

# CGUHSD

## Express



**Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent**

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*A note from the Superintendent...*



**Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:**

It is hard to believe that spring is here and with the arrival of spring also comes the rapid end of another school year. As we conclude the 2018-19 school year, I would like to take the time to congratulate all our graduating seniors from Casa Grande Union and Vista Grande High School. The last four years have been a journey in your life that you will not soon forget. Thank you for the contribution you have all made to our district and to your individual schools. I would also like to congratulate the parents, guardians and families who have supported these seniors in their academic careers the past four years. It was your support and encouragement that also helped them get to this point in their lives.

As our seniors prepare to walk across the graduation stage this May and receive their diplomas, we know that they are both college and career ready because of the time they spent in CGUHSD.

We wish you the very best in the next stages of your lives. Congratulations Class of 2019!

Sincerely,

*Steven C. Bebee*

Steve Bebee

### Academic Excellence Award Recognition

Vista Grande High School Principal Glenda Cole presented their Academic Excellence Awards at the Board meeting held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to recipients from VGHS: Henry Bias for Certified Staff Member of Excellence; Susan Wortman and Linda Irvin for Community Members of Excellence and Adriana Favela for Student of Excellence.



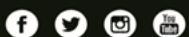
### Kiwanis Track Meet Art Contest

The Kiwanis Track Meet has been held in Casa Grande for 67 years. This year 28 schools attended the event with 56 teams competing. Two CGUHS art students won first place and runner-up in the Kiwanis Track Meet cover art contest. Lexia Gibson's art students, Maricianna Martinez (right) and Veronica Federico (left) are pictured along with Kiwanis advisor Paul Beatty.



### Upcoming Dates of Importance

APRIL 19	In-Lieu Day – No School
MAY 1	Early Release @ 1:40 PM
MAY 7	Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
MAY 21	Casa Grande Union HS Graduation @ 8:00 PM
MAY 23	Vista Grande HS Graduation @ 8:00 PM
MAY 22-23	Semester Exams
MAY 23	Last Day of School

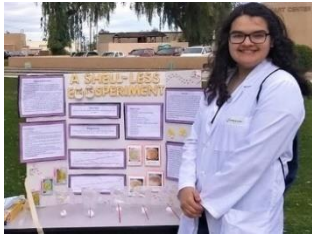


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## Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam Project



CGUHS STEM Biotechnology sophomore Genevieve Hayes, a Cherokee Nation citizen, has been recognized for her work in biotech and for her participation in the Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam Project this year at CGUHS.

Genevieve stated, "I am very enthusiastic about making a positive communal and global impact by applying my knowledge of science to create innovative technologies for society".

## VGHS Chemistry Tie-Dye Project



The Tie-Dye Project is used to support the student's awareness of Earth Day and their responsibilities as good stewards of our planet. On April 22, all the students must wear their shirts while classroom activities will explore the history and future of Earth Day. From a

chemistry perspective, students just completed a unit on acids and bases in which they used different indicators using colors to determine the pH of a solution.

## AZ North Regional Robotics Tournament

Congratulations to Chloe Buchanan who was selected to represent Arizona as a Dean's List Finalist in the FIRST Robotics Competition World Championship in Houston next month. This is a very high honor and is awarded to a student who best exemplifies the ideals of FIRST: gracious professionalism, a love for science and technology, and a heart to spread the message of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). This honor is viewed as on the same level as the tournament champion.



## Pinal Prep Performer of the Week



Contratulations to Vista Grande's own Marco Ozuna who was selected Pinal Prep Performer of the week. Marco is one of Vista's starting pitchers with a record of 5-1. His ERA is 1.50 and of 28 innings pitched he has struck out 40 batters and walked only 6. The VGHS Baseball team is ranked #5 in 4A and is looking forward to finishing the season off strong in the state playoffs.

## WGAZ State Championship



Congratulations to Martin Hebda and the CGUHS Cougar Indoor Percussion Ensemble. who won WGAZ State Championship at ASU Wells Fargo Arena on March 30<sup>th</sup>. This is their 5<sup>th</sup> State Championship in a row.

Yesenia Zuniga (front right) was also awarded the WGAZ Scholarship for 2019. .

## VGHS "We the People" Program



The "We the People" program sent two teams to the regional competition. In addition to the Social Studies department helping to prepare students, we would like to send a special

thank you to Fitzgibbons Law and their excellent attorneys for coming to the school and helping the students prepare their arguments. Their feedback was greatly appreciated by all, and the students had a great time and learned a lot from the experience.





## CTE Student of the Month



**Arianna Garcia** is a Casa Grande Union High School student and is the daughter of Javier and Susana Garcia. She was nominated by her marketing teacher, Mr. David Carter, who stated that Arianna is a fantastic young lady. She is focused on maintaining high grades, is very polite and respectful to those she encounters. She submits all work, has excellent grades, participates in all classroom activities and projects. In DECA, she volunteers for numerous activities and is the backbone of the DECA Store. She fulfills her assigned duties every day, never complains and has a great work ethic. In fact, when she finishes her assigned duties, she looks to see what else needs to be done, or who she can help.



**Josue Cordova** is a student at Vista Grande High School and is the son of Cuauhtemoc and Angela Cordova. Josue was nominated by his marketing teacher, Mrs. Lisa Miller. He is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year marketing student and intern and his consistent efforts in the program have resulted in his attaining industry certifications in Safe Food Handling and General Industry Safety and Health. With his dedication to the program, the student-based enterprise has grown exponentially this school year. During his second year in the program, he began working in the DECA 300 Store. He very quickly focused his energies on learning all the entry level jobs and advanced to cashier before the end of the school year. He even created the now famous closing “Have a Spartan-rific Day” used by each cashier at the end of each sale.

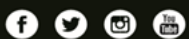
## Rotary Students of the Month



**Roma White** is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and is the daughter of Kevin and Cathie White. Her activities and accomplishments include varsity track, all-state pole vault and triple jump, varsity cheer, senior class vice-president, Key Club, National Honor Society, FCCLA chapter president and Young Democrats Club. Other accomplishments include Junior Olympic gymnastics 10-time state champion and College Board national commended scholar. Her career goals are to attend U of A and study Global Health.



**Nevaeh Greenslate** is a student at Vista Grande High School and is the daughter of Amber Greenslate. Her activities and accomplishments include president of Ignite Club, received a VIP referral for Vista Values and attended an Arizona Coyotes hockey game for having perfect attendance. Other accomplishments include worship leader for her youth group, obtained CPR and OSHA certification, and created a suicide awareness documentary that will be showcased at VGHS on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Her career goals are to become a Christian music artist to share the hope and love of Jesus Christ and to get certification in suicide prevention or a pastoral license.





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.

#### March 2019 Employees of the Month

David Carter	Marketing Teacher	CGUHS
George Courtney	Automotive Technology Teacher	CGUHS
Pedro Reyes	Grounds Supervisor	DO
Casey Farnsworth	Agriculture Teacher	CGUHS
Cleope Ressler	ESS Paraprofessional	CGUHS
Steve Wooten	Science Teacher	DWLC
Mary Ann Amerson	HR Director	DO
Eva Vasquez	Paraprofessional	DWLC
Melanie Kieser	Administrative Assistant	DWLC
Melody Scull	ELD Teacher	VGHS

#### Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 34 Golden Ticket recipients:

Bradley Harvey	DWLC
Andrea Teran	DWLC
Lynette Inojosa	DWLC
David Keeton	DWLC

