameson Leary, Ezra Mandel, Jules Manger, Madison McCoy, Soleil Sakali, and Jane Volk.

### All State Jazz Choir

Congratulations to Catalina Foothills High School Senior Zach Pittner for being selected to sing as one of twenty voices, in the Arizona All-State Jazz Clinic Choir under the direction of Dr. Craig Peterson. The choir spent three days preparing for their set of advanced vocal jazz literature, including arrangements of “Everybody Wants to Rule the World” by Tears for Fears, and “Getting to Know You” by Rogers and Hammerstein.

## ECMS Choir

We are proud to celebrate the exceptional achievements of 15 talented Esperero Canyon Middle School students who were selected to participate in the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) statewide Cantaremos Honor Choirs. This event was held at Camelback High School in Phoenix on Saturday, November 23rd. There were thirteen students in the 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade soprano I, soprano II, and alto (SSA) Honor Choir and two students in the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Choir. The following students earned their places through competitive auditions:

7-9 Grade Treble SSA Honor Choir: Savanna Arzate, Lyra Boyd, Scarlett Braun, Sylvia Garbarino, Abigail Gordon, Rayla Mekkelsen, Emma Moseke, Emma McNulty, Gwen Seppala, Elizabeth Sinclair, Cecilia Suarez, Elena Suarez, and Elise Woolley

5-6 Grade Honor Choir: Andrew Moseke and Lucy Rao

These students spent the day rehearsing and performing alongside other outstanding young singers from across the state, guided by choral educators. Mrs. Julia Higgins is the choir director of Esperero Canyon Middle School.

We also congratulate Catalina Foothills High School Choir Director Jeffrey Evans, who served as the clinician and conductor for this year's state Tenor/Bass Honor Choir. Congratulations to these students, their families, Mrs. Higgins, and Mr. Evans.

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION: Information Item**