

# CGUHSD

## Express



Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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A note from the  
Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community  
and Staff:

I would like to publicly thank all the students, staff, teachers, administrators, governing board members, and community members who served on the Superintendent's Advisory Council this school year. Thanks to the efforts of this group we now have a new Mission Statement for our district. ***The mission of the Casa Grande Union High School District is to inspire excellence by providing globally competitive educational and career opportunities for all students.*** The group was also able to establish the priorities and goals for the district moving forward. Those priorities and goals are: ***Competitive Educational and Workforce Development, Viable Curriculum that Promotes High Student Achievement, Positive, Safe, and Healthy Learning Environment, Effective and Efficient Communication and Effective and Efficient use of Resources.*** The priorities and goals that have been established will be used to drive the district's strategic plan over the next three to ten years. Thank you again to everyone who helped in these efforts.

Have a great summer.

Sincerely,

*Steven C. Bebee*

Steve Bebee



### PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Every student is unique and deserves the power to shape their personal paths toward success.

*Inspiring Excellence*

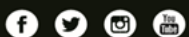


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### Upcoming Dates of Importance

MAY 21	Casa Grande Union HS Graduation @ 8:00 PM
MAY 23	Vista Grande HS Graduation @ 8:00 PM
MAY 22-23	Semester Exams
MAY 23	Last Day of School



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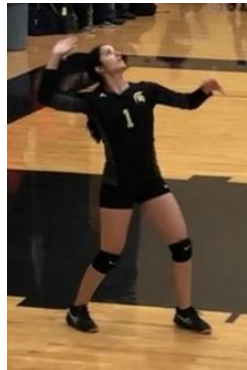
## Elite Dance Co. Named Region Champs



Congratulations to the CGUHS Elite Dance Company who won 1<sup>st</sup> place overall and were named the Senior Division Regional Champions of the *Bravo! Dance & Talent Competition*. The Cougars earned the highest score of "Platinum" on their Senior Division Hip-Hop routine. The CGUHS soloists won Elite High Gold and took home 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards in their divisions as well. In early May, they competed at the Celebrity Nationals Dance Competition and received 3 High Gold placements.

## America's Team USA Participant

Congratulations to VGHS student athlete Angela Reyes who has been selected to compete with America's Team traveling to Australia in June 2020 for 10 days. She will be competing in a series of volleyball games designed to promote and enhance the sport and promote goodwill between American and foreign student-athletes. Angela is 1 of 10 girls from Arizona that was chosen for the team to represent America's Team USA and the only one from Casa Grande.



## Chief Azule Citizenship Winners



Congratulations to CGUHS students Dennis Martinez and Andres Testa who were selected as Chief Azule Citizenship winners by their tribe. Thank you to the teachers who wrote recommendation letters on

their behalf and also for making time for these two young gentlemen and for everything else they do for all our students. As winners of this prestigious award, they will be going on a tour of Washington, DC, courtesy of their tribe.

## CGUHS Boys and Girls State Finalists



Congratulations to Cole Auza, Brady Stephens, Matthew Ward, Maria Machelor and Brionna Eager who were selected to participate and represent CGUHS at this summer's Boys State & Girls State Summer Leadership & Citizenship Program. Students

completed an application and interview with the American Legion who then selected the finalists. Boys State will take place at Northern Arizona University (Flagstaff) during the same week Girls State has its session at the University of Arizona (Tucson).



## Art Project with Mr. Jimenez

Thank you to Mr. Jimenez for sharing his love of art by offering to have students from the VG Behavior Skills class work in his room on Fridays during his project hour. Mr. Jimenez instructed



them on the art techniques he was doing with his classes. Many of them shared that they had never painted on a canvas or created a piece of art before and Mr. Jimenez was so impressed with their work that he displayed their paintings at his annual art show. Because of his individualized attention, the students look forward to this weekly activity.

## CGUHS Key Club Campus Clean-up



Casa Grande Union High School Key Club participated in the city-wide cleanup. Approximately 75 members attended and collected 30 bags of garbage off the roads of McCartney and Trell.





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## CTE Student of the Month



**Benjamin McFann** is a Casa Grande Union High School student and is the son of Gregory and Lori McFann. He was nominated by his Bioscience teacher, Mr. Noel Que, who stated that Benjamin has noticeable strength in bioscience research, quality lab performances and exceptional comprehension of the course. As President of HOSA and member of the STEM Advisory Committee, he leads and manages the organization's events. As a student leader, he listens to ideas and provides action or feedback that will cater to the class needs. Ben spends his free time doing class work with initiative and still has spare time to fraternally interact with peers and teachers in a respectful way.

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## Rotary Students of the Month



**Jose Bermudez** is a student at Vista Grande High School and is the son of Berenice Vital and Venancio Barraza. His activities and accomplishments include: National Honor Society, Robotics Club, Chess Club, Key Club, 4x Academic Scholar and recipient of Vista Grande Access and Rotary Scholarship. Other accomplishments include Cesar Chavez Leadership Institute attendee, community service for Robotics clean-ups and STEAM fair, graduating from VGHS and make his parents proud and give back for all the sacrifices they made and endured. His career goals are to be the first in his family to attend college, fulfill a lifelong dream of becoming a civil engineer or to attend CAC for two years and transfer to ASU to acquire a degree in history and become a history teacher.



**Teagan VanHise** is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and is the daughter of Jeff and Kara VanHise. Her activities and accomplishments include: Key Club, National Honor Society, senior class council, Academic Excellence award for 4 years, Marching Band and Indoor Percussion. Other accomplishments include Youth Commission and working part-time at Starbucks. Her career goals are to attend NAU to study Global Business and Mandarin and to work for a big company overseas.



Making It Happen

## Employee of the Month & Golden Ticket Program



In an effort to honor and appreciate our employees, an Employee Recognition Award Program was started to honor a selected group of employees each month. Employees are nominated through our Employee of the Month criteria and selected by our Recognition Committee to receive that honor. Selected Employees of the Month are invited to breakfast at The Big House Cafe with the Superintendent and are recognized at the monthly Governing Board meeting. We have also started the Golden Ticket recognition. These tickets are for district employees to recognize each other for any positive reason! The original Golden Ticket is given to the person being recognized and a copy is placed in the Golden Box at the site. Drawings for gift cards are held monthly by the Recognition Committee.

### April 2019 Employees of the Month

Stacy Howell	HR Specialist	DO
Gina Salazar	Business Services Director	DO
Chris Springer	ESS Paraprofessional	CGUHS
Jo Trigalet	Grad Advisor	DWLC
Tracy Stuart	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Joe Rodriguez	Warehouse Assistant	DO
Cedric Collins	PE/Freshman Success Teacher	VGHS
Kim Skelton	ESS Paraprofessional	CGUHS
Sharon Leuthauser	ESS Teacher	CGUHS

### Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 40 Golden Ticket recipients:

Angel Salinas	DO
Miguel Maldonado	VGHS
Anthony Villegas	VGHS
Joe Rodriguez	DO





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Nathan Scheeler	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Maj. Brian Lawson	JROTC Teacher	VGHS
Debbie Spencer	ESS Clerk	CGUHS
Jared Walther	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Maria Walters	Paraprofessional	DWLC
David Griffis	IT Director	DO
Sean Casey	Student Services Director	DO
Jerilyn Binkley	ESS Paraprofessional	CGUHS
Annie Hunter	Freshman Success Teacher	VGHS

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Rita Whisenhunt	CGUHS
Russell Daniels	VGHS
Kayla Mattice	VGHS
Reynalin Bitos	VGHS





# THANK A TEACHER

during  
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 6th-10th



“A good **teacher** can inspire hope; ignite the imagination and instill a love of learning.” – Brad Henry

***Thank you CGUHSD Teachers for all that you do!***

STEPHANIE ADAMS	JOHN CRAIG	SD HAZZARD	JEANNE MASIGAN	REBECCA SAM
DEANNA ADDISON	ROWENA CRUZ	MARTIN HEBDA	ANA MATTHEWS	CANDRALINA SANCHEZ
BERTHA AGUAYO	AUBREY CUEVAS-FERGUSON	ANNA HICKS	DYLON MATTHEWS	JESUS SANCHEZ
MELODY ALDRICH	VICTORIA DAVIS	LE HORDISTA	KRISTIN MCCALLIN	NORMA SANCHEZ
JOEVIE ALVARADO	JOHANNA DE VILLIERS	MOLLY HUNT	MICIAH MCCARTY	CHRISTI SAUCEDO
RAJIE APATAN	JOHN DICICCO	TARA-ANNE IMPORTANTE	SANDRA MCINTYRE	AMANDA SCHEELER
MA CASSANDRA ARGUELLES	MARY DONNELLY	MELVIN INOJOSA	JESSICA MCPEAK	NATHAN SCHEELER
CARMELLA ASH	KIMBERLY DUNCAN	CARLOS JIMENEZ	JOHN MILLER	JASON SCHERR
JACOB BARRO	GREG DUNN	LORENA JIMENEZ	LISA MILLER	DEBRA SCHISLER
JOHN BATINA	ELAINE ECAP	JASMINE JOHNSON	JOHN MIRALDI	MELODY SCULL
KIM BAYANIN	DARL EDINGTON	ROBERT JOHNSON	SETON MIRALDI	CHRISTOPHER SEMORE
PHILLIP BECERRA	ANDREA ELLIOTT	ANN JONES-HUNTER	MARY MOORE	MEAGAN SEMORE
ALYSON BELL	RAMON ESTRADA VEGA	ANNAMAE JORDA	CHRISTOPHER MORENE	JAMES SHAPIRO
NANCY BENNETT	RACHELLE ETHINGTON	MIA KHAN	MICHAEL MORRIN	RANI SINGH
REYNALIN BITOS	CASEY FARNSWORTH	KURT KIESER	JOHN MORRIS	BRYETTE SIPES
MARK BLAYDES	CAYLE FERGUSON	STEVEN KOENIGSEDER	KATHERINE MUMMERT	NEIL SMYERS
LISA BORNINKHOF	FREDERICK FISHER	RUDI KOPEC	JOSE MUNOZ	DAVID SPEERS
MICHELLE BOTTOMLEY	MOLLY FITZGIBBONS	BHAGWAN KRUP	HARVEY NIU	TRACY STUART
STACY BRADY	JESUS FLORES	BRIAN LAWSON	ELIAS OLIVAS	DONNA TELLES
APRIL BROWER	KIMBERLY FOSTER	WILLIAM LEE	CARA OSMER	RUSSELL TENNYSON
ELENA CALALANG	ALEXANDER FRENCH	SHARON LEUTHAUSER	MA DULCE PALOMARES	DONALD THOMPSON
RAY CARIQUEZ	ROCHELLE GARCIA	ROY LEWIS	ROSA PEREZ	JO TRIGALET
DAVID CARTER	JOHN GARVEY	JURONIL LIMBAGA	ROBERT PETERSON	JULIE VAN BOCKERN
RIZZA CASABUENA	STEVEN GIBBONS	LILYVIC LIMBAGA	GRETCHEN PLEGGENKUHLE	JEANNA VASQUEZ
WILLIAM CASSALATA	LEXIA GIBSON	KENNETH LOCKLIN	BALDWIN QUE	CARMELITA VILLAROSA
GENN CATAYAS	KERRIE GORDON	KAITLIN LUDER	ANNE QUICK	KRYSTAL VILLEGAS
ALAN CELERIDAD	MARTIN GUSTAFSON	CLARISSE MACARAIG	KAITLYN QUINTANA	AMOR VINOLA
LORENA CELERIDAD	JENNIFER HALE	NORMA MACHELOR	KIMBERLY RAINS	MICHAEL WAGNER
STEVEN CLARKE	MELINDA HARDIN	PAUL MACHELOR	ERNESTO RAZO	JARED WALTHER
CEDRIC COLLINS	DOUGLAS HARDING	CHARITY MADISON	BRIAN REED	CATHIE WHITE
RICHARD CONTRERAS	KATHRYN HARDING	MIGUEL MALDONADO	DANIEL REEDER	STEVE WOOTEN
GEORGE COURTNEY	JOHN HART	CHRISTOPHER MALLEK	ART REMUND ROMANO	MARISSA YAP
MARSHA COWAN	BRADLEY HARVEY	LOUIS MALLET	LINDA RUSSELL	CASSANDRA YEO
BETH CRAIG	TRACY HAWKINS	KEITH MARSH	CRISTINA SALCIDO-GRIGG	