



Casa Grande Union High School District ♦ September 2021 ♦



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Grade	Total
9	1112 570 / 542
10	1014 499 / 515
11	909 446 / 463
12	944 480 / 464
Total	3979 1995 / 1984

Enrollment Summary: 09/09/2021

ON THE COVER

Welcoming The Class of 2025!

Freshman Orientation was held on Friday, July 23. This was a fun and exciting day for freshmen to get a chance to know their campus, teachers, and other students before the start of school on Monday, July 26. We wish the Class of 2025 much success!

Welcome to our district!

1,112 Freshmen!



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FROM I NTERI M SUPERI NTENDENT DR. ANNA BATTLE

September 9, 2021

Dear Casa Grande Union High School District,

My first few months have been absolutely amazing! Here, in the city of Casa Grande, I have met many wonderful people. Everyone I have met has at least one thing in common, PRIDE in the city of Casa Grande. I love that! Having been born and raised in an Arizona town in northern Arizona, I get it. I appreciate the city of Winslow, Arizona, because of what it offered me as a young student, as well as, how it propelled and prepared me for the future.

Casa Grande is the host of two high schools: Casa Grande Union High School and Vista Grande High School. The leadership and teaching staff are committed to success. We have spent significant time analyzing previous goals and student performance data. We are creating ambitious, but achievable goals. However, in order to meet the expected goals, we need everyone to support student learning outcomes.

The Leadership:

The leadership will maintain high expectations for each and every student. We will ensure that every student is enrolled in rigorous curriculum that will prepare students with a future focus. What does this mean? This means that we envision every student as a graduate who is prepared for post-secondary education including college, military, and career training. The bar must remain high to ensure that options in life are abundant for everyone!

The Teachers:

The teachers are also committed to high expectations for every child. They will continue to enhance their craft by experiencing professional development all year to ensure learning will not be compromised, regardless of any complex environmental situations out of our control. Professional development will include use of technology using Microsoft Teams for instruction, Blackboard as a learning management program, and PowerSchool as an essential resource for student information, including updated student grades.

The Students:

The students must believe in themselves and maintain high expectations in self. We must have students actively engaged in learning and present in every class every day. It is important we have willing participants in the learning process. We want students to challenge the learning process and hold us accountable to student achievement, clubs and activities of interest, and exposure to life's experiences that are available to each child now and beyond graduating from college.

The Parents:

Believe we want the best for the students and hold us accountable to high expectations. Additionally, having high expectations in students is a must. We ask parents to partner with us. Check students performance in Blackboard and PowerSchool daily. Teachers are being trained how to maintain Blackboard and PowerSchool to support required school communication. Ask questions to find out how we can serve you better. Contact teachers as needed. Spend time with your student to hear what is being learned in classes. Look for above-average performance. Encourage students to give their all in all that they do. When they do, you can expect your student will give their best for you.

Again, I am blessed to serve you during this season in my career. I am honored to be here.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anna Battle

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Greatest of the Grande: Voting Begins September 13

Both high schools and four staff members have been named to the Top 3 of the [Greatest of the Grande Contest](https://www.pinalcentral.com/greatest-of-the-grande/#/) sponsored by the Casa Grande Dispatch. In the first portion of the contest, held August 2-23, Casa Grande residents nominated local businesses, services, and people as their favorites. Over 18,000 nominations were received. In the second portion of the contest, Casa Grande residents can vote for their favorite of the Top 3 from September 13 - October 3. Voting begins Monday, September 13, at <https://www.pinalcentral.com/greatest-of-the-grande/#/>. First place winners will be announced Thursday, November 18. Congratulations to the nominees:

Shopping & Services: Public School



Casa Grande Union High School



Vista Grande High School

People: Nurse



Linda Cassidy, CGUHS

People: Principal



Glenda Cole, VGHS

People: Teacher



Casey Farnsworth, CGUHS

People: Teacher



Martin Gustafson, CGUHS

Vote: September 13 - October 3

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Staff Professional Development: Gila River Indian Community

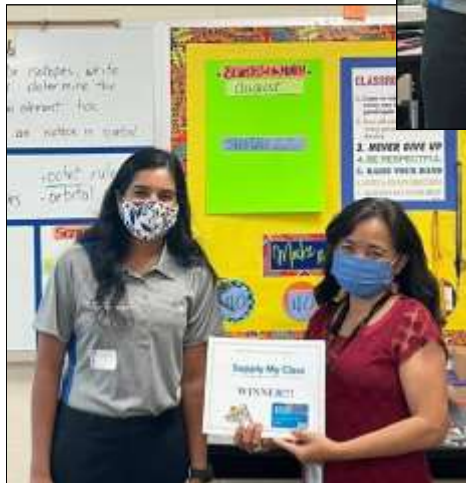


Thank you to the Gila River Indian Community and their cultural department for an informative staff presentation in July 2021 on better understanding and appreciating Native American culture. For more information, visit www.gilariver.org and www.cguhsd.org/CurriculumInstruction.aspx.



Teachers Selected Supply My Class - APS Teacher Awards

On Monday, August 23, APS's Vaishnavi Koka visited VGHS to surprise Mrs. Liddell (Science) and Mr. Scheeler (Social Studies) with a \$500 gift card from the Supply My Class - APS Teacher Awards. This sweepstakes is open to K-12 teachers at a public or charter school with a current Title I designation within the APS service territory.



Each week, August 6 - September 3, Arizona teachers (500 total) were randomly selected from entries to receive a \$500 Visa gift card to purchase school supplies. For more details and a chance to enter in the future, visit <https://supplymyclass.com/>. Thank you, APS, for your support!



CTE Student of the Month CGUHS

Treston Cardita of Casa Grande Union High School was recognized Tuesday, September 7, as one of the Casa Grande Union High School District's Career & Technical Education (CTE) Students of the Month at the district's regular monthly Governing Board meeting. Treston was nominated by his CGUHS Agriscience teacher Mr. Casey Farnsworth who had this to say about Treston, "Treston Cardita is a freshman student at CGUHS in the Agriculture Program who is enjoying his time inside the classroom and outside in our land labs. Treston brings a positive attitude with excitement to learn by doing, as he is always ready to step up to the challenge and complete daily tasks; whether getting our garden prepared to plant or memorizing the FFA Creed. He sets a good example to his peers and is one they can look up to. Treston has been involved as a student intern in our program's Cougar Country Market. Treston is trustworthy, loyal, and always willing to lend a hand where it's needed; gaining hands-on, real-world experience in our program. He has developed a Foundational Supervised Agriculture Experience and has clear career goals of what he would like to pursue after high school. He's an exceptional student who I am proud of as he starts this journey in the Agriculture Program and looks forward to becoming an active member of the Casa Grande FFA." Treston's parents are Jeff and Haley Cardita of Casa Grande. Over 1,600 students are enrolled in 15 different Career & Technical Education programs throughout the Casa Grande Union High School District. Each month, a CTE program nominates a deserving student for this honor. For more information on the CTE programs, visit www.cguhsd.org/CTE.aspx.

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CTE Student of the Month VGHS

Marina Wells of Vista Grande High School was recognized Tuesday, September 7, as one of the Casa Grande Union High School District's Career & Technical Education (CTE) Students of the Month at the district's regular monthly Governing Board meeting. Marina was nominated by her Technical Theatre teacher Ms. Sara Ragain at Vista Grande High School who had this to say about her, "Marina is currently an intern for Tech Theatre. She always volunteers to help and is always willing to do anything that is asked of her. She is a master at our lighting system. Marina can program a light show within half the amount of time it would take me! Marina teaches me things every day. She always has a bright and sunny attitude and keeps me laughing. I am lucky to have Marina in my program." Marina's parents are Bobby and Brandy Wells of Arizona City. Over 1,600 students are enrolled in 15 different Career & Technical Education programs throughout the Casa Grande Union High School District. Each month, a CTE program nominates a deserving student for this honor. For more information on the CTE programs, visit www.cguhsd.org/CTE.aspx.



Rotary Student of the Month CGUHS

Angel Flores of Casa Grande Union High School was recognized Tuesday, September 7, as one of the Casa Grande Union High School District's Rotary Club of Casa Grande Students of the Month during the district's regular monthly Governing Board meeting. Angel was recognized for his activities and accomplishments: Varsity Football starting quarterback, Wrestling, Track, 4.1 GPA, Honor Roll every semester at CGUHS, top 10% of his class, AP classes, CAC classes, and is on track to graduate early in December 2021. After high school, he plans to attend Rice, Northern Arizona University, or Fresno State University, and study Physical Therapy. Angel is the son of Lluvia Garcia. For past recipients, visit www.cguhsd.org/cgAdministration.aspx.



Rotary Student of the Month VGHS

Delaney Dickey of Vista Grande High School was recognized Tuesday, September 7, as one of the Casa Grande Union High School District's Rotary Club of Casa Grande Students of the Month during the district's regular monthly Governing Board meeting. Delaney was recognized for her activities and accomplishments: Thespian Society President, SkillsUSA President, Key Club President, National Honor Society, Link Crew, Cheerleading, Governor's Youth Commission President, Casa Grande Youth Commission President, and Girl Scouts of America. After high school, she plans to attend a four-year university, major in International Affairs/Global Studies, earn a graduate degree in Law, work in law and politics, and, hopefully, run for a public office. Delaney's parents are Joshua and Tara Dickey. For past recipients, visit www.cguhsd.org/vgAdministration.aspx.



FFA Earns State Recognition

The Casa Grande FFA Chapter was awarded the Arizona FFA Chapter of the Year Award and recognized as the #1 Chapter in the State of Arizona. This is the second time receiving this great honor. Each year, the FFA officer team completes an extensive 20-page National Chapter application that goes into great detail of the activities they plan and host each year and is judged on three categories which are: growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture within the members and in the community. The chapter's application now advances to the National level to be judged. Last year, they were recognized as a National Finalist, one of two chapters in the entire Western United States, and hope to again receive such honors as they attend the 94th National FFA Convention and Expo this fall. "I am extremely proud of our FFA members and the dedication, love, and hard work they put into our FFA chapter and agriculture program here at CGUHS. Thank you to all who help make a difference in these students' lives each and every day. It truly takes a village to raise a child and I could not do it without your hard work and support of our agriculture program!", advisor and CTE Teacher Casey Farnsworth proudly exclaimed. Visit their webpage at www.cguhsd.org/cgFFA.aspx.

DECA Earns International DECA Honor



CGUHS DECA was awarded the title of the largest DECA Chapter within their association for the 2020/21 school year. Each year, DECA recognizes leading chapters that have built strong local programs focused on serving an exceptional number of members, advisors, alumni, and business partners. These chapters and individuals alike dedicated their year to academic and career preparation, community service projects, membership recruitment, school outreach activities, and other DECA-related endeavors. The chapter's advisor and student leaders have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to DECA. "DECA com-

mends the efforts of our leadership honorees as their efforts have provided many members the opportunity to take advantage of DECA's best in class programs designed to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs," said Christopher Young, CAE, Chief Program Officer at DECA Inc. "We look forward to their ongoing contributions to the local, association, and international levels." For more information and the full list of winners, visit www.decadirect.org. The Cougars are advised by CTE Teacher David Carter. Visit their webpage at www.cguhsd.org/cgDECA.aspx.

SkillsUSA National Competition



The SkillsUSA National Competition was held virtually for the second year in a row. With that, the Team Works competitors were expected to be on camera from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. breaking for a 30-minute lunch while still on camera. Some challenges were that the materials list was written by east coast contractors, material availability, and technology (the cameras didn't always cooperate). Overall, the students did very well, scoring high in carpentry, masonry, and electrical. Additionally, they performed exceptionally in the presentation of their action plan. The Cougars plan to compete in Atlanta, Georgia, this coming school year. They are advised by CTE Teacher Mike Wagner. Visit their webpage at www.cguhsd.org/cgSkillsUSAConstruction.aspx.



VGHS Marine Corps JROTC Cadets (L to R): Santana Garcia, Aleena Nielson, Clayton Miller, Erin Swift, Jovian Romero, Pristina Valencia, and Logan Bowen

New Cadet Orientation

Vista Grande High School Marine Corps JROTC Cadets, Santana Garcia, Aleena Nielson, Clayton Miller, Erin Swift, Jovian Romero, Pristina Valencia, and Logan Bowen, exhibited discipline and bearing at their New Cadet Orientation. They stood militarily poised at parade rest in the Marine Corps JROTC classroom at Vista Grande High School on Saturday, July 24, during New Cadet Orientation. Well over 20 parents, with many more new cadets and other family members, attended a meet and greet session with instructors and veteran cadets. While wearing a myriad of JROTC uniforms, the veteran cadets answered questions and excitedly shared insights when interacting with guests. Plenty of light snacks and refreshments concluded the event. When told of the cadets' idea, Vista Grande's administrative staff gladly approved and supported this opportunity to strengthen school and community relations. The Spartan Marine Corps JROTC is instructed by Dr. Tyrone Hall, CWO-3 (ret) and MSgt Jorge Rico. For more information on the VGHS Marine Corps JROTC program, visit www.cguhsd.org/vgJROTC.aspx.



Nationals Drill Camp

Vista Grande High School Marine Corps JROTC Cadets, 2nd Lieutenant Erin Swift (pictured left) and Lance Corporal Armando Negrete (pictured right), attended the Nationals Drill Camp, July 11-17, at Shreiner University in Kerrville, TX, near San

Antonio. Good grades, excellent behavior, and dedication toward improving the JROTC program were prerequisites to attend this enriching travel opportunity. Both cadets were excited about the chance to participate in this immersive learning experience. The challenging, yet rewarding, activity-packed camp engaged cadets in all facets of military-style drill. The cadets noted substantial improvements in their drilling abilities which included greater confidence at small unit leadership. The Spartan Marine Corps JROTC is instructed by Dr. Tyrone Hall, CWO-3 (ret) and MSgt Jorge Rico. For more information on the JROTC Program, visit www.cguhsd.org/vgJROTC.aspx.



Outdoor Odyssey Senior Leadership Camp

On July 25, Vista Grande High School and Casa Grande Union High School Marine Corps JROTC Cadets, 1st Sergeant Kenni Ozbirn (pictured left), 2nd Lieutenant Evan Kirkbride (pictured center), and 2nd Lieutenant Ava Valdez (pictured right), landed in Pittsburgh where they awaited transportation to the Outdoor Odyssey Senior Leadership Camp in Boswell, Pennsylvania. Cadets, eager to spend six days honing 21st Century and leadership skills involving high adventure, team-building, communication, and collaboration, set the stage for a year of activity between mentors and these team members. In addition to the physical and academic rigors at the leadership camp, cadets learn skills involving public speaking, professional relationship building, and to keep focused and calm during stressful times. For more information on the Marine Corps JROTC program, visit www.cguhsd.org/vgJROTC.aspx (VGHS) and www.cguhsd.org/cgJROTC.aspx (CGUHS).



SEDS/CTE Students Attend Workshop

Students from CGUHS Students for the Exploration & Development of Space (SEDS) Chapter and the Career & Technical Education (CTE) program attended a two-day workshop at Phoenix College on August 16-17. This workshop was a part of a NASA Space Grant-funded project, administered through the Aerospace STEM Challenges to Educate New Discoverers (ASCEND) project at the University of Arizona. This statewide initiative is an Arizona Space Grant Consortium statewide Workforce Development program designed to involve undergraduate students from across Arizona in the full "design-build-fly-operate-analyze" cycle of a space mission. Across our state, student teams from the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Glendale Community College, Pima Community College (NW), Central Arizona College (Signal Peak, San Tan), Phoenix College, and Diné College, design and build high altitude (>100,000 feet) instrumentation payloads to conduct near space research. Participation in this program is geared to complement regular classroom learning by offering direct hands-on immersion with the full mission cycle--something few NASA or aerospace industry scientists and engineers ever see through. Casa Grande Union High School is the first high school chosen to participate in this project. Involvement with this project will continue throughout this school year. The CGUHS Near Space Research Project Team consists of students Neal Allado, Even Centeno, Sophia Jorda, Alora Linehan, and Ivanna Perez. The Cougars are advised by CTE/Mathematics Teacher John Morris. Visit www.cguhsd.org/cgSEDS.aspx.



SEDS Meeting

Ivanna Perez, CGUHS SEDS (Students for the Exploration and Development of Space) Strategic Partnerships Manager, presented on Wednesday, August 25, to the chapter on the

collaboration with the University of Nevada – Las Vegas (UNLV) on Ion Propulsion for spacecraft research as well as proposing that the chapter volunteer at the 7th Annual Interstellar Symposium (<https://irg.space/>) in Tucson next month. The directors and managers reported and each SIG (Special Interest Group) chair gave an update on their planned project and activities: Director of Space Advocacy (Dylan Benavente); Director of Operations (Sophia Jorda); Strategic Partnerships Manager (Ivanna Perez); President, Social Media Manager, and Diversity & Inclusion Manager (Cruz Martinez); Vice President (Alora Linehan); Space Propulsion Systems SIG Chairperson (Ivanna Perez); Space Law, Policy, and Ethics SIG Chairperson (Dylan Benavente); Space Robotic Systems SIG Chairperson (Evan Centeno); Space Biotechnology SIG Chairperson (Cruz Martinez); Space Exploration Systems SIG Chairperson (Noé Ortiz); and SEDS-USA High School Expansion Manager (Ella Barth). The Cougars are advised by CTE/Mathematics Teacher John Morris. Visit www.cguhsd.org/cgSEDS.aspx.



STEM Saturdays

The STEM Saturday series was hosted by the Vista Grande High School Library and facilitated by CGUHS STEM students. The Cougars shared their scientific skills and know how with the community each Saturday in August. The events included

hands-on activities such as Chromatography Flowers, Lemon Volcano, Elephant Toothpaste, and viewing of specimen under the microscope as well as a series of games and an escape room with Math as the theme. The Cougars are advised by CTE/Science Teacher Noel Que. Visit their webpages at www.cguhsd.org/cgSTEMAdvisoryCouncil.aspx and www.cguhsd.org/cgAzHOSACGUHSChapter.aspx.



1st STEM General Assembly

The 1st STEM General Assembly was held at the Olaski Hall on Friday, August 13, where students of the STEM Program attended. Evan Centeno and Alora Linehan hosted the event that highlighted the Mission Statement of the CGUHS STEM Program, held discussions on related

STEM organizations, and welcomed new members. The event ended with the nominations of students who will be elected as a new set of officers on Friday, August 20. The Cougars are advised by CTE/Science Teacher Noel Que. Visit their webpage at www.cguhsd.org/cgSTEMAdvisoryCouncil.aspx.



2nd STEM General Assembly

The CGUHS 2nd STEM General Assembly was held Friday, August 20. Nominees for various officer positions gave their heartfelt speeches of why they would be a good fit to be a STEM Advisory Council officer. The audience was composed of STEM program students who carefully

listened to the nominees before they cast their votes online. This event also provided an opportunity for the Upward Bound program, headed by Miss Veronica Miele and Miss April Ortega, both from Central Arizona College (CAC). They presented information on this federally-funded program that serves underrepresented, first-generation students who plan on obtaining a postsecondary degree. The goal is for the STEM students to fill the 20 spots that are available to achieve their goal of a college career. The Cougars are advised by CTE/Science Teacher Noel Que. Visit their webpage at www.cguhsd.org/cgSTEMAdvisoryCouncil.aspx.

Blue & Gold Spirit Day

Casa Grande Union High School Cougars have great school spirit! Every Friday is Blue & Gold Spirit Day. Students in Mrs. DeVet's Cougar Hour received a P.R.I.D.E. (Persistence, Respect, Involved, Disciplined, Excellence) Positive Behavior Card for being Involved (I) in what makes our school great. Students wore school sport shirts or blue shirts, and some students painted their face. CGUHS is working to help more students step outside their comfort zone and get involved. It can be a challenge to do anything that others might perceive as "different". Showing students the positive effect of getting involved and having fun can be very rewarding. The Cougars are taught by ELD/SEI/English Teacher Mrs. Jewel DeVet.



Pictured above: Imari Davis is painting blue & gold stripes and dots on the face of her friend, Wyatt Apodaca. These fabulous students go above and beyond to make our school fun and entertaining, as well as a place of higher education.



Pictured left: staff & sophomore students showing school pride: (L to R) Mrs. Parra, Natalie Layva, Amilcar Reyes, Camden Edwards, Brianna Sanchez, Mrs. DeVet, and Wyatt Apodaca.

Spartan Spirit

Pictured left: Vista Grande High School freshman students having fun participating in Spirit Week!



Extracurricular Opportunities

Our district offers a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities including activities, athletics, camps, and clubs. These opportunities provide students with a chance to meet new people, gain new experiences, and work as a team. In addition, students learn respect, discipline, commitment, sportsmanship, trust, loyalty, honor, integrity, and passion.

CGUHS

www.cguhsd.org/cgAthleticsClubsActivities.aspx

VGHS

www.cguhsd.org/vgAthleticsClubsActivities.aspx

Football Captain of the Week



CGUHS Mathematics Teacher Mrs. Hawkins has been selected as Week 1 Football Captain of the Week. Each week, senior football players vote to select a staff member who they believe has impacted their life positively since they have been a student at CGUHS. The players have really enjoyed getting together every Monday to select someone special they want to "lead them" into the coin toss at the week's game. Staff members selected receive a Cougar football t-shirt and a plaque made by the CGUHS DECA students. Special thanks to all who impact the lives of our players! The Cougars are coached by PE/CTE Teacher Jake Barro. Visit their webpage at www.cguhsd.org/cgFootball.aspx.

District Spectator Policy



The District Spectator Policy may be viewed at www.cguhsd.org/downloads/CGUHS-D-SpectatorPolicy-Current.pdf. For more specific information and guidelines, please contact your high school's Athletic Department: [CGUHS] www.cguhsd.org/cgAthletics.aspx or 520-836-8500 ext. 3122 or [VGHS] www.cguhsd.org/vgAthletics.aspx or 520-876-9400 ext. 4104.

Western Bank Supports Spartan Football



Thank you, Western Bank, for your continued support of the VGHS Football program. The Spartans are coached by PE/Health Teacher Jon Roberts. Visit www.cguhsd.org/vgFootball.aspx.

Athletics

In the CGUHS athletic program, the health and welfare of the student-athlete is the most important concern. We know athletic participation enhances the learning environment of the campus. Every effort is made to assure a healthy environment and safe training conditions for student-athletes. Our athletics include Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman teams.

Casa Grande Union High School

If you have any questions, contact Hilda Ortega at (520) 836-8500 ext. 3122 or horteiga@cguhsd.org.

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If you have any questions, contact Karen Smothers at (520) 876-9400 ext. 4104 or ksmothers@cguhsd.org.

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Governing Board



Governing Board Members (L to R): Jack Henness, Joe Lopez, Taylor Kerby, Kelly Herrington, and Chuck Wright. Regular Governing Board Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office in the CGUHSD Board Room (1st Floor) and LIVE via our [YouTube Channel](#).



President: Jack Henness was a CGUHSD Board Member from 1999-2010. In 2020, he was selected by Pinal County School Superintendent Jill Broussard from a pool of four (4) applicants to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Salcido. He was selected CGUHSD Board President in January 2021. jhenness@cguhsd.org



Member: Kelly Herrington has lived in Arizona for over 20 years and in the Casa Grande area for the past five (5) years. She earned a Marketing degree at the University of Arizona. She has two (2) children who are in the Casa Grande school districts and their educational welfare as well as all the other children in the area is of utmost importance to her. Kelly is very involved in our community and wants its continued growth and success. She is a local Realtor and Sales Manager for her brokerage in Casa Grande. She also sits on the Executive Board for WeSERV (West and Southeast Valley) Association of Realtors and was the Pinal Chapter Chairperson for 2020. Charity and giving back to our community is also very important to her. Kelly has been the Co-Chair for the Realtor Memorial Run for the past four (4) years benefiting the Casa Grande Alliance Cancer Support Center and has also been involved in the Realtor Golf Tournament benefiting the Boys and Girls Club. Kelly loves her community and the opportunity to serve for its continued growth and success. kherrington@cguhsd.org



Member: Taylor Kerby is a full-time educator in the Chandler district. After graduating from Arizona State University (ASU), Taylor completed dual master's degrees in Education and Religion at Claremont Graduate University. He is currently a doctoral student at Grand Canyon University where he will graduate in October 2022. He and his wife, both Arizona natives, are the proud parents of two girls and enjoy spending time together as a family. tkerby@cguhsd.org



Pro Temp: Joe Lopez, originally from California, has been an Arizona resident for 18 years. He is an ASE Master Technician and has worked in the automotive repair industry for 43 years as a technician, service manager, successful business owner, and as an instructor. He owned and operated an auto repair shop in San Jose, California, for twenty years, and his business in Casa Grande has been in operation since 2013. He has great dedication to the field of automotive technology, as well as to education and community service. Joe is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande, and was president of the club for the 2017-2018 term; he was a Kiwanis Club of Willow Glen member (San Jose, CA) for 19 years and was a two-time past president in that club. Joe taught automotive technology at both Central Arizona College and at Casa Grande Union High School. He and his wife, Rachel, have been married for 20 years. Joe enjoys desert landscaping, serving in the community, and helping people. He considers himself to be a life-long learner. rhlopez@gmail.com



Member: Chuck Wright is a Casa Grande native, growing up in a farming family in the Greenes Reservoir area south of Arizona City. Chuck has three sons, all of whom have graduated from CGUHS. Chuck is an Industrial Designer, specializing in architectural design. He has been self-employed in his own business, Pinal Design Group LLC, in Casa Grande for 34 years. Chuck has previously served on this board in 1997-2001, serving two terms as president. He is past Chairman of the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce and also chairman of the Arizona City Sanitary District. Chuck also currently serves on the City of Casa Grande's Board of Adjustments. chuck.wright@pinaldesign.com