

Principal's Message – May 2017

As we wind down the year, I would like to make you aware of some of the many accomplishments our students have obtained this year. I may miss some things as it has been a very active spring for our students.

- **Isaac Bromley-Dulfano(10th)** used his science fair project to enter the High School Utah Entrepreneur Challenge. He was one of three Grand Prize winners, with a nice cash award and a scholarship.
- **Arthur Packard:** State English semi-finalist in Deseret News Sterling Scholar contest.
- **Henry Ponce:** Larry H. Miller Scholarship
- **Preston Palmer(10th)** was one of five winners (out of 600 applicants) in the Bryan J. Miller Silent Heroes Essay contest. It comes with a \$1500 scholarship.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Utah State winner **Sadie Rodriguez** (1 of 11 recipients)
- **John York(11th), Tristan Lopez(9th), Isaac Bromley-Dulfano(10th), Angela Pham(11th)** all won awards at the Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair. Angela Pham won one special award and Isaac Bromley-Dulfano won two. Isaac will represent AMES and the State of Utah at the National Science and Engineering Fair as well as being awarded a special trip to New York City to represent Utah's young scientists. And as a side note AMES has a long history of doing well at the Science Fairs. Mrs. Jones did a great job with the students. I would also like to see more students take advantage of this opportunity at AMES.
- **Rhyan White(11th):** Was named as the Comcast/Xfinity Utah State Female Athlete of the Year (2017)

Rotary Scholarship Award Winners:

- Whitney Sorensen
- Sadie Rodriguez
- Jabrail Ahmed
- Daniella Zamora
- Mikayla Christiansen
- Maria Chavez

AMES Scholarship Winners:

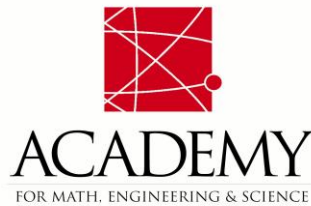
- PTSO: Henry Ponce
- Robotics: Henry Ponce
- Lindy Clark: Ignacita Maldonado
- Counselor: Maria Insurriaga-Aguilar
- Aloysius Church: Arnold Gatoro

Principals Inspirational Scholarship

- Julia Nguyen
- Maria Chavez
- Jose Godinez-Castro
- Whitney Sorensen

MESA Industry Advisory Council 2017 MESA Scholarship recipients:

- Alysa Warlin
- Daniela Zamora
- Elisabeth Morrill
- Ilham Batar
- Jose Godinez-Castro
- Joshua Nguyen
- Shania Portilla
- Maria Chavez
- Parker Kvenvold



Last Week of School Schedule - Please Read Carefully

- The senior graduation Party will be at Tracy Aviary On Tuesday May 23rd
- The graduation will be on May 24th at Kingsbury Hall, University of Utah at 4:00 pm parking at the University of Utah football Stadium with a shuttle to Kingsbury Hall
- Last Day students attend will be May 25th (BBQ and yearbook signing).
- Students will be going home early 12:45 pm dismissal (buses to leave at 1:00 pm) on May 24th and May 25th
- May 26th - Last day teachers are in the building

Lastly, Granite School District and Cottonwood High School has approached AMES each of the last two years regarding sports fees, activity fees, fundraising/tour fees that our students accumulate while at AMES and in Cottonwood classes. Each year Cottonwood carries over a large debt generated on behalf of our AMES students. This is a byproduct of the privilege to access all the things Cottonwood High School provides to our students. I have been asked to pay this debt each of the last two years and have resisted. In that time we have worked with Cottonwood High School to improve the data management and the way coaches and teachers submit charges that AMES students may incur. As a result some very important decisions have had to be made for next year.

- ***Students will no longer be able to play or participate in a Cottonwood High School activity without paying the requisite fees when they are due. For the 2017-18 school year AMES students will be held out of classes or activities if fees accumulated from past years are not paid.***

We are doing this to help students who have in the past built up large amounts of debt in the 4 years with Cottonwood and AMES and then the parents have to this fee prior to their students being able to graduate. AMES as a school cannot shoulder this debt each year. This is also needed to maintain a good relationship with Cottonwood High School. All senior fees need to be paid prior to your student participating in graduation. You may ask that the late fee for tardy tickets be withdrawn for your students at the time of payment. As we start the next school year Cottonwood classes and activities that have fees attached to them will need to be paid at the time of participation. If outstanding debt remains Cottonwood classes and activities will not appear on your AMES schedule for next year. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Thank you,

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