

APPENDIX II – 23



#TeamTUSD

Mansfield STEM

Mansfield Middle Magnet Middle School is the home of Tucson Unified's STEM Magnet program in middle school and is proud to sponsor a phenomenal Science Olympiad Team. The team was founded in 2013 with a small group of students and has expanded every year. The current team of students meets after school and works independently on weekends to prepare for various competitions throughout the state.

Each year the team competes in 23 events that range from engineering events, to general knowledge events, to performance tasks. Students specialize and develop expertise in four events with older students serving as mentors to incoming team members. Students compete as individuals and as part of the team.

Because of the students' hard work, this team has pulled together to bring increasing accolades to the both Mansfield and Tucson Unified.

We asked each of the members to share what they love about their team, and here's what they had to say:

Breina (grade 7): I enjoy being part of a team because they help you no matter what!

Julius (grade 7): I like Science Olympiad because the activities are cool and makes me learn things I didn't already know.

Maya (grade 7): I enjoy participating in Science Olympiad because I learn many things, improve teamwork skills, and meet people from different grades.

Brunell (grade 8): I like Science Olympiad because it expands on the subject of science.

Trent (grade 8): I like doing the research competitions.

Chaeil (grade 7): I like being on the Science Olympiad Team because I like being able to work with my friends while learning.

Lia (grade 8): I like being on the Science Olympiad Team because I get to work with my friends and I like the teamwork involved.

Savannah (grade 8): My favorite thing about Science Olympiad is that I get to learn a ton with my friends and get to create a lot of cool things.

Bilana (grade 8): I like being part of Science Olympiad because it gives me a chance to connect with my friends while learning science.

Coach Brital (Magnet Coordinator): I love coaching Science Olympiad because it gives kids a chance to compete in an academic setting and teaches them that failure is just a step along the road to success.

Coach Smith (7th Grade Science Teacher): I love seeing students get excited about being able to participate in science as an extracurricular event.

Coach Berlin (Science Olympiad Teacher): I love helping students apply theory to real world problems and materials.

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Front row, from left: Poppy Chamberlain, Sebastian Barrera-Sandoval, Isabella Rocha, Juliana Lopez, No Monroye and Nyla Truitt.
Back row, from left: Antoina Green, Mrs. Perito, Gabriela Sanchez, Jacob Lopez, Mr. Sean Wiltonski and Mason Weisbrod

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Student Wellness Advocacy Team (SWAT) at Carrillo

The Student Wellness Advocacy Team (SWAT) at Carrillo Magnet School is made up of fourth and fifth graders. Their job is to promote health and fitness throughout the school year. Students go into classrooms and speak about the importance of being healthy and fit, and SWAT members hold fun fitness days. On those days, the entire school comes out to the playground area to participate in fitness events such as tumbling, hip-hop dance, jump-rope, running and other fun events. In order to participate, SWAT members must be in good standing in and out of their homeroom class.

We asked each of the members to share what they love about their team:

Poppy Chamberlain: "I love encouraging the students to be fit."

Sebastian Barrera-Sandoval: "Helping students at the fitness stations."

Isabella Rocha: "I like to teach kids lessons on being fit."

Juliana Lopez: "I love to do fitness because I like to help kids get fit."

No Monroye: "I like that we get to play and teach different sports with the younger students."

Nyla Truitt: "I like getting kids active."

Antoina Green: "I love motivating people to eat healthy and exercise."

Gabriela Sanchez: "Being on the SWAT team has inspired me to become more of a leader."

Jacob Lopez: "I love how we all commit to be fit."

Mason Weisbrod: "I like watching the younger students have fun while we work out."

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Left to right: Selsey Dennis, Shawna Gerlach, Vince House, Evelyn Ramirez-Cude, Pomy Yonastion, Jesse Deaubl, Tonia Pullido, Angela Betteck, Sandy Marschinko, Marissa Coronado, Gloria Gonzalez, Chris Anderson, Cindy Dunn.

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Team ExEd Duffy

Thank you, Team ExEd Duffy, for your contributions in serving TUSD's educational community! Here's how the team describes their work:

ECTs and the records team work closely together serving TUSD and the education community at large. ECTs work with the Exceptional Education teachers and staff to ensure student paperwork is state and federally compliant. The records team quickly and efficiently maintain Exceptional Education records by fulfilling requests from TUSD and any agency looking for Exceptional Education records. Both teams also enter Exceptional Education paperwork for funding, while maintaining student, teacher and classroom data for department use/reference. We are the ones that the Exceptional Education teams come to when they have how-to questions. We are a close knit family who support one another and the community around us every day.

We asked each of the members of this team to share what they love about their jobs:

Angela Betteck: What I love about my job is my co-workers.

Sandy Marschinko: What I love about my work is doing a meaningful job for students every day and working with people I enjoy. My fellow ECTs are just AMAZING!

Tonia Pullido: What I love about my job is that I have the opportunity to assist staff members that are educating students on being successful every day.

Marissa Coronado: I love my job because I work daily with some of the greatest people I have ever met. I also have the chance to support some great teachers and providers who truly care about a student's education and needs.

Selsey Dennis: What I love about my job is getting to work with such a great group of people and being able to support the staff members who support children and their families.

Jesse Deaubl: What I love about my job is that I get to work with a great team at Duffy and we are always willing to share a laugh. What I love about TUSD is that it has built my character and taught me many skills over the years. What I love about my work is that I feel I am doing important work and that I am always busy.

Patty Van Aardam: I work with a great group of wonderful people!

Cindy J. Dunn: What I love about my job is my co-workers. They are always willing to stop what they are doing to answer questions, show me how to do something and to just be there for support. They are the greatest!

Marla Swanney: What I love about my job is the privilege of working with some fantastic people. What I love about TUSD is the opportunity to expand my knowledge. What I love about my work is it is detailed, busy, etc. and it makes for a "fast" day and my supervisors have always trusted me to work independently.

Chris Anderson: What I love about my job is doing my part to ensure our special needs students receive the services they need.

Evelyn Ramirez-Cude: What I love about my job is being able to be part of a group that's making a difference in children's lives. What I love about TUSD is that it employs such amazing people that create a close knit family. What I love about my work is that it's challenging and it's making a difference.

Shawna Gerlach: What I love about my job is working as a team with both my coworkers and my assigned schools.

Look here each month to see other teams in TUSD. We'll be featuring sports teams, teaching teams, PTOs and PTAs, academic teams—any group that works together for the district and helps make it a place where students love to learn, teachers love to teach and people love to work.

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