Cherokee County School District

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number
September 14, 2023	A-1

Title

Recognition of Cherokee County School District Special Olympic Statewide Gold Medalists

Requested Action

School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District Special Olympic Statewide Gold Medalists

Summary Explanation and Background

Cherokee County School District students won gold in the statewide summer Special Olympics!

Cherokee County Special Olympics' soccer team won gold and numerous students earned gold for individual swimming, tennis and track and field events.

Transition Academy student Caleb Guy, earned three silver medals in kayaking competitions at the international Special Olympics World Games in Berlin this summer.

CCSD Adapted PE teacher Ben Farist, serves as the Cherokee County Special Olympics coordinator.

Priority Area

Student Achievement: Access and Opportunity

Financial Impact

N/A

Exhibits: (List)

Gold Medal Winners

Source of Additional Information

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Summer Special Olympics Gold Medal Winners

Unified teams include neurotypical peers who are called Unified Partners in the competition.

SOCCER:

Team members:
Leah Weatherby, Cherokee HS
Charlie Holderness, Creekview HS
Leland Wilson, Creekview HS
Kord Bowen, Transition Academy
Cody West, Transition Academy
Audric Agbavon, Woodstock HS

Unified Partners:
Matthew Gordon, River Ridge HS
Hadley Moore, River Ridge HS

TENNIS:

Unified team:
Brody Wright, Transition Academy
Aven Wright, Cherokee HS

TRACK and FIELD:

Ta'Nieyah Calhoun *(100M)*, Cherokee HS
Reed Rogers *(100M)*, Cherokee HS
Lyric Welch *(100M and Mini Javelin Throw)*, Liberty ES
Matthew Bek *(200M)*, Transition Academy

SWIM:

Nicolle Valle *(50M Seniors Freestyle)*, Etowah HS
Aiden Kohlhepp *(Juniors 25M Floatation)*, Mill Creek MS
Cassie Vanderberg *(Juniors 10M Assist and Juniors 15M Unassisted)*, River Ridge HS
Carly Carter *(Juniors 10M Assist)*, Sequoyah HS
Xavier Baldonado *(50M Juniors Freestyle and 25M Juniors Backstroke)*, Sequoyah HS
Juan Galvez *(50M Seniors Freestyle)*, Sequoyah HS
Davis Kohl *(Juniors 10M Assist and Juniors 15M Floatation)*, Tippens EC
Del Cannon *(4 x 25 Unified Senior Relay, 25M Seniors Freestyle and 50M Seniors Freestyle)*, Transition Academy
Nicole Fox *(25M Seniors Freestyle)*, Transition Academy
Merritt Wilson *(4 x 25 Unified Senior Relay, 25M Senior Breaststroke and 50M Senior Breaststroke)*, Transition Academy
Remy Wilson *(25M Senior Freestyle and 50M Senior Freestyle)*, Woodstock HS

Unified Partners:
Leia Lankford *(4 x 25 Unified Senior Relay)*, Woodstock HS
Emmy Mims *(4 x 25 Unified Senior Relay)*, Woodstock HS
Brady Pike *(Juniors 15M Walk)*, Woodstock MS