

CREST Coordinator's Report February 2021

CREST General Information and Updates Regarding Instruction

- We are back to in-person learning today. Families may choose to continue to have students online (PV Connect) for the rest of the year. Teachers will continue to teach student who are in-person and online at the same time

CREST Accomplishments and Recognitions

- Will Giorza, Nicola Ferguson, and Julius Gorton **moved from National Merit Semifinalist to Finalist**, meaning they scored in the top 1% of all PSAT Test takers last year.
- Five students were chosen to interview for the prestigious [KEYS Research Internship Program](#) at the University of Arizona this summer. Generally schools may get one or two students. **(Update, a sixth student was accepted)**
- Others [accomplishments](#)
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CREST Events

- The **CREST Event Calendar** can be found on the [CREST Homepage](#), at the bottom of the page.
- **PVSEF - The Paradise Valley Schools Science and Engineering Fair (PVSEF)** is in progress. Presentation documents were judged last week. Live interviews are Tue-Thu nights this week. The Awards Meeting is Monday March 1 at 6. A [link to the meeting](#) will be placed on the CREST Event calendar.

Internship News

- Seniors - Internships are optional for this year's seniors.
- Juniors - As of today, internships are a requirement in order to be a CREST Completer for this year's juniors. We postponed the Internship Presentation that was scheduled for Jan 5, 2021 until we have more information to give to students and parents. 11th grade students are expected to complete all Internship assignments: resume, cover letter, when they are assigned during the Spring semester. Beth Gladys is meeting with all 11th grade students in their current CREST class to review the internship, and resume and cover letter requirements. We are monitoring pandemic conditions and may have to make some adjustments as conditions warrant.

CREST Recruiting

- 186 students have been accepted, 140 have confirmed they plan to enroll, as of today.