



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

DATE OF MEETING: **APRIL 8, 2014**

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

BACKGROUND:

The Canyon del Oro Academic Decathlon Team earned the top score at the Arizona Academic Decathlon in March 2014. The CDO team scored 45,873.9 out of a possible 60,000 points. The team score is determined by the answers to a total of 2,010 questions, as well as the scores from numerous speeches, interviews, and essays.

In Academic Decathlon, students match their intellects with students from other schools. They are tested in ten categories: Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Language and Literature, Math, Music, Science, Social Science, and Speech. Each team has nine students: 3 "A" or Honor students, 3 "B" or Scholastic students, and 3 "C" or Varsity students. Forty teams and more than 330 students competed in the State Finals.

Maria Elena Pakulis, Rebecca Gosla, Caleb Yetman, and Michael Yuhas, led the CDO team to the win. Maria earned special honors as the top student in the Scholastic Division, as well as a trophy for her perfect score in the interview competition.

The nine state team students will go to the national finals in Honolulu in late April.

This is the fourth time that CDO has won the state championship (2006, 2009, and 2011 were the previous years).

Rebecca Gosla, Grade 12
Jennifer Marine, Grade 12
Maria Elena Pakulis, Grade 12
Nicole Enos, Grade 11
Martin Ramirez Araujo, Grade 11
Jennifer Baeza Loya, Grade 11
Luisa Placencia, Grade 11
Matt Welch, Grade 11
Caleb Yetman, Grade 11
Michael Yuhas, Grade 11
Sarah Spurlin, Grade 10
Chris Yetman, Coach

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Mindy Blake

Mindy Blake, Director of Community Relations

Date: March 31, 2014

Patrick Nelson

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent