



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

DATE OF MEETING: **May 7, 2019**

TITLE: **Recognition of 2019 AIA Unified Sports Athlete of the Year Award Recipient**

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) honors student athletes across the state at the AIA Champions Awards in Phoenix. Students are nominated to participate in this ceremony based upon their exemplary sportsmanship qualities and their contributions to their teammates, their school's Unified sports teams and the Unified Movement. This year, Jorge Garcia from Amphitheater High School will be featured at the Champions Awards on May 17, 2019.

Jorge's teacher, Kim Dickinson, nominated him for the award. Here are excerpts from the nomination:

“Jorge Garcia goes above and beyond his personal and team goals. Jorge will sacrifice everything, including individual accomplishments or acknowledgements, even wins and losses to make sure we compete in a manner that puts positive sportsmanship first. Jorge plays with integrity.”

“When Jorge competes he usually places top three in his events because of his determination to do his best for the team and for Amphitheater High School and not for himself. ... Team sports bring people together. Special Olympics Unified Sports teams do that too and much more. Jorge Garcia is a special Olympic athlete that wins over everyone's heart with his passion of competing in bowling, track and field, and his favorite, basketball.”

“Jorge has been involved with our Garden club, robotics club, and recently has joined our dance performance team at school. Besides taking an adaptive P.E. class, Jorge has also selected to take a General Ed. P.E. class. ... He also excels academically with a 4.0 G.P.A. Because of Jorge Garcia, students at Amphitheater High School are starting to understand that all people should have equal possibilities and equal rights to clubs and athletic teams no matter what their physical or intellectual abilities are.”

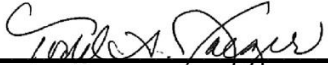
RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:


Michelle Valenzuela, Communications Director

Date: April 30, 2019


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent