

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

January 28, 2019

CHS has been named a **Champion School** by the **Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey**, thanks to CCN students in the CHS News I/II class. The students pitched a plan to develop and produce a campaign to promote safe driving habits for teens in the South Orange/Maplewood communities. The students involved in this contest Seniors **Malcolm Gibbons, Jasmine LeCount-McClanahan, Jacob Hoovler, Mikael Lacruz, Grace Petroccia, Sunny Solomon, and Tristan Yarter. Mr. Anthony Campiglia** is their teacher.

This is the fourth year that CHS has been named a Champion School in this program. The previous years were in 2010-11, 2011-12 (runners-up), and 2012-13 (Grand Prize Winners).

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Tuscan 5th Grader **Kai Strothers** bowled a perfect 300 at Jersey Lanes in Linden the weekend of Jan. 19-20. This makes him the **youngest person in New Jersey to bowl a perfect game** in a league competition.

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CHS English Teacher **Stacey Lawrence** is having her poem, CLOSER, **published in BLUE LAKE REVIEW**. Ms. Lawrence will also be reading 3 of her political poems for an event at WORDS in Maplewood.

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AP Spanish Teacher, POWER Advisor and President of SOMEA, **Rocio Lopez** has been selected by the New Jersey Teachers Association (NJEA) to serve as a participant to the **2018-2019 National Education Association (NEA) Minority Leadership and Women's Leadership Training Seminar-East** taking place in January in New Orleans,

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CHS P.E., Health, and Driver Ed. teacher **Pat Hurley** has received the **NJEA Equality Champion Award**. This award is given annually to one member from throughout NJEA who has demonstrated advocacy for LGBTQ+ students and staff in the local association and beyond. Pat was formally recognized on at the NJEA Human and Civil Rights Celebration earlier this month.

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SOMS teacher **Diane Grant** was honored by the South Orange Civic Organization with the ***Beloved Community Award*** at its 49th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Jan. 6, 2019.

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The December 2018 issue of the publication **The Positive Community** did a feature on Board of Education Member **Johanna Wright** highlighting her commitment to students through her teaching and coaching career, and now as a school board member.