

CGUHSD

EXPRESS



Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

Volume 14 | February 2020 | www.cguhsd.org

A note from the Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

CGUHSD believes in helping our students be involved in and to give back to the community which provides for them. To encourage our students to participate in community service, I have offered all students in our district the following Superintendent's Challenge:

- Earn 50 hours or more per year in Community Service by your senior year (200 hours total in 4 years) and receive a Superintendent's Challenge honor cord and certificate.

- Complete 200 hours of Community Service in one school year (with hours beginning June 1 until the deadline) and receive a Varsity Letter.

For those students who have accepted my challenge and are participating in the Superintendent's Challenge, the deadline to submit your approved hours is April 9, 2020. Students must submit their documented hours to Mary Rosenbam either at the District Office or by email, mrosenbam@cguhsd.org.

Thank you to all the students who are participating in community service and taking the time to give back to your community.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Bebee

Steve Bebee

Arizona Education Tax Credit

100% Return on Investment Guarantee!



The deadline to contribute to student programs and activities in our district is April 15th. Single taxpayers may contribute up to \$200 and married, filing jointly, up to \$400 for which you'll be paid back with a **DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR TAX CREDIT** to help guarantee that our students experience all that high school has to offer. To learn more, visit www.cguhsd.org/doTaxCredit.aspx

CGUHSD Attends PLC Summit



CGUHSD recently sent a team of administrators, teachers, and district office staff to the PLC Summit that took place in Phoenix. The intention of the summit was to build collective teacher efficacy and to help our district reach higher levels of student achievement with support of global professional development. Our team received targeting training from Mike Mattos, Anthony Muhammad, Regina Stephens Owens and many more renowned educational experts in the field of Professional Learning Communities. Our group enjoyed the time to collaborate and learn from experts how to continue to improve our district for all students.

Our team received targeting training from Mike Mattos, Anthony Muhammad, Regina Stephens Owens and many more renowned educational experts in the field of Professional Learning Communities. Our group enjoyed the time to collaborate and learn from experts how to continue to improve our district for all students.



Upcoming Dates of Importance

| | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| FEBRUARY 17 | President's Day – No School |
| FEBRUARY 26 | Early Release @ 1:30 PM |
| MARCH 4 | Early Release @ 1:30 PM |
| MARCH 11 | Early Release @ 1:30 PM |
| MARCH 16-20 | Spring Break – No School |



520.316.3360 | www.cguhsd.org





CGUHS Youth Ambassadors



Congratulations to CGUHS seniors Dakota Alvarez, Cole Auza, Padon Dugan, Ashton Redd, Leah Salcido, Brady Stephens, and Nicky Vasquez for being selected Pinal County Farm Bureau Youth Ambassadors. This is a

leadership opportunity to learn about the Farm Bureau, emphasizing resolution and legislative processes. Ambassadors' attend and participate in meetings at local, state and national levels. Throughout the year, they also develop and implement agriculture educational programs in Pinal County schools. Each ambassador will earn a \$1,600 scholarship.

VGHS Mathletes Attend Competition

Vista Grande HS Mathletes attended a Mathleague.org qualifying competition at Sahaurita High School. Victor Wittner and Mark Cruz placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the freshman grade level, and junior Tanay Evans qualified for the state competition. They are advised by Mrs. Jeanna Vasquez-Garza.



STEM Showcased at Middle Schools

CGUHS STEM Programs were presented at Casa Grande, Cactus and Villago Middle Schools at which time Biotechnology and Engineering students were able to showcase their skills in robotics, programming, microscopy, microbiology, and others, to a crowd of young students. The team representatives earnestly and excitedly talked about their works as STEM students by showing the middle schoolers actual outputs and letting them experience how it was being done. Great job!



VGHS Thespians Qualify for Nationals

VGHS Thespians competed at the Southern Arizona Festival of Theatre (SAFT) in January. Seven (7) students competed in the musical solo and musical duet categories. They achieved six (6) "Superior" and one (1) "Excellent" and qualified for Nationals. Attendees were Arthur



Bautista, Jade Martinez, Xela Mae Mercado, Drake Salas, Aaliyas Thompson, Payton Toscano, and Aurora Yoder. Receiving perfect scores from one of their judges were Arthur Bautista, Jade Martinez, and Aaliyas Thompson. Great job!

VGHS Art Classes Showcase Work



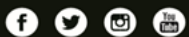
During the month of January, Mr. Jimenez's art students learned several techniques using different types of charcoal. They had specific assignments throughout the month, but the last week of January, they chose their own subject. This was

their chance to show off the skills they had acquired and to put all the techniques learned to use. They took on the challenge and came up with amazing illustrations that were hand drawn, freehand, without tracing, and using nothing but charcoal. Great work!



CGUHS Color Guard Earns 2nd Place

Congratulations to the CGUHS Color Guard who on February 8, competed at Ironwood Ridge HS and earned 2nd Place. The Cougar Color Guard is directed by Mr. Martin Hebda.





CTE Students of the Month



Miarim Ramirez-Montaz is a Vista Grande High School student and daughter of Emirys Lydy and Julio Ramirez. Miarim was nominated by her Culinary Arts teacher, Ms. Kim Rains. She is currently the FCCLA Club President and has worked tirelessly in support of the student-led café and catering events at VGHS. She attended the FCCLA Fall Leadership Camp and will be attending the State Leadership Conference this spring. She recently represented the VGHS Culinary Program at the Community Forum on Workforce Development and she has represented the Culinary Program in numerous outreach opportunities this fall.



Miriam Pulido is a Casa Grande Union High School student and daughter of Eduardo and Norma Pulido. Miriam was nominated by her Culinary Arts teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Adams. Miriam is in her third year in Culinary and has really blossomed since her freshman year. She is very helpful and does numerous tasks, even when she is not asked. She is always smiling and in a great mood and she knows how to do so many tasks in Culinary that she does not even need a teacher.

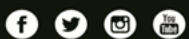
Rotary Students of the Month



Logan Brown is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and the son of Scott and Angela Brown. His activities and accomplishments include being a member of Key Club, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honors Society, Marching Band for four years, Percussion Ensemble for three years, maintaining a 4.41 GPA for four years, being named AP Scholar with Distinction, and scoring an average of 3.5 on all AP exams. His personal activities include marching with the Academy Drum and Bugle Corps for the summer of 2019 following a rigorous audition process which included students from all over the country. He hopes to pursue a degree in Music Education at the University of Arizona.



Isabella Salazar is a student at Vista Grande High School and daughter of Hector and Brenda Salazar. Her activities and accomplishments include being a member of Student Council, Yearbook, Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO), Journalism, Travel Club, AP Club Elite Dance Company, and Varsity Cheer where she is the current captain, all while maintaining a high GPA. Her personal activities include over 400 volunteer hours at Banner Health Hospital in Casa Grande. She has also taken dance lessons at The Studio since the age of 4, taking her passion one step further by starting her own business, "Bella's Creative Dance" and teaching ballet to students ages 3-10 through the city's parks and recreation program. After graduation, Isabella hopes to attend the University of Arizona to obtain her BSN and become a registered nurse.





Making It Happen

Employee of the Month & Golden Ticket Program



In an effort to honor and appreciate our employees, an Employee Recognition Award Program was started to honor a selected group of employees each month. Employees are nominated through our Employee of the Month criteria and selected by our Recognition Committee to receive that honor. Selected Employees of the Month are invited to breakfast at The Big House Cafe with the Superintendent and are recognized at the monthly Governing Board meeting. We have also started the Golden Ticket recognition. These tickets are for district employees to recognize each other for any positive reason! The original Golden Ticket is given to the person being recognized and a copy is placed in the Golden Box at the site. Drawings for gift cards are held monthly by the Recognition Committee.

February 2020 Employees of the Month

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Katrina Wagner | CTE Paraprofessional | CGUHS |
| Gary Smothers | Title I Paraprofessional | CGUHS |
| Zona Campas | Administrative Assistant | CGUHS |
| Steve Koenigseder | Social Studies Teacher | VGHS |
| Louis Mallett | IEP Writer | VGHS |
| Karen Smothers | Athletics Secretary | VGHS |
| Lauren Martinez | SAIS/IT Support | DO |
| Angel Salinas | Maintenance | CGUHS |
| Rodolfo Perez | Grounds | DO |
| Ivan Mendoza | Maintenance | CGUHS |

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 22 Golden Ticket recipients:

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Alistair Mountz | DO |
| Dominic Henderson | CGUHS |
| Andrea Teran | DO |
| Ralph Belloc | DO |

