



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

DATE OF MEETING: **April 4, 2017**

TITLE: **Recognition of Canyon del Oro Academic Decathlon Team**

BACKGROUND:

The Canyon del Oro High School (CDO) Academic Decathlon Team earned the top score at the Arizona Academic Decathlon in March 2017. This is the fourth consecutive state championship for the CDO Academic Decathlon team, and their seventh state title. The team will represent Arizona at the United States Academic Decathlon Finals in Madison, Wisconsin April 20-22. The CDO team scored 46,433.9 out of a possible 60,000 points beating the second place team (Chandler Hamilton High School) by 1,609 points.

In the Academic Decathlon, students match their intellects with students from other schools. They compete in ten categories, including written tests in Art, Economics, Literature, Math, Music, Science, and Social Science. They also write an essay on a curriculum-related topic, deliver both a prepared and impromptu speech, and are interviewed by a panel of judges. This year's theme was World War II, and the students studied the history of the conflict, and also the artistic, literary, and musical responses to the war, as well as the science of atomic and nuclear physics. During the course of a competition, students will answer more than 350 questions on these topics.

Each team has nine students: 3 "A" or Honor students, 3 "B" or Scholastic students, and 3 "C" or Varsity students. The following students will be recognized as members of the Canyon del Oro High School Academic Decathlon state championship team:

Patrick Carswell
Evan Cuillier
Paige Dingman
Piper Gray
Brady Lybarger

Allienna Nezelek
Chloe Penna
Jessica Sheldon
Albert Windes

Coach:
Chris Yetman

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:


Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations

Date: March 27, 2017


Patrick Nelson, Superintendent
