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Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

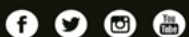
As we move into the final semester of the 2019-20 school year, we have all certainly had many trials and tribulations as we cope with the COVID-19 social distancing and stay-at-home initiatives that have caused us all to so abruptly part ways physically from each other. We hope that all our students and their families are finding ways to be healthy and stay safe during these times. We certainly miss our students walking our campuses and our hearts are saddened for all our spring sports athletes and our extracurricular clubs who did not get the opportunity to finish their seasons and performances this year. We hope those opportunities are available to you again sometime soon.

As we now move into our third week of delivering instruction online this semester, we are very pleased to have already connected with so many of our students to continue their educational journeys. If your student has not contacted their teachers yet, I would encourage you to reach out to your building principal by email to let them know. We will be doing everything in our power to make connections with all our students this semester and we want all our students to complete this school year successfully. As we await the direction to come from our State Governor on the three phases of Reopening America Again, we must plan accordingly and try to make the best of the current circumstances. It is usually about this time of year where we start looking at those students who may need to attend summer school to catch up on credit. Because we do not know our future and when it will be safe to bring many students together again, we are planning for our summer school to be done in a virtual platform. We would use Edgenuity that we always use for our summer school curriculum but may have restrictions in place for tests and quizzes that would need to be done at the school. Because we anticipate that we may have more students than normal that might need to take advantage of summer school based on the current conditions we are in, having summer school virtually would allow us to have more students than normal involved. We will be finalizing our plans over the next couple of weeks and will communicate that information as soon as possible.

For our seniors and the Class of 2020, we understand the disappointments that have been presented to them due to the social distancing guidelines and school closures. We want our seniors and their families to know that we too share those disappointments and we are doing everything we can to ensure that we properly recognize your efforts and the graduation that you deserve. Again, because of the unknowns and all the challenges of not knowing when it would ever be possible to have a graduation ceremony in the fashion we are accustomed to, our schools are planning for virtual graduation ceremonies for our seniors this year. We are working directly with our graduation companies to try and give our seniors and their families as close to an in-person ceremony as possible. You will receive further communication from your student's school as soon as possible with specific dates and information on what is being planned. We are also looking to recognize our seniors in other ways this semester. If you have not seen already, in honor of the Class of 2020 our stadium lights at both schools are being turned on at 8:20 pm for 20 minutes every night. We are also trying to recognize our seniors through social media posts. I would like to encourage all seniors and their families to send a senior photo with information about what your senior is planning to do post-graduation so we can share those posts with our followers. If you are a senior at Vista Grande please send your information to Jennifer Kortsen at jkortsen@cguhsd.org and if you are a senior at Casa Grande Union, please send your information to Brian Mabb at bmabb@cguhsd.org.

Finally, we know there are several students who have school items, uniforms, equipment, etc. that needs to be returned and students who have personal belongings in our schools that they would like to pick up. As we continue to follow the stay-at-home guidelines and the reopening guidelines that are to come, please know that as soon as it is safe to do so, we will plan for these things to take place. We ask that everyone please be patient and we will communicate with you as soon as we have some news and a schedule to communicate. We miss you all, take care and stay safe!

Steve Bebee, Superintendent



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CTE Students of the Month



Natalia Hernandez is a Vista Grande High School student and daughter of Marivel Navarro Conley. She was nominated by her Marketing teacher, Ms. Lisa Miller, and is a second-year marketing student who has served as the DECA treasurer this year and has consistently gone above and beyond whenever the need arises. Her positive attitude, even in times of struggle, has influenced both her own classmates and the students who are soon to be Spartans. She spent many hours advocating for the Marketing Program with junior high visits during the third quarter. She attended Fall Leadership Conference, the DECA Power Trip in Washington, DC, and the State Career Development Conference in Phoenix this past year. She has remained determined to compete, has provided hands-on help with the internship in the DECA store and served as a strong leader during DECA trips.



Valeria Ruiz is a Casa Grande Union High School student and daughter of Jesus and Demecia Ruiz. She was nominated by her Marketing teacher, Mr. David Carter, who stated that Valeria is in her 3rd year of the Marketing/DECA Program and is a senior in the Marketing Internship class. She is a DECA Store Supervisor and manages the store in all aspects. She is very consistent in pre-opening preparations, training and supervising employees, financial procedures, and daily closing duties. She has a great work ethic and will be very successful in any career she pursues. She is very active in DECA, having attended many conferences on state and international levels.

Rotary Students of the Month



Brynna McQuillen is a senior at Vista Grande High School and the daughter of Stacy and Richie McQuillen. Her activities and accomplishments include track and field, cross country, co-founder and co-president of Spartans Athletic Advisory Committee, hosting a peanut butter drive that collected over 600 jars, finishing fourth place at the 2018 and 2019 cross country state championships, and was 1600 meter runner-up at the 2019 state track championships and fourth place finisher in 3200 meter and 800 meter. Her personal activities and accomplishments include 2019 May Fox Sports AZ Student Athlete of the Month, volunteering at Banner Casa Grande Medical Center for three years and completing over 300 hours of community service. Her life and career goals are to attend Kansas State University and major in psychology, possibly becoming a sports psychologist. She plans to run cross country and outdoor/indoor track at K-State.



Adriana Gonzalez-Chavez is a senior at Casa Grande Union High School and daughter of Elizabeth Chavez. Her activities and accomplishments include being a member of cross country, track, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Key Club, Academic and Straight A Honor Roll award recipient and is enrolled in the dental assisting program at CAVIT. Her personal activities and accomplishments include completing over 150 hours of volunteer work during her high school years, cleaning local roads, exercising animals at the Valley Humane Society, fundraising for school clubs, assisting with school events and helping a community member move from their home with ease. Her life and career goals are to attend ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication and become a journalist so she can bring more national support and recognition for families of a single parent like her own. She also wants to be a role model for children of single-parent families.