



Orange Grove Middle School

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It is my pleasure to recommend Collin Flynn for recognition from the Governing Board as a Super Volunteer.

Since his retirement, he has continued to return to OGMS and invested many hours every year to help prepare our students for the annual Arizona Council on Economic Education Economic Challenge - a statewide contest that takes place in Mesa. And every year, an OGMS team has come in first place in all events (except for one year in which two of our teams tied for first).

These students meet on Sundays from January through March, spending hours preparing an advanced case study in personal finance, preparing a consultation for a family or individual in difficult economic straits, to help them regain their financial footing, and plan for a stable future. Some of them also spend time learning the principles of micro- and macroeconomics to prepare for a quiz bowl - a speed round which relies on students having broad, deep, and accurate knowledge about interest rates, kinds of accounts, supply and demand, and international trade.

A visitor to OGMS on one of these Sundays would see a miraculous thing - students avidly working in groups, hunched over computers, graphs, and spreadsheets for hours, plotting out imaginary budgets and debt reduction plans, or taking whole class quizzes together, presided over by Collin, who patiently explains each answer and concept, patiently breaking down complex economic terms and relationships into language that even middle-school principals can understand.

Collin was a legendary teacher during his years at Orange Grove, beloved by students and known for his high standards and engaging instruction. He has continued to devote his skill and expertise to help our students reach new heights, and compete at a statewide level. I am so pleased to recommend him for recognition on a broader platform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr. Rubin Toles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mark Rubin-Toles
Principal