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Casa Grande Union High School District ♦ February 2022 ♦

Welcoming New Students 2022/23



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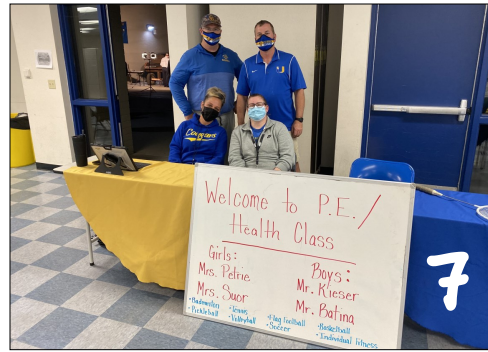
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FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. ANNA BATTLE

February 2022




Dr. Anna Battle
Superintendent

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>



Martin Hebda
Fine Arts Teacher

Staff Member of the Month:

As I was given the opportunity to serve Casa Grande Union High School District, I learned about many wonderful things, including information about each school and staff that supported them. Mr. Martin Hebda was one common denominator that I heard from leaders, students, and families. It did not take long for me to experience the awesome character and hard work ethic I have been told about Mr. Hebda. Martin is passionate about students and has committed all he has learned into the lives of students in the district. Not only is he an exceptional educational leader who makes decisions based on what is in the best interest of students, he also is an exemplar model for educators. He builds talents within the student body and provides opportunity for students to demonstrate learning and experience success. He works with staff and develops leadership capacity by giving of himself any time that he can. Mr. Hebda is a fantastic husband and father who loves his family and sets them appropriately above the rest. His organizational skills and willingness to contribute to and support student achievement has been value added to the school's overarching goals. It gives me great pleasure to recognize Mr. Martin Hebda as the February staff member of the month.

Congratulations! Go CGUHSD!!!

Sincerely,
Dr. Anna Battle

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INnovative Occupations Virtual Academy

INOVA



January 26, 2022

Parents and Students,

Casa Grande Union High School District values the opportunity to provide our families with a diverse, quality, future-focused instructional learning environment for ALL students. It is our goal to provide our families with the best virtual education in the state of Arizona. I am excited to announce that Casa Grande Union High School District will be enrolling students for our new virtual high school - INOVA (Innovative Occupations Virtual Academy) for the upcoming 2022-23 School Year. Our new school will provide students with an opportunity to participate in a virtual blended learning model.

Please take some time to watch the included PowerPoint that outlines the framework for our INVOA high school. Our INOVA design team is currently meeting to prepare for the upcoming school year, and we will continue to share new updates.

We are excited for the upcoming year and look forward to enrolling your child.

Andrea Teran
Casa Grande Online Academy Administrator

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[PowerPoint >](#)

CGUHSD

2022-23 School Year



Online Registration is Open!



2022/23 Registration

It is with great pleasure we welcome you and your family to the Casa Grande Union High School District!

Our 2022/23 Registration is now open!

To register, visit www.cguhsd.org/doOnlineRegistration.aspx.

Welcome to our district!



CASA GRANDE

UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



Open House Held January 20

An Open House was held at both high school campuses on Thursday, January 20. New and returning students attended to get a glimpse of our 2022/23 offerings including athletics, clubs, and activities as well as classes and electives. Our campuses look forward to greeting the Class of 2026 on Friday, July 20, for Freshman First Day (8 AM - 12:30 PM). Welcome to the Casa Grande Union High School District!

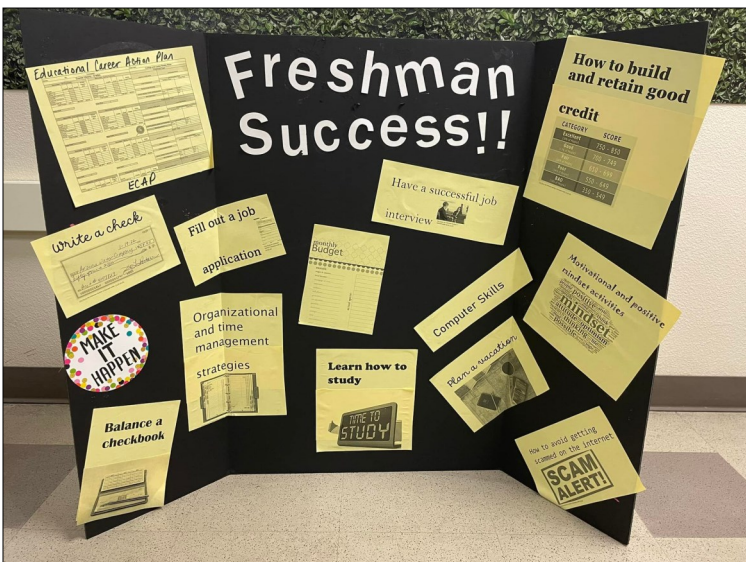


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CGUHS: Science Department

[Science Department](#) teachers and students enthusiastically showcased their department with a gyroscope trick demo and set up on static electricity. [Gyroscope Trick Demo >](#)



VGHS: CTE Freshman Success

[Career & Technical Education \(CTE\) Freshman Success](#) displayed a posterboard describing its course contents. Freshman Success is a required course which prepares incoming ninth graders with the skills and habits of a mind necessary to make a successful academic, social, and emotional transition to high school and post-secondary endeavors. Students develop strategies to increase their study skills, time management, listening, questioning techniques, independent thinking, critical reading, effective written & oral communication, and continuous learning.



CGUHS: Bilingual Multicultural Club

Imari Davis (Bilingual Multicultural Club Secretary) welcomed visitors. She spent the evening encouraging current 8th graders, and a few other students already in high school, to join the [Bilingual Multicultural Club](#). She used some of the student-made presentation posters to explain how the club has spent the year learning about other countries and cultures and eating cakes from those countries. Imari used her leadership skills and passion for the club to convey how she personally enjoys the club and its activities. The Cougars are advised by Jewel Devet, ELD/SEI/English Teacher.

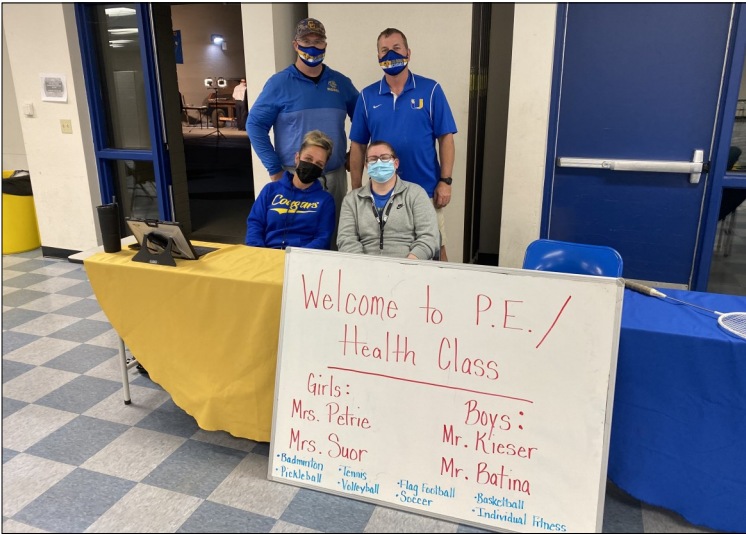


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CGUHS: Physical Education/Health Education

Some of the [Physical Education/Health Education](#) Department teachers, [Photo] (Back:L-R) John Batina and Kurt Kieser (Front:L-R) Shyla Suor and Meagan Petrie, welcomed guests and shared information about their classes and what topics are covered including Badminton, Basketball, Flag Football, Individual Fitness, Pickleball, Soccer, Tennis, and Volleyball.



CGUHS: Marine Corps JROTC

The [Marine Corps JROTC](#) cadets shared a glimpse of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) curriculum which includes marksmanship, physical fitness, public speaking, land navigation/mountaineering, military history, customs and courtesy, leadership, first aid, close order drill, drug and alcohol awareness, current events, "real world" social skills, teamwork, and problem-solving techniques. This program is not combat oriented, nor is it a recruiting activity. The objective is to teach young adults to become informed and responsible citizens, develop leadership skills, strengthen character, and promote an understanding of the basic elements and requirements of national security. Additional objectives are to help students develop self-discipline, confidence, and integrity. Semi-annually, the unit travels to the West Coast so that cadets can receive "firsthand" knowledge of selected active U. S. Marine Corps units and their mission. Physical fitness through running, exercise, etc. is required weekly. Uniforms are issued and the required wear on weekly inspection days. Successful completion of JROTC Leadership I fulfills one (1) PE credit for high school graduation from the Casa Grande Union High School District.



CGUHS: Agriscience & FFA

Career & Technical Education (CTE) [Agriscience](#) and [FFA](#) shared their programs with guests. Agriscience covers leadership development, plant science, animal science, agriculture mechanics, business management, leadership practices, welding fundamentals, and metal cutting. Students are encouraged to complete this four-year program. Future Farmers of America (FFA) is an organization associated with this program.

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.



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



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).

Deon Barnett CGUHS

Deon Barnett of Casa Grande Union High School (CGUHS) was recognized Tuesday, February 1, 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. Deon was recognized for his accomplishments and activities: 4.278 weighted GPA, Honor Roll (each semester), Class Rank (16), Link Crew, Cougar Ambassadors (2019/20), Culinary student (2-Yrs), and CAVIT Medical Program (2-Yrs). He is a team player and is always willing to improve. Deon plans to attend one of the state universities and become a medical assistant.



[L-R] Dr. Anna Battle (Superintendent), Deon Barnett (Rotary Student of the Month), and Brian Mabb (Principal)



[L-R] Dr. Anna Battle (Superintendent), Jaelynn Diaz (Rotary Student of the Month), and Vance Danzy (Principal)

Jaelynn Diaz VGHS

Jaelynn Diaz of Vista Grande High School was recognized Tuesday, February 1, 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. Jaelynn was recognized for her accomplishments and activities: GPA 4.0, Academic Award (9, 10), Central Arizona College/VGHS (Dual Enrollment), University of Arizona (Acceptance), Employment (Boston's Pizza, Chipotle), JROTC (9, 11), JROTC Drill Team (9, 11), JROTC Drill Team Commander (11), JROTC Color Guard (11), DECA (9), Link Crew (11, 12) Link Crew Commissioner (12), National Honors Society Treasurer (12), and Upward Bound (12). After high school, she plans to attend Central Arizona College (CAC) for two years then continue her education at the University of Arizona (UArizona). Jaelynn will study nursing and specialize in pediatrics. Her goals are to complete her college degree in less than five years. From there, she would love to own a pediatric office and purchase a home for her mom. Jaelynn's parents are Fred Quintero and Jessica Diaz.



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.cquhsd.org/CTE.aspx.

Darian Leon CGUHS

Darian Leon of Casa Grande High School was recognized Tuesday, February 1, 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. Darian was nominated by her Early Childhood Education Teacher, Mrs. Cathie White, who had this to say about her, "Miss Darian Leon has been an outstanding student in Early Childhood Education (ECE) since day one, her sophomore year. She brightens up every classroom she is in with her positive attitude and endless desire to learn. Darian aspires to be an elementary school teacher, therefore, soaking up every opportunity to learn from her teachers, the preschool children, and even the textbook chapters. Darian took a dual enrollment ECE class last school year at Central Arizona College (CAC). This year, she is our ever-dependable, first-period intern. She has excellent attendance and helps us get Cougar Cub Preschool off to a good start every day. Darian is equally adept leading Circle Time as an assistant teacher, preparing snacks for the day, and supervising the first-year students in their various lab jobs. She is a master at multi-tasking, a much-needed skill in the teaching profession. Thank you, Darian, for the three years of dedicated learning and service you have put into Early Childhood Education. You have impacted our program in more ways than you will ever know." Darian's parents are Jesus Leon and Leonor Contreras of Casa Grande, Arizona.



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

Madison Salazar VGHS

Madison Salazar of Vista Grande High School was recognized Tuesday, February 1, 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. Madison was nominated by her Early Childhood Education (ECE) Teacher, Mrs. Cassandra Yeo, who had this to say about her, "Miss Madison is an integral part of our program. She takes every opportunity to work in the preschool during her class and at other times. Madison is willing to do any job in the preschool and completes it with joy. The preschoolers look for her when she is not there and have fun with her when she is there. Madison can be seen riding a tricycle with one student and playing dolls with another. She has become the "go-to" when talking about FCCLA and our program needs a spokesperson. Madison is willing to step forward. She is a great representation of our program and I look forward to seeing her blossom in the year ahead. Way to go, Madison, and Spartan Sparkies. ECE appreciates all you do." Madison's parents are Joey Salazar and Erin Lynn Yandell of Casa Grande, Arizona.



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





- Agriscience
- Automation & Robotics
- Automotive Technologies
- Bioscience
- Construction Technologies
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Education Professions
- Engineering
- Freshman Success
- Graphic Design
- JROTC Marine Corps
- Marketing
- Stagecraft



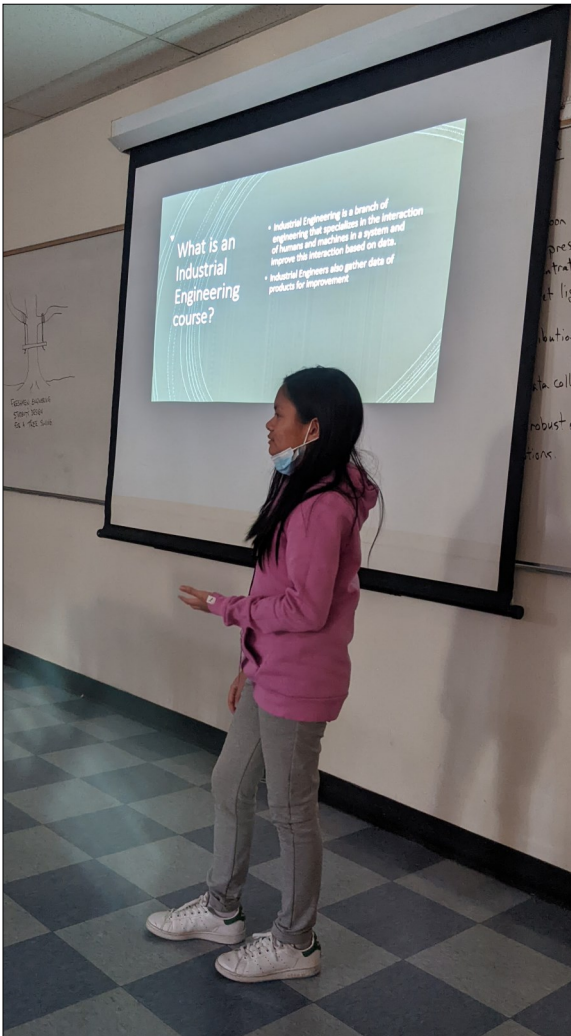
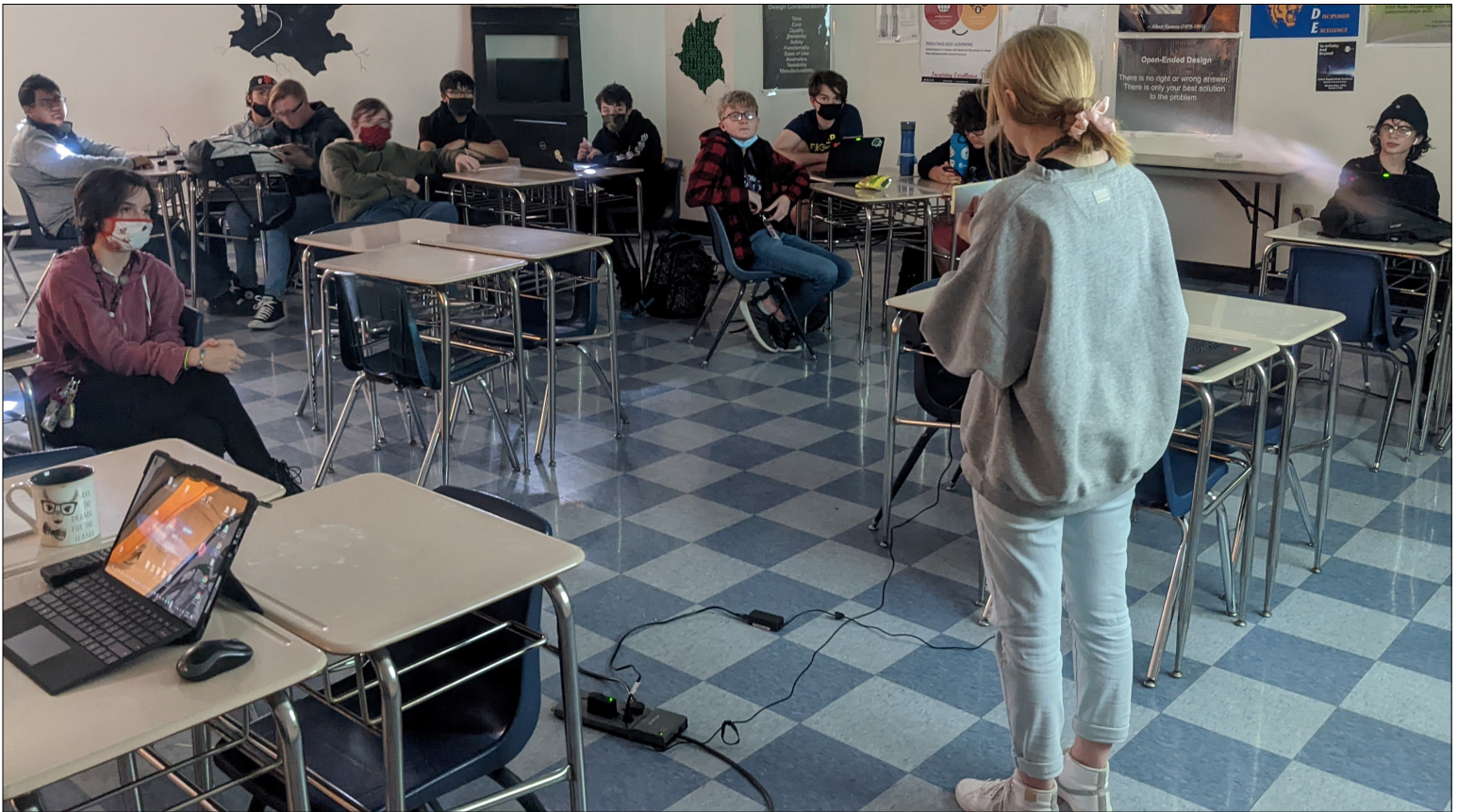
[L-R] Dr. Tyrone Hall, CWO-3, Ret (Senior Marine Instructor), Dr. Anna Battle (Superintendent), Aleena Nielson (U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidate), Cathy Raymond (Arizona State Director of CTE), and MSgt Jorge Rico (Marine Instructor).

Nielson Named U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidate

Aleena Nielson, Vista Grande High School, has been selected as one of five Arizona nominees for the 2021/22 U.S. Presidential Scholars in [Career and Technical Education \(CTE\)](#). Aleena was selected by a review team consisting of CTE stakeholders based on evidence of academic rigor, technical competence, professional employability skills, ingenuity, and creativity. She was recognized by Cathy Raymond, Arizona State Director of CTE, on Tuesday, February 1, during the Casa Grande Union High School District (CGUHSD) Governing Board meeting.

All five nominees were selected by the Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction, Kathy Hoffman, and submitted by her office to the Commission on Presidential Scholars at the U.S. Department of Education. As a semifinalist nominee, she was invited to apply for the National Review by the Commission on Presidential Scholars at the U.S. Department of Education. Twenty outstanding U.S. Presidential Scholars in Career and Technical Education students will be recognized in May 2022.

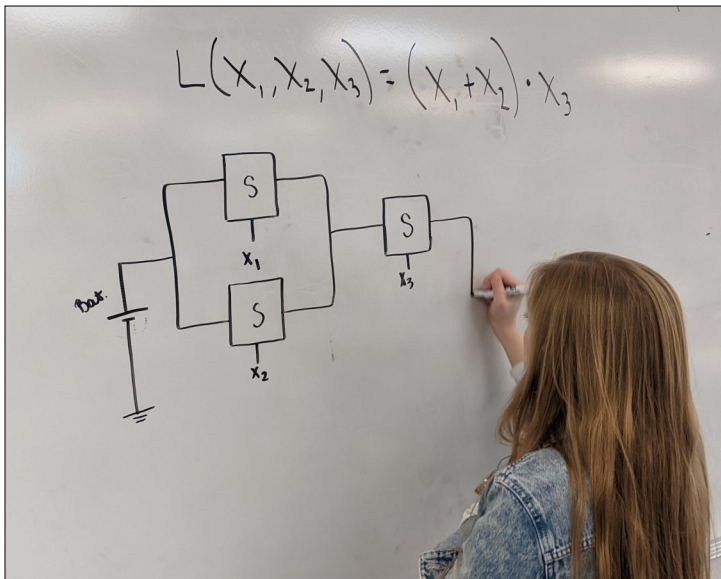
The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964, by executive order of the President, to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was again extended to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in Career and Technical Education fields. Each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. For more information, visit the Department of Education's website for the U.S. Presidential Scholar's Program at www2.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html.



CTE Engineering I

CGUHS Career & Technical Education (CTE) [Engineering I](#) students shared, with the combined engineering classes, what they have learned in the introductory lessons to their chosen engineering discipline. Ella, Computer Engineer, shared her recently gained knowledge of binary numbers, Boolean Algebra, and basic TTL logic gates, and how to derive design equations from truth tables, use those equations to create schematic drawings, and implement those schematics as physical circuits. Melody, Imagineering, shared the role of Imagineers in creating the rides and attractions that we enjoy at the Disney theme parks and some of the types of problems that Imagineers are called upon to solve. Sophia, Industrial Engineer, shared what she has learned in her introduction to project teams and formal problem-solving techniques used in the workplace. Each student shared information for five to ten minutes then responded to questions from the upper-class students. Engineering students regularly do this type of presentation exercise to help them organize and summarize their learning and communicate that learning to their colleagues. Students also learn valuable soft skills such as public speaking, succinct slide deck creation, and thinking on-their-feet in response to questions from their peers. The students are receiving a more personalized experience by investigating and learning about topics that interest them within the constraints of the Arizona CTE Engineering curriculum standards. The Cougars are taught by John Morris, CTE Engineering/Mathematics Teacher.





A Computer Engineer in the Making

This semester, Engineering I student Ella Barth (2023) will begin working on a course of study being designed as a prototype for a course in Computer Engineering. This course will include much of the same curriculum content as is included in the first two years of a computer engineering major at the university level.

After a brief introduction to electrical theory and analysis, Ella will investigate topics including Digital Design Fundamentals, Computer Architecture and Organization, and VHDL. She will also learn to design printed circuit boards (PCBs) and to program in the C programming language. Hands-on projects will include designing and implementing an ATmega 328 based PCB microcontroller board; designing, implementing, and testing logic circuits using discrete transistors; designing and implementing combinational and sequential circuits using discrete logic devices; and designing and implementing a simple computer designed in VHDL onto an FPGA device. In future semesters, more advanced topics will include assembly language programming, communication protocols, computer networks, and embedded systems. This project will become a multi-year project with the intent of preparing Ella and following students for further studies in computer engineering at the university level.

This curriculum follows courses in Computer Aided Design, Fundamentals of Fabrication and Manufacturing, and Introduction to Engineering (ASU FSE 100 equivalent). The Engineering curriculum at CGUHS is aligned to the Arizona Department of Education's Career & Technical Education Standards for Engineering and the SkillsUSA Technical Standards for Engineering Design.

Miss Barth is instructed by John Morris, CTE/Mathematics Teacher. For more information on the CGUHS Engineering program, visit www.cguhsd.org/cgEngineering.aspx.



Band Students Selected for Honor Band

On Saturday, January 22, [CGUHS Band](#) members auditioned for the Southeastern Regional Honor Band at the University of Arizona (UArizona). Congratulations to the following students who were selected:



Aliyah Garcia
Baruch Lim
Benjamin Maroney
Curtis Maroney
Drake Melton
Maya Winegrad
Elian Zuniga

The Cougars are instructed by Martin Hebda, Fine Arts Teacher.





Marine Corps JROTC

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Guest Lecture: Marine Corps Leadership Summer Camp at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA

Students were enthralled by the lecture given by Marine veteran and volunteer of the Devil Pups organization Tony Garcia as he informed them of all the experiences they were sure to have if they attend a two-week leadership camp at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, this summer. The cost of the camp is well over \$1,000 per cadet, but this cost is absorbed by boosters and organizational sponsors providing opportunity to socioeconomic disadvantaged students. In short, the two-week long summer camp is completely free to interested [Vista Grande High School Marine Corps JROTC](#) cadets. In true Marine fashion, Mr. Garcia pledged to obtain the necessary funding to support attendance for as many VGHS cadets who were interested in attending.

Cadets (Photo: L-R) Ullivieri Zuniga Cruz, Emiliano Acevedo,

Eithan Ledbetter, Isiah Taylor, Juan Lizarraga, and Dominic Vandever listen intently as they imagine themselves participating in the many challenging, yet rewarding, adventures sure to be encountered when participating in this exciting summer camp. Cadets were told to expect excursions to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Command Museum, the USS Midway Museum, a Marine Corps boot camp graduation ceremony, and attend a graduation ceremony commemorating their time at the camp. One cadet who attended the camp previously reassured the cadets of the profound sense of accomplishment and achievement they would experience upon completion of the camp.



Physical Training: Dance

Dance is not something you typically associate with military-style physical fitness. However, what better way to learn something new while diversifying health and fitness instruction. We all know that physical fitness serves us best when it becomes a lifestyle, not a resolution to be abandoned after a few months. Clean versions of student-selected music and the latest dance moves incorporated make moving and sweating seem like less of a chore. To assist with this instructional strategy, the [Vista Grande High School Dance Team](#) members Karizma Maguire, Racey Mallery, and Hailey Arp eagerly volunteered to proctor this session of physical fitness instruction from a totally different perspective. The student-teachers integrated fitness, dance, and creative expressions to create a very interesting physical fitness lesson on Friday, January 14, with [VGHS's Marine Corps](#)

[JROTC](#) cadets on the patio during third period. Cadets laughed at how easy student-teachers made the dance moves look, compared to how challenging they actually were to execute. Though they awkwardly moved and laughed along the way, they all gave an honest effort to learning the dance moves while engaging in the physical activities. The change in physical training (PT) instruction was enjoyed by class members Emiliano Acevedo, Anthony Beck, Logan Bowen, Zachary Carlin, Daniel Dunaway, Sarah Foerster, Julian Garza, Eithan Ledbetter, Ariyeana Lewis, Alexander Neal, Natalia Olmedo, Dylan Porter, Valerie Rivas, Mariah Salinas, Crystal Sylvia, Isiah Taylor, Dominic Vandever, Jay Varela Vargas, Michael Wallis, and Santana Garcia. The students' continuous laughter is evidence enough that this unique approach to physical fitness was a welcomed change. This differentiated approach to instruction enriched the learning environment and increased students' ownership and participation in the learning process.



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Guest Lecture: ASU Youth Leadership Conference

On Thursday, January 13, during fourth period at Vista Grande High School, Pat Stolze, the Chairman of The Military Order of World Wars (MOWW), a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, and a retired JROTC instructor, informed students of an opportunity with the MOWW to attend a leadership camp this summer at Arizona State University (ASU). The camp allows students to spend a week on the campus of ASU West in Glendale, Arizona, where the curriculum focuses on citizenship and leadership. Mr. Stolze explained to 10th and 11th grade students about the uniqueness of this opportunity, and its learning and enrichment value. The camp, which typically costs \$450, is an all-expense paid learning opportunity for interested students. Cadets Trev Hagen and Adam Pena (Photo: L-R) were very interested and vowed their intent to attend. As a result of cadets participating in leadership camps such as this, they learn increased leadership skills, stay engaged academically during the summer months, and return to school the following year a more competent and confident citizen-leader within the [Vista Grande High School's Marine Corps JROTC](#) and the Vista Grande High School community.



Zumba Physical Fitness Activity

For the [VGHS Marine Corps JROTC](#) cadets, physical fitness and health are critical elements of the curriculum. Additionally, cadets are taught that strength and physical health are inextricably linked to success for the group, as well as individual members. To help prove this point, on January 12, during first period on the Vista Grande Marine Corps JROTC patio deck, members from the community Yeimy Menges (Zumba Instructor) and Theresa Ellsworth (Detective) dedicated their personal time to instructing the students by hosting a Zumba session. To amplify this point, Vista Grande Teacher Ms. Jennifer Kortsen and Vista Grande JROTC Instructor Master Sergeant Rico were showing off their moves as they and the students energetically danced and sweated to the high-tempo Latin music. Students Maricela Amado, Joseph Campbell, Ariel Gonzalez, Reilly Harp, Joel Huber, Dylan Hughes, Marguerite Kerr, Carlos Leyva, Johanna Lopez, Rogelio Marrufo, Trevor Martinez, Daniel Moya Palacios, Isabella Nelson, Adrielle Romero, Karolina Ruiz Medina, Peter Ruth, Nicolas Toscano, Lacey Wallis, and Tyler Wilkinson really enjoyed this differentiated approach to learning and exercising.

Vista Grande High School Marine Corps JROTC Support Request

Please use this form to provide information necessary for effective support of your event.

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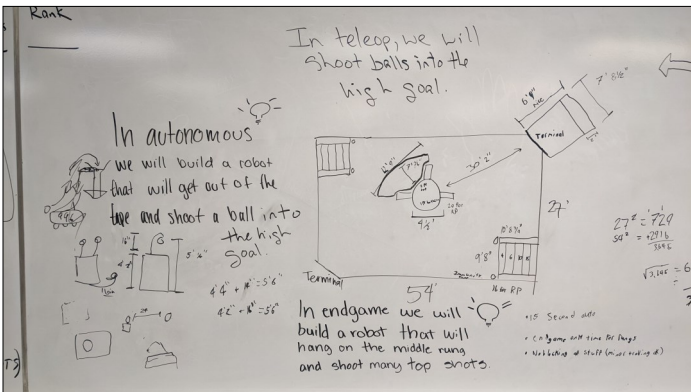
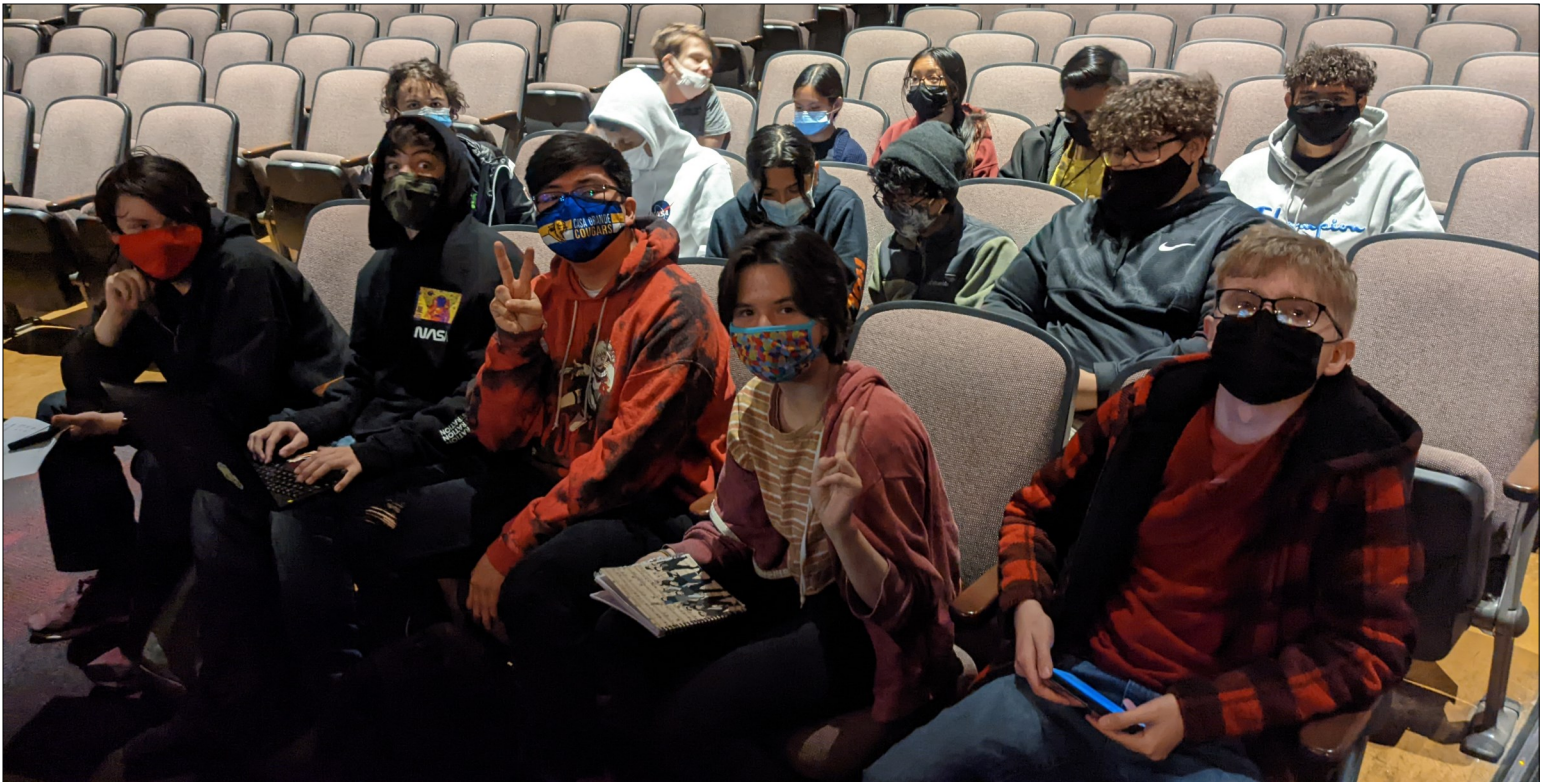
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO A SESSION WITH DR. ANDREA WIENS, MEDICAL EXAMINER

January 21 (Friday)
12:45 - 1:30 PM
Bldg L Testing Room

 A circular inset image showing a human skull being held by a hand wearing a blue nitrile glove.

Clubs Host Career Talk

On Friday, January 21, Dr. Andrea Wiens gave a talk about being a Medical Examiner to a group of Biology, Forensic Science, Engineering, and Biotechnology students held at the CGUHS Building L Testing Room. She explained the significance of her profession in the field and was amazed by the attentive students who earnestly listened to her stories as she dissected and analyzed a body under investigation. Attendees asked equally meaningful questions in which she answered with her 12-year expertise as a Medical Examiner. This Career Talk was a semestral event organized by the [AzHOSA CGUHS Chapter](#) and the [Chief Science Officers](#). The Cougars are advised by Noel Que, Bioscience/Science Teacher and John Morris, Engineering/Mathematics Teacher.



Robotics Team Competition Season Begins

The [CGUHS Robotics Team](#) traveled to Central High School in Phoenix, Arizona, the weekend of January 7-9, to take part in workshops and the kickoff of the international FIRST Robotics Competition. In the Friday night workshops, students participated in discussions on “Game Analysis and Strategy” and “How to Create a Winning Team.” On Saturday, the students returned to Central High to gather with teams from all around Arizona to view an internet broadcast sponsored by the Ford Motor Company which introduced the game for the 2022 competition season. This year’s game, called “Rapid React” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgniEj19cCM>), is sponsored by the Boeing Corporation.

It was also announced, at the kickoff, that the Arizona Robotics League would begin at the conclusion of the FIRST Robotics competition season. The Arizona Robotics League is sponsored by the Arizona Diamondbacks and Honeywell Aerospace. View the Press Release at <https://www.mlb.com/press-release/press-release-d-backs-and-honeywell-team-up-to-inspire-youth-teachers-and-stem-e>.

The Team returned to CGUHS with a game animation and the rule book in hand and began the process of game analysis. The students tore into the rule book to determine all the ways to score and developed an overall strategy for the game. Currently, the team is developing and analyzing systems to implement their strategy.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the CGUHS Robotics Team. The Cougars are advised by John Morris, CTE/Mathematics Teacher.



Kiwanis Club Sponsors Appreciation Bowling Event

The Kiwanis Club of Casa Grande sponsored an appreciation bowling event. This was to thank all the high school [Key Club](#) students for their hard work and many volunteer hours in the community. Each student bowled two games, bowling shoes were included, and pizza and drinks were provided. Everyone had a fun time, and the students were very appreciative. The Cougars are advised by Linda Cassidy, RN.





\$300 Individual Banner hung on the bleachers at all home games all season long

\$150, Company name on team banner

Baseball Sponsorship Banner

[VGHS Baseball](#) Sponsorship Banners are available! If you're interested in donating to the Spartan Baseball program with a purchase of a banner, [please print this flier and complete it](#). Questions? Contact Coach Harley Grigg at hgrigg@cguhsd.org. Thank you for your support!

Dance Showcase

February 3rd and 4th
Doors open at 6:30
Showtime: 7:00

~Tickets~

General admission: \$5
Student admission: \$3
(Student ID required)

Come And Support!! At VGHS Auditorium

Dance Showcase

Join us on February 3 & 4 for the [VGHS Dance](#) Showcase in the VGHS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 (General Admission) and \$3 (Student-ID Required). The Spartans are taught by Candralina Sanchez.

CGUHS SCITECH FESTIVAL 2022

MARCH 4, 2022 (FRIDAY)
VENUE: GYM

SciTech Festival

Calling All Student Presenters: Do you have a remarkable academic project that you want to show to all and be recognized? Ask your teachers for a SciTech Form. The CGUHS SciTech Festival will be held Friday, March 4, in the CGUHS Gym. For more information, visit CGUHS Room L126.

KEY CLUB AND AZHOSA CGUHS CHAPTER INVITES YOU TO ANOTHER...

BLOOD DRIVE DAY!

When you donate blood, you save someone's life!

FEBRUARY 22 | 8 AM TO NOON
BUILDING L TESTING ROOM

Blood Drive

Join us on Tuesday, February 22, 8 a.m.- Noon, for a Blood Drive organized by the [CGUHS Key Cub](#) and [AZHOSA CGUHS Chapter](#). Sign up by getting a donation form from Room L126 or Health Services.

DONATE TO ANIMALS IN NEED

NHS FUNDRAISER

DONATE BEDS, BLANKETS, TOYS, TREATS, OR ANYTHING ELSE A PET COULD NEED

NHS Fundraiser

The [CGUHS National Honor Society](#) is sponsoring a fundraiser during the month of February for the Humane Society's animals in need. Items may be dropped off in Room D102. The Cougars are advised by Kim Batina, Social Studies Teacher.

JOIN OUR TEAM!



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- Mobile Tutoring Paraprofessional
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- SY 22 Summer Learning Inspiring Excellence Principal
- SY 22/23 ELA-Special Education Teacher
- SY 22/23 ESS-Special Education Teacher
- SY 22/23 Mathematics-Algebra Teacher
- SY 22/23 School Improvement Site Coordinator
- SY 23 Assistant Principal Student Athletics & Student Affairs
- SY 22/23 English Teacher
- SY 22/23 Science Teacher
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- Winter Assistant Softball Coach
- Winter Head Softball Coach

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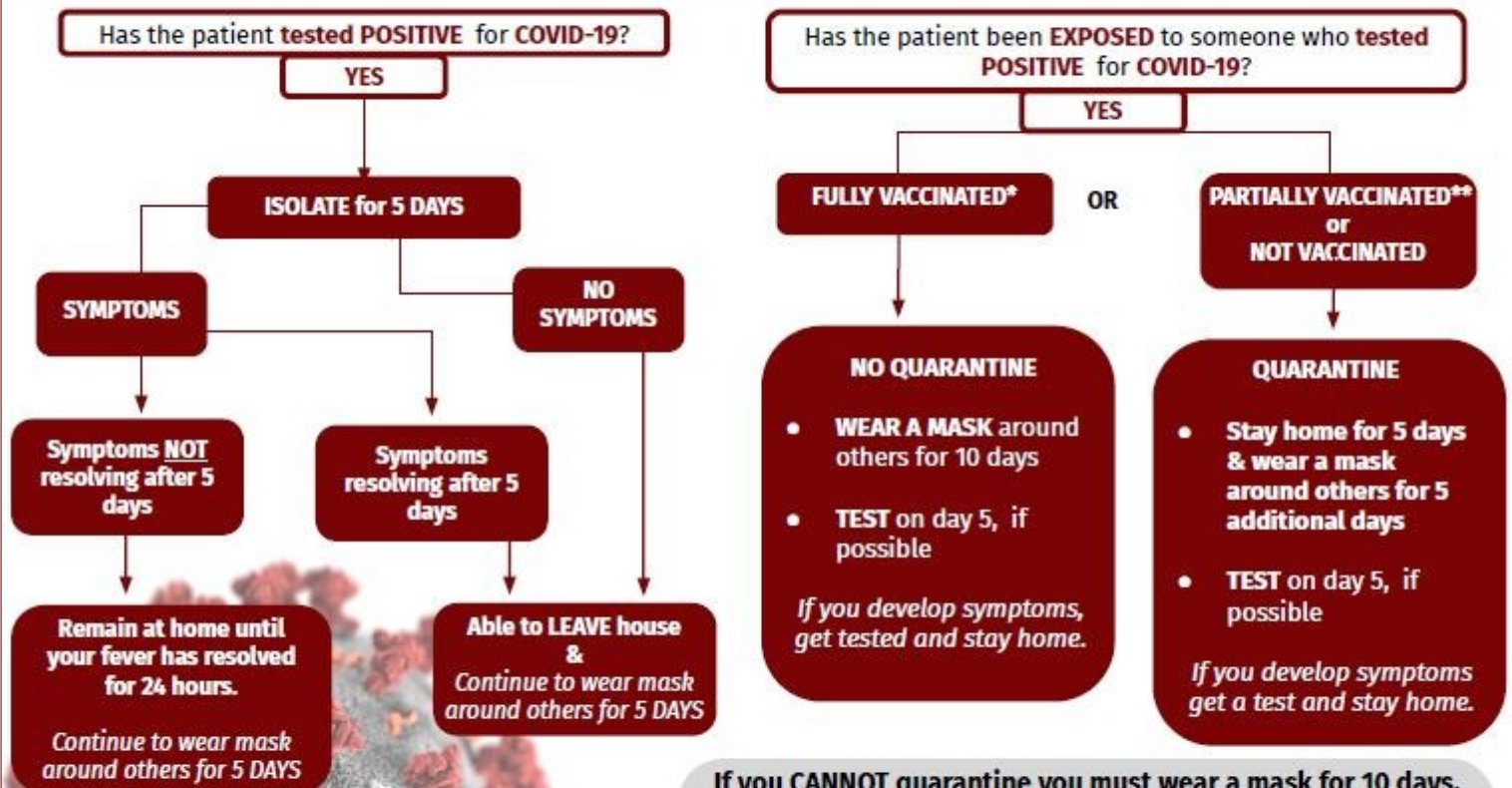


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'Release from Isolation and Quarantine' Guidance

Arizona COVID-19 Guidance

'Release from Quarantine & Isolation' Flow Chart

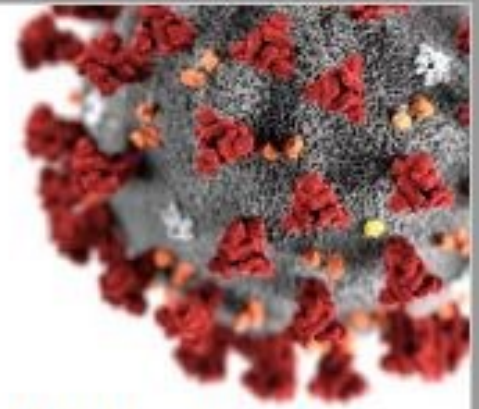


If you CANNOT quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.

*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).

Last Updated: 12.29.2021



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



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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. rlopez@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