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FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. ANNA BATTLE

January 2022

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.

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.	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.	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.
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.	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.	 5 Qualities of an Exceptional Teacher (alignstaffing.com)



Alicia Behrens
English Teacher

Staff Member of the Month:

As we open the new year, 2022, with excitement, I would like to congratulate Alicia Behrens who has been in education for 10 years. Ms. Behrens has teaching experience at the middle school and high school levels in the areas of Math, English Language Arts, and in co-taught classrooms supporting students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs). There are many characteristics that make her a joy to be around. She has a great sense of humor and enjoys singing. Ms. Behrens has done a spectacular job in complex teaching experiences since the pandemic began. Regardless, she has been a great team member on Vista Grande's campus and stepped up to support students any time she could do so. A welcomed example of contributing to the needs of students was representative in her willingness to teach English in short notice. It was a challenge, but she stepped up to meet a need and she has been excelling and doing a fantastic job helping to meet the needs of our students. Lastly, Ms. Behrens has decided to continue her education by pursuing her Master's degree. She has been a true team player!!

Congratulations! Go CGUHSD!!!

Sincerely,
Dr. Anna Battle

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



Electric Light Parade Announcers

On Saturday, December 4, there were a couple of familiar voices in the sound waves at the City of Casa Grande Electric Light Parade. VGHS's [Lorena Jimenez](#), School Counselor, and [Nathan Scheeler](#), Social Studies Teacher, were the announcers at the annual event.



Students Deliver Cocoa Cheer

[Ms. Addison](#), [Ms. Wittner](#), and students delivered cocoa to VGHS faculty and staff on Monday, December 13. Thank you, Spartans, for bringing holiday cheer and warmth to the hallways!





VGHS English Teacher Completes Doctoral Program: Dr. Alyson Bell

Congratulations to Alyson Bell who completed her doctoral program at Grand Canyon University in December 2021 (Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership). She is officially Dr. Bell and will attend the GCU Spring Commencement ceremony in Spring 2022. Dr. Bell's dissertation has been submitted to ProQuest and should be published and available soon. She also holds two master's degrees from Northern Arizona University (Master of Education with Reading Endorsement and Master of Arts in English with an emphasis in Literacy, Technology, and Professional Writing), and has a Professional Writing Certificate as well. This year marks 18 years of her being an educator. Dr. Bell currently teaches English 10 and English 11. Visit her webpage at www.cguhsd.org/abell.aspx.



Flinn Foundation Scholarship Semifinalists

Casa Grande Union is excited to announce that two of their students have been chosen as Semifinalists for the prestigious Flinn Scholars Program. Only 80 Semifinalists were chosen from a total of 1,100 applicants. The Flinn Scholars Program, in partnership with Arizona's three state universities, provides the full cost of tuition, including housing and meals as well as mentorship, travel opportunities, and career connections for scholarship recipients. Congratulations, Betzaida Molina and Clara Munguia! For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit www.cguhsd.org/cgCounselingScholarships.aspx.



Copper Sky All-Region and All-Academic Teams

[Spartans](#) selected for the Copper Sky All-Region and All-Academic Football Teams include: Javier Valero (All-Academic Team and 2nd Team Specialist), Tyrese Constable (1st Team Offense), Daniel Ahlman (1st Team Offense), Angel Chaydez (2nd Team Offense), Jonathan Ventura (2nd Team Offense), Markel Lewis (1st Team Defense), Fernando Moya (1st Team Defense), Athiuan Arol (2nd Team Defense), and Preston Poecker (2nd Team Defense). Honorable Mention includes Angelo Tapia and Michael Contreras. The Spartans are coached by Jon Roberts, PE/Health Teacher.



Scott Scores 1,000 Career Points

Congratulations to Jayla Scott, VGHS Senior, who scored 1,000 career points on Monday, January 10. Jayla joins Danielle Deatherage (1,105) and former teammate Carlee Meiner (1,018) as the third Spartan from the girl's team to join the 1,000-point club. Since her sophomore season, Scott has averaged double figures and is currently averaging 17.9 points per game. The Spartans are coached by Ryan Barrett.



4A State Football Champions

The [CGUHS Football Team](#) defeated Poston Butte at ASU's Sun Devil Stadium on Friday, December 10. The 33-28 victory marked school history with an undefeated season (13-0) and the 4A State Football Championship title and trophy. Only once before, in the 91-year history of the program, has the team gone undefeated and untied (10-0 in 1950), and the first time in school history for the team to advance to the state title game. The Cougars are coached by [Jake Barro](#), PE/CTE Teacher.



PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Vision

All Living the Pursuit of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement

Mission

The Mission of CGUHSD is to inspire excellence by providing globally competitive educational and career opportunities for all students.

Priorities and Goals

- Competitive Educational and Workforce Development
- Viable Curriculum that Promotes High Student Achievement
- Positive, Safe, and Healthy Learning Environment
- Effective and Efficient Communication
- Effective and Efficient Use of Resources



The [CGUHSD Vision, Mission, and Priorities](#) are the essence of the district's fundamental practices implemented inside and outside of the classroom. Whatever students strive to accomplish, educators help students achieve beyond what one may imagine. A team of staff from all schools met to discuss students' interest, to capture the required preparation for students' post-secondary goals, and to ensure what we do with students in schools provides varied opportunities to support aspirations derived from rich discussions and activities during their high school years. This work resulted in the following qualities a CGUHSD graduate will possess. In high school, students are engaged in their learning processes and activities, and experiencing a myriad of relationships. We are committed to partnering with families and legal guardians to ensure that these qualities are evident in the staff and the students.



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RESILIENCE Adaptable to change Self-Respecting and having self-worth Emotional Intelligence to foster long-term relationship	ACCOUNTABILITY Follows through on commitments and responsibilities Acts intentionally to achieve personal best Reflects on progress with a focus on the future	INNOVATION Inspires to improve through research and inquiry Thinks and acts with the future in mind Welcomes and encourages creative transformation	INTEGRITY Displays an ethical mindset Behaves with honesty, respect, and responsibility Seeks to trust and to be trustworthy Chooses thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain
CRITICAL THINKING Curious and inquisitive nature Creative-Solution seeker Problem-Solving skills	COLLABORATION Learns from, contributes to, and demonstrates flexibility while working productively Seeks out input from diverse stakeholders Demonstrates the ability to communicate effectively and respectfully with diverse teams	CULTURAL LITERACY Respects differences in others Appreciates a variety of cultures Celebrates the creative expression and uniqueness of others	



For more information about the Rotary Club of Casa Grande, visit <https://casagranderotary.org/>. For past recipients, visit www.cguhsd.org/cgRotaryStudentOfMonth.aspx (CGUHS) or www.cguhsd.org/vgRotaryStudentOfMonth.aspx (VGHS).

Hunter Scholes CGUHS

Hunter Scholes of Casa Grande Union High School (CGUHS) was recognized Tuesday, January 11, 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. Hunter was recognized for his accomplishments and activities: AP/Honors Classes (6), Class Rank (1st), Football (1-Yr), GPA (4.686), Link Crew (1-Yr), National Honor Society (1-Yr), Student Council (4-Yr) (Class Representative & Treasurer), Swim Team (3-Yr) (Team Captain), Tennis (3-Yr) (Team Captain), Track (1-Yr), Wrestling (4-Yr) (Team Captain), Casa Grande Youth Commission (1-Yr), Grand Canyon Rim to Rim to Rim (48-mile hike in under 20 hours), Lifeguard (1-Yr), Sahuaro Half-Marathon (4th Place), Special Olympics Volunteer (4-Yr), and Volunteer (6-Yr) (50+ Hours at various organizations). After high school, he plans to attend one of the three main military service academies (Air Force, Annapolis, or West Point), major in Biology, and go to medical school post-graduation. His goal is to serve his country to the best of his abilities and help people in need as a military physician.



Chloe McQueen VGHS

Chloe McQueen of Vista Grande High School was recognized Tuesday, January 11, 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. Chloe was recognized for her accomplishments and activities: Spartan Elite Dance Company (Co-Captain), SAAC (Member), Academic Excellence award (3-Yr), Link Crew (Previous Leader), Black Box Foundation's Youth Theater Program (Volunteer), Dauphin Island Sea Lab Residential Marine Science Course (Attended & Passed), Dance Productions (Multiple), and Theatre Productions (Multiple). After high school, she plans to study Marine Biology. Chloe's goals are to work for a marine science research team to help fight against species loss and environmental degradation.



Over 1,600 students are enrolled in 15 different Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs throughout the Casa Grande Union High School District. Each month, a CTE program nominates a deserving student for this honor. For more information about our district's CTE program, visit www.cguhsd.org/CTE.aspx.

Sean Price CGUHS

Sean Price of Casa Grande High School was recognized Tuesday, January 11, 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. Sean was nominated by Kevin Curtis, CGUHS Culinary Arts Teacher, who had this to say about him, "Sean is a quiet leader in the classroom, and his work ethic and attitude set the standard for the entire class. He always goes above and beyond expectations in and out of the classroom. Sean is involved in many extracurricular activities including catering, leadership conferences, and culinary competitions. He has true passion for all things culinary and experiments out of class on new concepts and recipes." Sean's mother is Rebecca Romo.



[L-R] Dr. Anna Battle (Superintendent), Sean Price (CTE Student of the Month), and Lisa Miller (CTE Director)



Melchaiah Fields

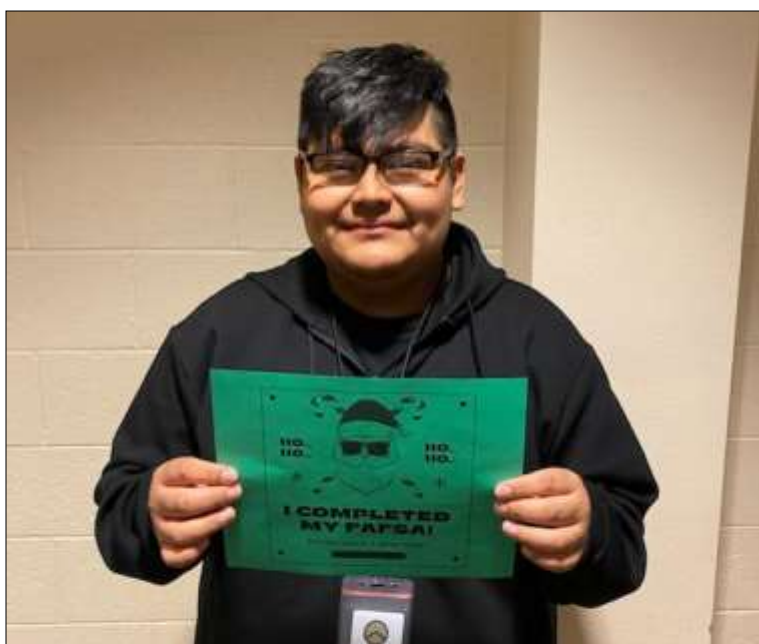
Melchaiah Fields VGHS

Melchaiah Fields of Vista Grande High School was recognized Tuesday, January 11, 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. Melchaiah was nominated by Kimberly Rains, VGHS Culinary Arts Teacher, who had this to say about him, "Mel has been a valued member of the culinary team for three years now. He was always very involved in the labs, pitching in to do his part, kind and respectful to both staff and students alike. But it is the growth I have witnessed in Mel in this, his internship year, that moves me to recognize him. Mel has taken initiative to not only meet the demands of the internship but has gone above with his interactions with the intro students in the class. He can be found personally assisting students who require extra support during labs. While in the classroom, he supports students individually, monitors whole class progress on assignments, assists me at the most-timely moments, especially when we began the school year without an educational assistant. He is serving as the President of our FCCLA chapter and attended leadership training in the fall. It warms my heart to be witnessing Mel's growth as a young adult in a leadership role and I am delighted to select him for Vista Grande's Culinary Student of the Year." Melchaiah's mother is Tiffany Taylor.



FAFSA Friday

The [VGHS Counseling Department](#) is hosting monthly [FAFSA](#) workshops to help seniors earn money for college. The second workshop was on Friday, December 10. There were numerous students who completed their FAFSA, and those who did not, got a head start on the process. The next workshop is Friday, January 28. The FAFSA Friday will include a University of Arizona Admission Counselor who will be available to assist students with college applications.





CGUHS Choir



District Choir



Gold Tones



VGHS Choir

District Winter Choir Concert

[CGUHS Vocal Music](#) hosted [VGHS Vocal Music](#) on Tuesday, December 7, for the District Winter Choir Concert in the CGUHS Auditorium. The concert featured the VGHS Grande Choir, CGUHS Gold Tones, and CGUHS Choirs (Beginning, Advanced, and The Blue Notes). The concert ended with all the district choirs singing, "Feliz Navidad". CGUHS Vocal Music courses are taught by Donna Telles, Fine Arts Teacher.



CSWA Credential Exam

[CGUHS Career & Technical Education \(CTE\) Engineering Introduction to Computer Aided Design \(CAD\)](#) students took the Certified SolidWorks Associate (CSWA) professional credential exam for their CTE Industrial Certification requirement. Sophia tested for the next-level Certified SolidWorks Professional (CSWP) professional credential. Successful completion of this 4-hour certification exam is proof of SolidWorks expertise with cutting-edge skills that businesses seek out and reward. The exam is intended for a student who is well-versed in both basic knowledge of engineering fundamentals and industry practices, along with computer aided design software and its methodologies and simulation principles. The CSWP Exam is for students who have proven their ability to design and analyze parametric parts and moveable assemblies using a variety of complex features in SolidWorks. The SolidWorks certification program establishes an industry standard by which professionals are evaluated through a fair, comprehensive test of their knowledge both in the areas of Mechanical Design and Design Validation. Becoming certified establishes one as a highly competent SolidWorks professional. Congratulations to Elijah Ramirez, Elias Razo, and Aidan Schairer on achieving the Certified SolidWorks Associate professional designation (CSWA) in December 2021. The Cougars are taught by John Morris, CTE Engineering & Mathematics Teacher.





CTE and CAVIT Showcases

The [Career & Technical Education \(CTE\)](#) and [Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology \(CAVIT\)](#) Showcases were held on both campuses during the week of December 6. At each campus, nearly 1,000 10th and 11th grade students were able to speak with students enrolled in one or more of the 13 on-campus programs and the 17 programs offered to our students at CAVIT. Freshmen and 8th grade students will take tours and see other demonstrations in January.

The on-campus programs provided hands-on demonstrations highlighting each program with the help of several active students. [Agriscience](#) displayed some of their chickens. [Construction Technologies](#) gave students an opportunity to use simple and battery-operated tools. [Automation & Robotics](#) held demonstrations highlighting programmed vehicles. [Bioscience](#) shared research methods. [Engineering](#) shared work and design samples. [Education Professions](#) displayed finished projects. [JROTC Marine Corps](#) demonstrated and discussed their leadership roles. [Marketing](#) shared their DECA successes and some of their retail items. [Culinary Arts](#) dressed in their chef's coats and shared fresh baked cookies and other items. [Stagecraft](#) (Theater Tech) brought costumes for students to admire and wear. [Early Childhood Education](#) brought in games, programmable baby dolls, and other toys that attracted a crowd.

CAVIT student-ambassadors represented their campus well. After setting up their booths in a very efficient manner, students were ready for the crowd to enter. Each discussed their various programs and showed off their work-ready uniforms and equipment. The variety of programming at CAVIT differs from what we have on our campuses. CAVIT offers health-related programs including Behavioral Health, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, Home Health, Massage Therapy, Nursing, Medical and Veterinary Sciences. Criminal Justice, Forensics, and Fire Science offer opportunities for students interested in public safety. Our students will have an opportunity to visit the CAVIT campus in January.

All involved enjoyed the opportunity to interact with potential students and demonstrate what they enjoy about their programs. Many students were able to make connections that will affect their future academic and career goals, as well as given a snapshot of the opportunities available on our campuses, because of our partnership with CAVIT.





The Casa Grande FFA Chapter Officer Team and Greenhand Officers met early Saturday, December 18, to pack the cold items and add the finishing touches needed to deliver holiday meals to 16 families in need across Pinal County, Arizona.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) Community Service Project

On Saturday, December 18, the [Casa Grande FFA Chapter](#) took part in their annual community service project serving 16 families in need across Pinal County. We would like to thank Mrs. Athena Garcia, Mrs. Cassandra Bennett, and Mrs. Corrin Nieto from Casa Grande Union High School (CGUHS) and Mrs. Melissa Davey from Desert Willow Elementary School for assisting us with the names of families in need.

This project was a joint collaborative effort between several Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs at CGUHS. We want to sincerely thank each of these programs and their students for contributing to these 16 holiday meal boxes. Without your help, we would not have been able to do what we did.

The following programs were involved:

FFA (Mr. Casey Farnsworth): Raised & Processed 16 Turkeys
 DECA (Mr. David Carter & Mrs. Corrin Nieto)/FFA: Donated Boxed/Canned Food
 Culinary (Mr. Curtis & Ms. Jaque Arvizu): Donated Baked Pies
 HOSA (Mr. Noel Que): Donated Breads
 FCCLA (Mrs. Cathie White): Made & Donated Children Activity Packets
 Construction (Mr. Mike Wagner & Mrs. Amanda Hartman): Built & Donated 16 Custom Crates

Through generous donations that have been collected over the past month, we were able to bless the lives of those in need with a complete holiday meal including turkey, side dishes, dessert, and some important staple items. Some came to the door speechless; others came crying with tears of joy. Children were happy to have food and excited to see what was wrapped for them. One family even politely declined and asked us to deliver to the family across the street who were in much more need than them. There are many who go without during the holidays. We were blessed to be able to serve who we could. As doors were opened, hearts were touched. Let us remember the true meaning of this season and look for ways we can serve those around us.

Mr. Casey Farnsworth
 CGUHS Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisor



Marine Corps JROTC

The [Vista Grande High School Marine Corps JROTC](#) is instructed by Dr. Tyrone Hall, CWO-3 (ret), and MSgt Jorge Rico. The [Casa Grande Union High School Marine Corps JROTC](#) is instructed by Maj Rob Sherwood (Senior Marine Instructor) and GySgt Jesus Flores (Marine Instructor).



Cadets Help Santa: Children Waiting to See Santa

The cadets of Vista Grande High School Marine Corps JROTC served as Santa's 911 force in readiness on Friday, December 3. When the Arizona City Fire Station Chief Jeff Heaton called and asked if cadets would assist with children in the community meeting Santa, the cadets were all too eager to volunteer. In fact, the cadets were more eager to meet Santa than to assist Chief Heaton. Nevertheless, children and family members from all over the area descended upon the fire station. The cadets were impressive as all adults exclaimed that they performed their tasks admirably by assisting more than 600 children for over four hours with getting through winding lines in a safe, timely, and organized manner. After all the little children had visited Mr. and Mrs. Clause, the cadets pounced upon the opportunity to share their Christmas wishes with Santa. Santa also confirmed with each cadet that they were on the "Nice" list because of their willingness to sacrifice their Friday evening and stand in the chilly night air assisting their community.



Cadets Help Santa: Workshop Duties

After the Vista Grande High School Marine Corps JROTC cadets parted company with Santa at the Fire Station in Arizona City on Friday, December 3, he was so impressed with their performance that he requested even more assistance. In the current economic environment, Santa too has been affected by the employee shortages and needed to outsource some Santa Workshop duties. Santa's plea for help read, "Needed - Somewhere to store and some helpers to sort a mountain of toys before Christmas Eve." The cadets unhesitatingly offered up the Marine Corps JROTC rifle range to help Santa out of this fix. Like the cadets, when Principal Beechum was notified of Santa's dilemma, she and other administrators were more than willing to allow cadets to support. Instructors started unloading toys from the filled sleigh (a 26ft. U-Haul truck and a 14 ft. trailer) on Sunday night, December 5. On Monday morning, December 6, cadets promptly resumed offloading, sorting, organizing, and counting the myriad of toys. Cadets were helping Santa, but they were also assisting the local chapter of the Casa Grande Toys for Tots. As a result, cadets sorted more than 1,000 toys in preparation for distribution on Wednesday, December 15, at the Casa Grande VFW.



Cadets Lead Casa Grande Electric Light Parade

This year, the long holiday parade was spearheaded by VGHS Marine Corps JROTC cadets. First year cadets were especially nervous, yet eager, to begin trooping down Florence Boulevard for their 1st annual Casa Grande Electric Light Parade on Saturday, December 4. Cadets marched with pride and confidence as they led the town's mile-long formation. Cadets (L-R) Leticia Ramirez, Joandri Galvan, James Card, Armando Negrete, Juan Meraz, Jovian Romero, Hannah Lyme, and Johanna Lopez made the trek look easy as they marched with precision and echoed cadences sung by the platoon commanders.

DECA Earns Chapter Honor

[Vista Grande High School DECA](#) was recently awarded an Achievement Level recognition in the 2021-2022 DECA Membership Campaign. The results were announced on decadirect.org.

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 dedicate 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's membership campaign is designed to help chapters grow by making the DECA experience available to more student members, keeping alumni involved, and engaging professional members such as administrators, teachers, parents, and business partners.

"It is very exciting to see our DECA Program growing and preparing our students for success now and in the future," said Lisa Horsley, DECA Advisor for Vista Grande High School.

Of the 3,000 DECA chapters, only 450 chapters earned recognition in DECA's chapter campaigns and only 775 chapters earned recognition in DECA's membership campaign.



Officer Team

The Vista Grande DECA Chapter Officer Team is comprised of: Mia Mooring (Chapter President), Justyce Martinez (Chapter Vice President), Paul Sanchez (Vice President of Finance), Adrian Rodriguez and Aceton McGuire (Co-Vice Presidents of Marketing), Jose Granados (Vice President of Communications/Hospitality), and Bryan Gordon (Vice President of Career Development & Competition). They are advised by Lisa Horsley, CTE Teacher.

About DECA Inc.

DECA is a [Career & Technical Education \(CTE\)](#) student organization that prepares over 225,000 emerging leaders and entrepreneurs who are interested in careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business, and promote competition. DECA student members leverage their DECA experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders.

For more information about DECA, visit www.deca.org and www.cguhsd.org/vgDECA.aspx.



Vista Grande Thespian Troupe Earns Gold Honor

The Vista Grande Thespian Troupe earned the 2021 Gold Honor Troupe award. To be recognized as an Honor Troupe, each active Arizona Thespian Troupe, regardless of size, must demonstrate excellence in high school theatre by achieving high standards within a school year in each of the following categories: 1) Productions 2) Thespian Activities and 3) School and Community Service Activities. Recognition is divided into three categories: gold, silver, and bronze, with gold being the highest award a troupe can receive. The VG Thespians are advised by Sara Ragain, CTE/ Fine Arts Teacher. Visit their webpage at www.cguhhsd.org/vgThespians.aspx.





Electric Light Parade

VGHS [National Honor Society \(NHS\)](#), [Cross Country](#), and [SAAC](#) took part in the City of Casa Grande Electric Light Parade on Saturday, December 4. The theme was, "The Gift of Giving". Their float was created to encourage others to give, volunteer, and be thankful to help others as well as thank the community for all their support. Santa's Workshop was on the float with students dressed up as Elves and making toys for all the children. Approximately 40 students were involved in the creation, building, and walking in the parade. The Spartans are advised by Cristina Salcido-Grigg, PE/Health/English Teacher, and Megan Semore, PE/Health Teacher.





Link Crew Hosts Cocoa & Cram

On Tuesday, December 14, [VGHS Link Crew](#) hosted Cocoa & Cram in the cafeteria. Student leaders tutored other students and helped them study for finals. Hot cocoa and light snacks were provided.





Key Club Sponsors Blood Drive

The [VGHS Key Club's](#) November 30th Blood Drive had 41 life-saving donors step up to donate, resulting in 28 procedures for our community and reaching 93% of the Blood Drive goal. They will sponsor two more blood drives in the remainder of the school year. The next one is Friday, February 18. The Spartans are advised by Mia Khan, School Counselor.



NHS Collects and Donates Toys

The [CGUHS National Honor Society \(NHS\)](#) delivered toys that they collected to a Toys for Tots location at Cal Ranch on Wednesday, December 1. Pictured is Clara Munguia, NHS President. The Cougars are advised by Kim Batina, Social Studies Teacher.



Key Club Hosts Bell-Ringing Donation Station

On Saturday, December 11, [CGUHS Key Club](#) and Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande members hosted the Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Donation Red Kettle Station at Fry's Supermarket. They collected three full red kettles to donate to the Salvation Army for the holidays. The Cougars are advised by Linda Cassidy, RN.



Student Council Hosts Bell-Ringing Donation Station

On Saturday, December 18, [VGHS Student Council](#) members hosted the Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Donation Red Kettle Station at JCPenney to collect funds for the local Salvation Army. The Spartans are advised by Nathan Scheeler, Social Studies Teacher.



Key Club Hosts Bell-Ringing Donation Station

On Saturday, December 18, [VGHS Key Club](#) members hosted the Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Donation Red Kettle Station at Fry's Supermarket to collect funds for the local Salvation Army. The Spartans are advised by Mia Khan, School Counselor.

Key Club Assists Holiday Events

[CGUHS Key Club](#) sent over 35 members to help with Winter Wonderland and the Electric Light Parade. Members helped the younger children decorate cookies, pass out candy canes, and play in the snow. When Santa arrived, they helped with picture taking. It was a fun event. The Cougars are advised by Linda Cassidy, RN.



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Vista Grande High School
1556 N. Arizola Road
Casa Grande, AZ



EVENING AGENDA

- Onsite Registration
- Club/CTE/Sports Showcase

ONLINE REGISTRATION (OLR)

Begins January 10, 2022

The link will be on school's website.

Visit your school's website for the YouTube link on how to complete the Online Registration.



Questions?

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VGHS: Jovahn Delcid jdelcid@cguhsd.org

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- Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations
- Attendance Clerk III
- Future Certified Position
- Health Office Clerk
- Paraprofessional: Mobile Tutoring
- Paraprofessional: Special Education
- Personalized and Blended Learning Specialist
- Security Officer
- Teacher: English
- Teacher: Mathematics (Algebra)
- Track Coach (Assistant Boys & Girls)
- Track Coach (Head Boys & Girls)
- Volunteer

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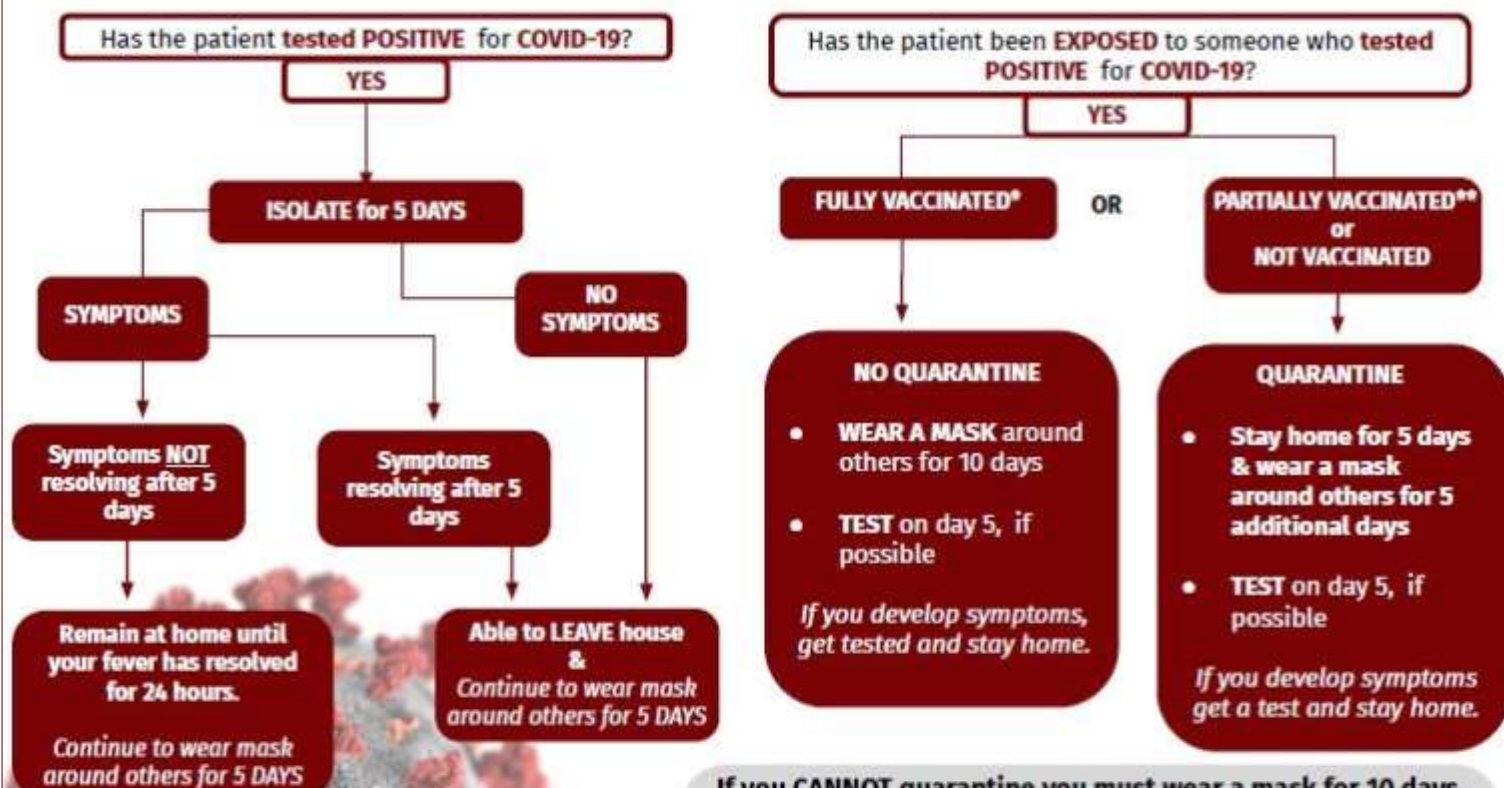
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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

'Release from Isolation and Quarantine' Guidance

Arizona COVID-19 Guidance 'Release from Quarantine & Isolation' Flow Chart



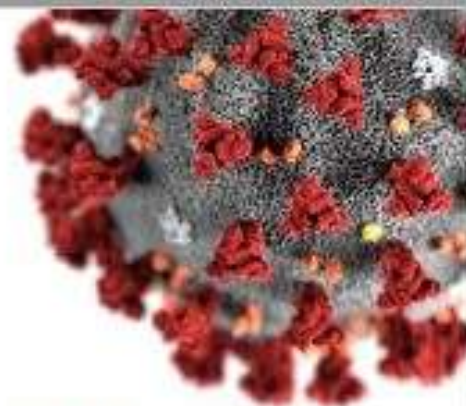
If you CANNOT quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.

**Fully vaccinated: Completion of a 2-dose series within 6 months; OR completion of a single-dose series within 2 months; OR completion of primary series AND received a booster dose.*

***Partially vaccinated: Primary series not completed; OR primary series completed, but NOT boosted (2 months after 1-dose series, 6 months after 2-dose series).*

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How long to stay home when you are sick with **COVID-19**



STAY HOME AND AWAY FROM OTHERS UNTIL:

1

At least 5 days* have passed since symptoms first appeared.

**Additional 5 days of wearing a mask*

AND

2

Fever free for at least 24 hours, without the use of a fever-reducing medication.

AND

3

Other symptoms, such as cough and shortness of breath, have improved.

Everyone should prevent the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Covering your cough with a tissue or your elbow
- Wearing a mask, if it can be safely managed
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH SERVICES

December 2021



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](#).

Governing Board



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 are 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. 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 2022. He has served as a mentor teacher and is passionate about enabling educators to improve their pedagogy and connect with students. He lives in Casa Grande with his two daughters. 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. rllopez@gmail.com



Member: Chuck Wright is a Casa Grande native, growing up in a farming family in the Greene Reservoir area south of Arizona City. He has three sons, all of whom have graduated from CGUHS. Chuck is an Industrial Designer, specializing in architectural design and 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 years as president. He is past Chairman of the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce and 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