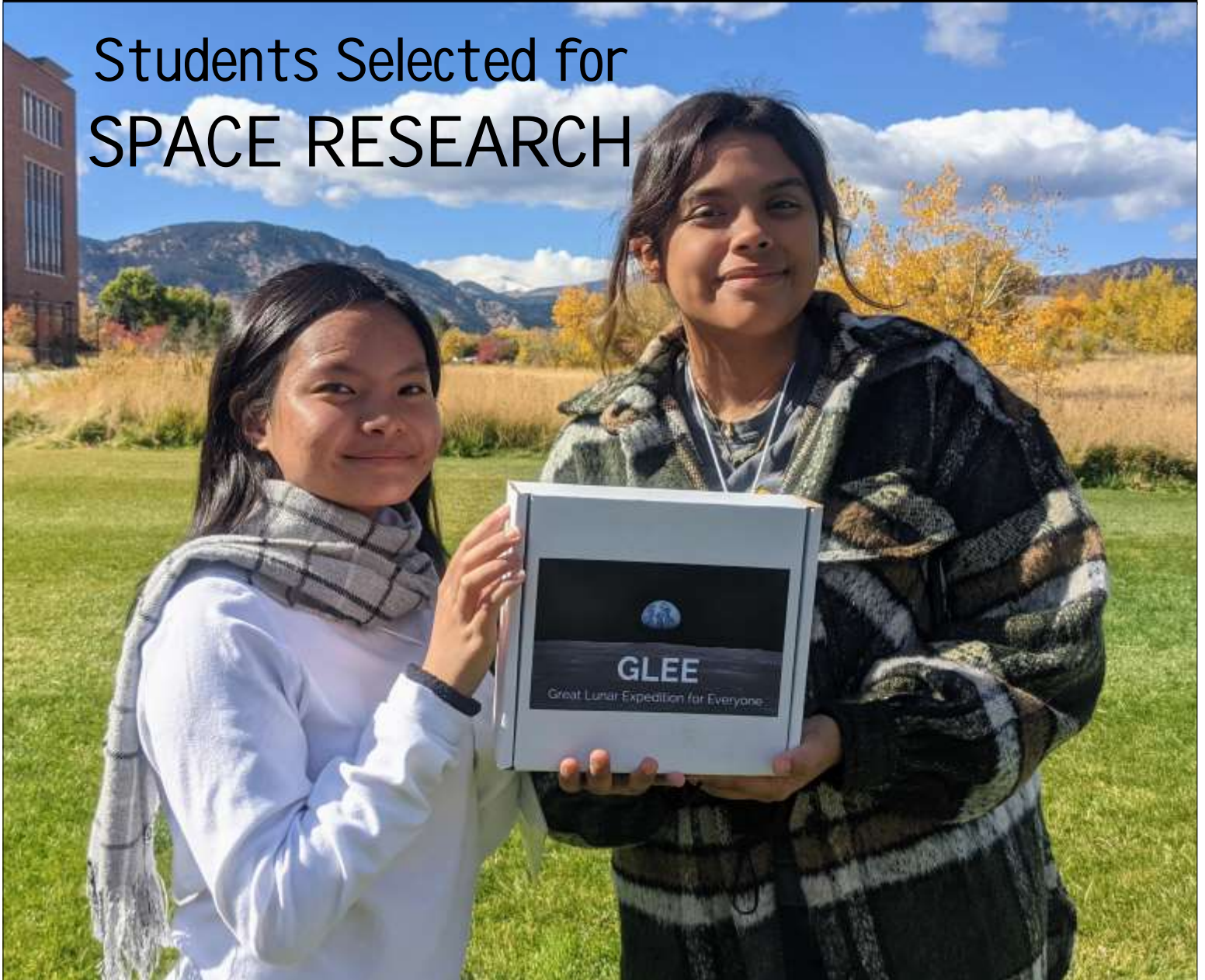




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FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. ANNA BATTLE

November 2021

Dear CGUHSD,

What a pleasure it is to have another opportunity to recognize a valued staff member in the CGUHSD Newsletter. Each month, I will recognize an amazing member of the district for their Organizational Skills, Love of the Subject, Humility, Resilience, and Love of the Challenge. Everyone who works in schools are valued educators. Certified, classified, and administrative staff are teachers who make an impact on students and others each and every day. It is not about a title but, most importantly, it is about the love, service, and dedication to excellence we are privileged to give that makes another smile and feel worthy, and improves the quality of the culture where students are excited to learn.

The qualities below will remain constant each month as they are sound characteristics that capture the essence of educators in schools.

<p>Organizational Skills The best buildings are built on a firm foundation. For an educator, that foundation is great organizational skills. Organizational skills provide the structure necessary to care for so many pupils.</p>	<p>Love of the Subject Students are much more apt to become excited about what they do for students and have genuine enthusiasm. An educator with a love for what they do is able to give students the joy of sharing something they love.</p>	<p>Humility The ability to accept that you aren't always right about something is a quality that makes for a great educator. Great educators are willing to learn more than one already knows.</p>
<p>Resilience The hard days can leave you discouraged. Students are complex at times, but a great educator ensures that they are cooperating. Unruly students and unpredictable environments can leave an educator questioning the profession. The resilient educator perseveres.</p>	<p>Love of the Challenge A great educator sees a challenge and is inspired by it. He/She does not avoid a challenging topic or student because of its difficulty. Rather, a great educator sees challenges as opportunities to grow and learn. At the end of the day, every educator is still a student and possesses a desire to learn.</p>	 <p>5 Qualities of an Exceptional Teacher (alignstaffing.com)</p>



Colleen Wilhite

Staff Member of the Month

Ms. Colleen Wilhite is an unbelievably hard-working and gracious person. She loves her job and loves to assist others. As the Vista Grande principal's Administrative Assistant, she ensures that everyone she comes into contact with is supported and has everything that is needed. Planning accordingly to assist the principal is not an easy task. When I was a principal, I said that I am no better than my Administrative Assistant. What she does is extremely important to the success of the school. Colleen ensures the school calendar is updated, parents are supported, staff needs are met, and students know all about the school and where to go to get what they need. Unpacking her day is next to impossible as she is always moving, thinking, and planning to ensure things are running smoothly. I have the pleasure to see her with a smile anytime she greets me. Her genuine and caring nature is a blessing to anyone who comes into contact with her. Please join me by congratulating Ms. Colleen Wilhite as the Staff Member of the Month!

Congratulations! Go CGUHSD!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. Anna Battle

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE WITH PASSIONATE, PATIENT, PERSISTENT PERFORMANCE!!!

Principal Glenda Cole Retires: Legacy of Dedication & Support



Principal Glenda Cole Retires October 1

Best wishes to our beloved principal, Mrs. Glenda Cole, on your retirement. Thank you for your dedication and support to the staff and families of Vista Grande High School and our district. You will be missed. Once a Spartan, always a Spartan!



Jeanette Beechum Named Interim Principal

Ms. Beechum previously held the position of Assistant Principal. She is excited to step into this new role as Interim Principal and continue serving the Vista Grande community.

CTE Student of the Month CGUHS

Zander Moore of Casa Grande High School was recognized on Tuesday, November 2, as the Casa Grande Union High School District's [CGUHS Career & Technical Education \(CTE\) Student of the Month](#) at the district's Governing Board meeting. Zander was nominated by Mike Wagner, Construction Technologies Teacher, at Casa Grande Union High School. Mr. Wagner said, "Zander is a Junior and in his 3rd year of Construction Technology at Casa Grande Union High School. Complimenting his abilities in construction, he is also a JROTC cadet and avid classic car restorer rebuilding his Mopar. In class, Zander is knowledgeable about tools and processes, and has learned to manage projects and people to use their talents in effective ways to accomplish the goal. He is eager to practice and learn while doing, but willing to put in the time and effort required for technical academic content knowledge. Quiet, but not shy, and willing to take risk in answering questions in discussion, he is an asset to the Construction Technologies program and a future leader in the making. He also looks sharp in his JROTC uniform; just saying. Thanks for being part of the Construction Technologies program. Continue to grow." Zander's parents are Chad and Heather Moore of Casa Grande, Arizona.



(L-R) Superintendent Dr. Anna Battle, Zander Moore, CTE Director Lisa Miller

CTE Student of the Month VGHS

Virginia Perez of Vista Grande High School was recognized on Tuesday, November 2, as the Casa Grande Union High School District's [VGHS Career & Technical Education \(CTE\) Student of the Month](#) at the district's Governing Board meeting. Virginia was nominated by Richard Contreras, VGHS Construction Technologies Teacher, who had this to say about her: "Virginia Perez is a 3rd-year student in the Construction Technologies program and comes to this class with a desire to work in the construction field after she graduates. Her future goals are to enroll at Central Arizona College (CAC) and experience heavy-equipment operation. After graduating from CAC, Virginia wants to transfer to a university to obtain a degree in Construction Management." Virginia's parents are Nicolas and Maria Perez of Maricopa, Arizona.



(L-R) Superintendent Dr. Anna Battle, Virginia Perez, CTE Director Lisa Miller

Rotary Student of the Month CGUHS

Baruch Lim of Casa Grande Union High School (CGUHS) was recognized for his activities and accomplishments on Tuesday, November 2, as the Casa Grande Union High School District's [CGUHS Rotary Club of Casa Grande Student of the Month](#) during the district's Governing Board meeting. Baruch is in the top 2% of the graduating seniors, holds a 4.598 GPA, and has consistently received the academic excellence award all four years of high school. Recently, Baruch was one of three CGUHS students to be named a finalist for the Questbridge National College Match program which is quite an honor. He is a member of National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa (top 10% of students at CAC), Culinary Arts Program, Speech & Debate Club (Vice President), and CGUHS Pride of Casa Grande Marching Band, which recently earned 1st Place at the Casteel Band Competition. Baruch competed in Brass Ensemble. He is also in the Regional Honor Band and is 3rd Chair Trombone and Virtual Chair. Although Baruch almost has enough credits to graduate, he continues to take more challenging AP courses and has a full schedule while working part-time at Wendy's. Baruch plans to study Computer Science and would like to attend Brown University (BU), Arizona State University (ASU), or University of Southern California (USC). Baruch is the son of Ah Yong Lim and Criselda Castillo Abital.



(L-R) Superintendent Dr. Anna Battle, Baruch Lim, Principal Brian Mabb

Rotary Student of the Month VGHS

Katherine Lara Quintero of Vista Grande High School was recognized on Tuesday, November 2, as the Casa Grande Union High School District's [VGHS Rotary Club of Casa Grande Student of the Month](#) during the district's Governing Board meeting. Katherine was recognized for her activities and accomplishments: National Honors Society (President), S.A.C.C., Link Crew, JROTC (2-Yrs), JROTC Sergeant (2019-20), Eloy's Fiesta Volunteer, Electric Light Parade Volunteer (2-Yrs), Toys for Tots Volunteer, Army Reserves Recruit, First-Generation College Student (2022), and AP Spanish Exam (Score of 5). In her free time, she enjoys playing drums and bass. After high school, she plans to study Pre-Med at the University of Arizona (UArizona) where she was awarded the Wildcat Excellence Scholarship then attend medical school to become a Cardiologist. She would like to remain in Arizona to be close to family. Katherine's parents are Ernesto Irizarry and Arely Luna.



(L-R) Superintendent Dr. Anna Battle, Katherine Lara Quintero, Interim Principal Jeanette Beechum

Department of Defense

DoD STEM

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Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona: Implementation of a zero-cost K-12 pipeline will immediately engage 10 Arizona secondary schools (with eight (8) Title I programs), 20 teachers, and nearly 300 students in inquiry-based biotechnology education every year.



[John Morris](#)
Engineering & Mathematics Teacher

This was a project that was started more than two years ago, in the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic. This project originated with Dr. Abhishek Singharoy, Assistant Professor, School of Molecular Sciences and Associate Faculty, Biodesign Center for Applied Structural Discovery at Arizona State University (ASU).

Dr. Singharoy wanted to develop a high school biology curriculum that would allow students to engage in research using resources available at ASU. Students would be able to follow the curriculum and design experiments to be viewed at the molecular level using the \$5 million Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) at ASU, among other tools. These experiments would be set up remotely by a lab technician at ASU and students would take control of the SEM remotely from their classroom to conduct their research.

Another component to this was the use of the Virtual Molecular Dynamics (VMD) software. VMD is a molecular visualization program for displaying, animating, and analyzing large biomolecular systems using 3-D graphics and built-in scripting. Former CGUHS student Merlin D'souza worked for over a year on this project learning VMD, learning to use the SEM remotely, and actively participating in the writing of the biology curriculum, under the guidance of Dr. Singharoy and his graduate students.

Interestingly, at the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Merlin and Mr. John Morris were able to use VMD to view the protein strand in the spike of the COVID-19 virus that enables the virus to infect human cells.

Step one in obtaining funding for this project was to apply for and receive a National Science Foundation grant to be used to train the educators initially involved with this project. Step two was to apply for and receive the Department of Defense grant to implement the larger scope of the project and get it into the schools. CGUHSD was brought into this picture with its pledge to collaborate in this project and will now be able to benefit from that commitment.

Representing the Casa Grande Union High School District are John Morris and Noel Que, both from Casa Grande Union High School.



[Noel Que](#)
Biotechnology & Science Teacher

Sophia Jorda & Ivanna Perez Selected for Space Research; GLEE Ambassadors



CGUHS students Ivanna Perez (2022) and Sophia Jorda (2023) were selected to take part in a workshop that provided them with the skills and knowledge to design a scientific mission to the Moon. Over the next year, the students will collaborate with university students from around the world to not only develop their own spacecraft, but also to act as GLEE Ambassadors. [GLEE \(The Great Lunar Expedition for Everyone\)](#) is a mission to land 500 spacecraft, called “LunaSats,” on the surface of the Moon in 2023. This mission is led by the Colorado Space Grant Consortium at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and currently supported by NASA’s Artemis Student Challenges. Each participating university will design a local space mission for their spacecraft to carry out, as well as participate in a distributed project to characterize a larger area of the lunar surface. Both Ivanna and Sophia are excited to take part in a true scientific and technological demonstration project developed and managed by students for NASA. The data gained from this project will be made available to scientists from around the world. As GLEE Ambassadors, Ivanna and Sophia will provide remote technical assistance to 481 other teams as well as promote further exploration of the Moon.





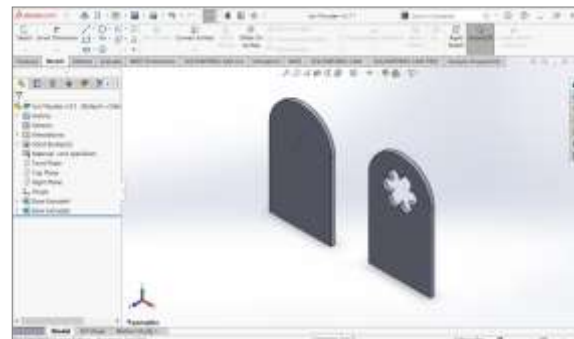
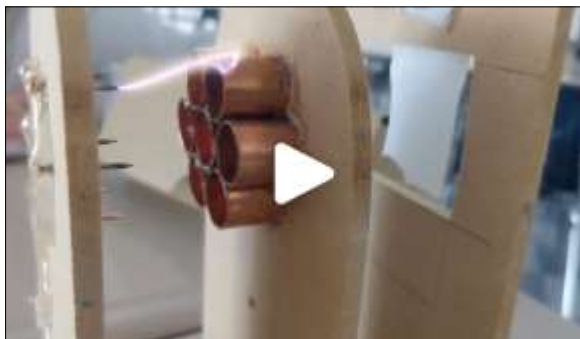
Arizona STEM & Innovation Summit

CGUHS students participated in the Arizona STEM & Innovation Summit. Some of the state's top educators, researchers, and high-tech businesses showcased and discussed emerging trends and products in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in the day-long event. There were dozens of interactive displays and presentations to fire the imagination and enthrall visitors no matter their age or expertise. For information on STEM courses offered at CGUHS, visit www.cguhsd.org/cqClassrooms.aspx.



SEDS Model Rockets Built & Launched
Check out Robert Zimmerman's (Behind The Black) posting called, "An Example of Good Public School Education". In the posting, Zimmerman discusses his experience on Saturday, October 30, watching the [Students for the Exploration and Development of Space \(SEDS\) Club](#) Space Propulsion Systems Special Interest Group (SIG) advised by John Morris, Engineering and Mathematics Teacher. The students launched model rockets they built themselves. For the complete posting, [click here](#).

SEDS SPS-SIG Successfully Demonstrates Ion Thruster Model



The Casa Grande Union High School [SEDS](#) (Students for the Exploration & Development of Space) Space Propulsion Systems Special Interest Group (SPS-SIG) successfully [demonstrated](#) the operation of their version of the 0.1 Ion Thruster model. The SIG, chaired by CGUHS junior Ivanna Perez, set out to demonstrate the principles of ion propulsion as is currently used on NASA spacecraft exploring the solar system. The students are currently gathering data from the operation of this device to analyze and make improvements to their device. Currently, the Ion Thruster is not performing as anticipated, but with more information resulting from their study, the students are looking forward to discoveries that will lead to further success. The Cougars are advised by John Morris, Engineering and Mathematics Teacher.



SEDS Space Law, Policy, & Ethics Special Interest Group

The Casa Grande Union High School [SEDS](#) (Students for the Exploration & Development of Space) Space Law, Policy, and Ethics Special Interest Group (SIG) is developing a research project team to examine how the government would allow enforceable contracts to build on other planets, handle civil disputes in space, grant/bar property rights over mined materials that are privatized, and develop interspace roadway traffic regulations and systems, to name a few topics of discussion. Students interested in law, policy, or ethics, as it applies to the Outer Space

Treaty of 1967, the Artemis Accords, or the U.S. Government, should contact Principal Investigator Dylan Benavente. The Space Law, Policy, & Ethics SIG meets on Wednesdays after school in Room L100. The group is advised by John Morris, Engineering and Mathematics Teacher.



AP Scholars Recognized

On September 30, CGUHS AP teachers delivered yard signs to students who earned qualifying scores on their AP tests taken in May 2021. Every fall, the College Board AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP exams. The AP Scholar Award is granted to students who receive scores of "3" or higher on three or more AP exams. For more information on AP courses offered at CGUHS, visit www.cguhsd.org/cgCounselingAPCourses.aspx.





Three Named QuestBridge National Scholarship Finalists

Three CGUHS students were chosen as finalists for the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship. QuestBridge is a pathway to a top college with a full four-year scholarship for high-achieving graduating seniors. Congratulations to Ariz Baruch Lim, Betzaida Molina, and Alora Linehan. Students will be notified on December 1 if they are awarded the scholarship. For more information about scholarships, visit www.cguhsd.org/cgCounselingScholarships.aspx.



FAFSA Night

The [CGUHS Counseling Team](#) hosted a successful FAFSA Night on Thursday, October 21, in the library. Financial Aid Representatives from Grand Canyon University (GCU) and University of Arizona (UArizona) were available to assist parents and students with filling out their [FAFSA](#) application. FAFSA opened on October 1. Seniors are strongly encouraged to apply sooner rather than later. The Cougars would like to send a special "Thank You" to GCU for providing dinner, dessert, and drinks from Chick-fil-A to the students, parents, and staff.



School-Day ACT Exam

Juniors and Seniors had the opportunity to take the school-day [ACT exam](#) at CGUHS on Tuesday, October 19. Once scored, results are sent to each student's [MyACT](#) account. ACT stands for American College Test. It is a standardized test that determines a high school graduate's preparedness for college.



Grand Canyon University (GCU) Visit

The [CGUHS Counseling Department](#) welcomed Grand Canyon University (GCU) on Monday, September 27, to speak to students about their campus. There will be a GCU field trip for fifty seniors in November. For information on post-secondary education, visit www.cguhsd.org/cgCounselingPostSecondaryEducation.aspx.



PSAT/NMSQT Test

CGUHS Counselors administered the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) on Tuesday, October 26. The [PSAT/NMSQT](#) measures what a student is learning in school, determines if the student is on track, and opens doors for opportunities to prepare and pay for college.



ASVAB Week

[CGUHS School Counselors](#) kickstarted [ASVAB](#) (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Week with seniors testing on September 28, 29, and 30.



School-Day SAT Exam

CGUHS Counselors administered the [Scholastic Aptitude Test \(SAT\)](#) on Thursday, October 28. The SAT is a standardized test meant to show schools how prepared a student is for college by measuring key skills such as reading comprehension, computational ability, and clarity of expression.



JROTC Commemorates 20th Anniversary of 9/11

On Friday, September 10, Principal Vanessa Pierce introduced the Vista Grande High School Marine Corps [JROTC](#) Color Guard detachment cadets to the parents, community members, and entire student body of Legacy Traditional School in Casa Grande, Arizona. The event's atmosphere reflected the solemnity of the occasion. As the music to the National Anthem was about to begin, members of the audience were asked to remove their headgear, and many placed their hands over their hearts. The Color Guard detail presented the National Ensign and Marine Corps colors while other members of the group rendered appropriate salutes during the singing of the National Anthem. The event marked the 20th anniversary and remembrance of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington D.C, and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Cadets represented VGHS in exceptional fashion. The Spartan Marine Corps JROTC is instructed by Dr. Tyrone Hall, CWO-3 (ret) and MSgt Jorge Rico. Photo: [Front Row L-R] Sarah Foerster (Rifle), Erin Swift (American Flag), Iliana Martinez (Marine Corps Flag), and Shelby Fulks (Rifle); [Second Row L-R] Aaliyah Skinner, Maya Barnett, Gabrialla Noriz, and Pristina Valencia; [Third Row L-R] James Card, Armando Negrete, and Aeridyn Sykes.



JROTC Color Guard

Immediately after the VGHS senior volleyball players were recognized at the volleyball game on October 26, first year cadets (L to R) Maya Barnett, Alexa Regan, Gabrialla Noriz, and Johanna Lopez masterfully executed their Color Guard routine to the National Anthem. These new cadets practiced many hours to achieve the honor of being selected for the team. Cadets' pride and sense of accomplishment were evident in their appearance and precision. The Spartan Marine Corps JROTC is instructed by Dr. Tyrone Hall, CWO-3 (ret) and MSgt Jorge Rico. For more information on JROTC, visit www.cguhsd.org/vgJROTC.aspx.

JROTC Support Request

Please use this [online form](#) to provide information necessary for effective support of your event.



JROTC Presents Colors at Governing Board Meeting

On Tuesday, September 28, members of the Vista Grande High School Marine Corps [JROTC](#) Color Guard detachment looked very sharp and impressive in their Dress Blue uniforms as they stood poised to march forward and take center stage at the Governing Board Meeting. The Governing Board, Superintendent, principals, teachers, parents, students, and community members all rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The Spartan Marine Corps JROTC is instructed by Dr. Tyrone Hall, CWO-3 (ret) and MSgt Jorge Rico. Photo: [Foreground L-R] Gabrialla Noriz (with Marine Corps flag) and Pristina Valencia & [Background L-R] Armando Negrete (with American Flag) and Sarah Foerster.



Dr. Anna Battle, CGUHSD Interim Superintendent, celebrates the Cougar's success at the Casteel Marching Competition. The Pride of Casa Grande Marching Band is instructed by Martin Hebda, Fine Arts Teacher. Visit their webpage at www.cguhsd.org/cgBand.aspx.

Casteel Marching Competition

On Saturday, October 23, CGUHS [Pride of Casa Grande Marching Band](#) performed at the Casteel Marching Competition. There were over twenty bands in attendance, including several top bands in the division. CGUHS finished in first place, with the highest score of the night, and received top honors for General Effect, Visual Performance, and Percussion. In the Individual & Ensemble Competition, various awards were earned: Woodwind Solo: Red Anguamea (4th Place), Aliyah Garcia (5th Place), Samantha Simmons (6th Place), and Maya Winegrade (7th Place); Woodwind Ensemble: Carlie Melton and Alex Nicholson (3rd Place); Brass Solo: Aracelly Ortiz (2nd Place); Brass Ensemble: Baruch Lim, Benjamin Maroney, Drake Melton, Jake Villarreal, and Elian Zuniga (1st Place); Percussion Solo: Cooper Hancock (1st Place) and Andy Lopez (3rd Place); and Percussion Ensemble: Katie Bautista and Xavier Sotelo (1st Place).



Pride of Casa Grande Finishes 2nd Place; Headed to State

The [Pride of Casa Grande Marching Band](#) competed at the University of Arizona (UArizona) Band Day on Saturday, October 30. They finished in 2nd Place and earned an Outstanding Percussion award. The Cougars head to state championships in November seeded second in the state.



Walden Grove Marching Festival

CGUHS [Pride of Casa Grande Marching Band](#) competed at the Walden Grove Marching Festival on Saturday, October 16. The Cougars finished in first place and received awards for earning the top scores in Music, Visual Performance, General Effect, Percussion, and Color Guard. Photo (L-R): Aaron Aguirre and Sarah Scots, Drum Majors.





Silent Witness Night

The VGHS CGYS-[SADD](#) (Casa Grande Youth Alliance - Students Against Destructive Decisions) hosted a Silent Witness Night on Tuesday, September 28. The event promoted community involvement and suicide prevention & public awareness. The Spartans are advised by Cristina Salcido-Grigg, PE/Health/English Teacher.

NHS Holds Water Drive Competition



During September, the [National Honor Society \(NHS\)](#) held an in-club water drive competition between juniors and seniors. The result was 15 cases of water and \$50 donated to the Casa Grande Food Bank. Juniors took the win this time around. Seniors are hoping to get the win in the spring when members plan to have another drive. The Spartans are advised by Meagan Semore, PE/Health Teacher.

Culinary Arts



Ms. Kim Rains and her [Culinary Arts](#) students baked and delivered cookies to the VGHS staff on Tuesday, October 19, to thank them for all they do.



Spartan P.R.I.D.E. Newsletter

Check out the November newsletter at www.cguhsd.org/downloads/VG-Newsletter202111-Current.pdf.

Past editions are located at www.cguhsd.org/vgNewsletter.aspx.



VGHS [Key Club](#), [National Honor Society](#) (NHS), and [Student Council](#) cleaned sections of Arizola, Cottonwood, Clements, and Henness streets.



Thirty-two (32) CGUHS [Key Club](#) students arrived early in the morning to collect trash. After a great amount of hard work, twelve (12) bags of trash were accumulated. Breakfast was served at the city's recreation center compliments of Chick-fil-A. It was a fun day for all. The Cougars are advised by Linda Cassidy, RN.



Twenty (20) CGUHS [National Honor Society](#) (NHS) students joined together and collected numerous bags of trash from the mile in front of the high school. The mile is in memory of Tomas Piñon, a former school employee, who died in 2009. NHS is sponsored by Kim Batina, Social Studies Teacher.





Trick or Treat Drive-Through

On Saturday, October 30, [CGUHS Student Council](#) sponsored a drive-through trick-or-treating event in the CGUHS parking lot. Approximately 20 clubs from CGUHS and community organizations passed out candy to over 300 cars and hundreds of children. Thank you to all the clubs and organizations who participated and made this event a fun and successful night. The CGUHS Student Council is advised by Stacy Brady, Science Teacher. CGUHS has many activities to get involved in! [Join a club today!](#)



[AzHOSA CGUHS Chapter](#)



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[Link Crew](#)

CGUHS Homecoming Assembly, Parade, Bonfire, Pep Rally, Game



VGHS Homecoming Assembly, Parade, Bonfire, Pep Rally, Game





Girls Soccer Team Tours GCU & Cheer on Lady Lopes
 Coach Cedric Collins, PE/CTE Teacher, and the members of the [Lady Spartan's Soccer Team](#) traveled to Grand Canyon University (GCU) for a campus tour and soccer game on Thursday, October 28. The Spartans learned about the university and what it's like to be a college student-athlete.

Spartans Attend Cardinals Youth Football Camp

Members of the [VGHS Football Team](#) attended the Cardinals Youth Football Camp in October 2021.



Flores Named Player of the Week

The Barstool Sports Arizona Bowl (@theARIZONABOWL) named CGUHS Quarter Back Angel Flores the High School Player of the Week for his performance at the Friday, October 15, football game. Flores threw three touchdowns and ran for another two, earning him the honor. The [Cougars](#), coached by Jake Barro, blanked Sahuaro 48-0 behind Flores.

Pichon Qualifies for State Swim Meet

Titouan Pichon will represent Casa Grande Union High School at the DII State Swim Meet in the 100 Backstroke (#15) (57.81) and 100 Butterfly (#28) (59.62) on Friday, November 5, at Skyline High School. DII high schools can send swimmers if they make the top 32 times in the state. Titouan also earned a State Provisional Time in the 50 Free Stroke (24.02). The Cougars are coached by Kim Batina. Visit their webpage at www.cguhsd.org/cgSwimming.aspx.

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Mrs. Francis Pitman

fpitman@cguhsd.org

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- Head Track Coach
- Health Office Clerk
- IT Support I Service Center Technician
- Mathematics (Algebra) Teacher
- Mobile Tutoring Paraprofessional
- Native American Educational Liaison
- Plumber
- Security Officer
- Special Education Paraprofessional
- Title I Edgenuity Paraprofessional
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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 CGUHS Board Room (1st Floor) and LIVE via our [YouTube Channel](#).



President: Jack Henness was a CGUHS 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 CGUHS 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