

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2018

The CHS **Mock Trial Team** was a semifinalist in the annual **Essex County Mock Trial Competition**, the team's highest placement since 2015. The team, advised by history teacher, **Matt Borkowski**, includes:

Hannah Anthony
Donovan Batzli
Luke Burke
Theo Grayer
Bryn Healy

Teddy Higer-Paris
Allison Kofsky
Daniel Maloof
Sierra McCrear

Jonah Meisels
Teagan Morriss
Devin Mozoul
Isabel Wolter

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CHS Winter Season Athletic Accomplishments

CHS Wrestling Team advanced to the **NJSIAA State Tournament** for the first time since 2002. Individual student accomplishments included:

- **Naquan Tory, Galileo Hetherington, Devin Rocha & CJ Love** all qualified for the **District Finals** & Advanced to the **Regional Tournament**
- **Hunter Dallison & Blake McGowan** finished 3rd in the District & qualified for the Regional Tournament
- **Blake McGowan, Devin Rocha & Galileo Hetherington** advanced to the **Regional Quarterfinals**
- **Galileo Hetherington** finished **3rd in the Region** and Advanced to **State Finals** in Atlantic City
- **Devin Rocha, Galileo Hetherington, Hunter Dallison, Ben Morris & Blake McGowan** earned **SEC Liberty Division 1st Team All-Conference**
- **CJ Love, Naquan Tory & Nate Rocha** earned **SEC Liberty Division 2nd Team All-Conference**
- **Fredrick Holdbrook & Max Moore** earned **SEC Liberty Division Honorable Mention**

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CHS Girls Swim Team were the **Girls 2018 SEC Division Champions**, finishing undefeated in conference meets, and went on to win the **2017-18 Essex County Tournament Championship** for the first time since 1983.

Individual student accomplishments in the **Meet of Champions** include:

- **Marie Fagan** Finished 9th in the 100m Fly event (School Record)
- **Elly Ragone, Raina Hackett, Caroline Cerny & Marie Fagan** finished 15th in the 200m Free Style Relay
- **Gabby Hayek, Elly Ragone, Caroline Cerny & Marie Fagan** finished 23rd in 400m Free Style Relay (School Record)

Six Athletes earned **1st Team All SEC Conference:**

Marie Fagan	Caroline Cerny	Elly Ragone
Kat Dowlin	Raina Hackett	Gabby Hayek

Elly Ragone earned **2nd Team All SEC Conference**

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CHS Boys Fencing Team finished **#3 in the state** with a win over Morris Hills in **State Bronze Medal Match**. The team took **2nd place** in the **District Champions**. The team had a 15-2 season record. Team members include: **Michael Wallin, Malcolm Mee, Jeremy Giles, Aaron Waldner, Tran Soles-Torres, Nickolas Goguen-Compagnoni, Hikaru Hayakawa, Ben Goldberg, Josh Abdill, Adam Dubowy, Anthony Jackson** and **Isaiah Ogbeifun**. They are coached by **Daryl White** and **Doc Paulina**.

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CHS Girls Fencing Team finished **#2 in the state** with a tough loss to Bergan Tech in State Final at Morris Hills. The team finished as **District #5 Champions** at Montclair and had a 13-2 season record. Team members include: **Sophia Heriveaux, Brianna Stellini, Janine Bacchus-Joseph, Mia Zuckerburg, Taylor Brooks, Zander Roads, Sara Kassler, Roshana Hyppolite, Ana Cowie, Paloma Diaz, Jasmine LeCount-McClanahan, Isabelle Wendt** and **Noelle Jamison**. They are coached by **Tiffini Ginlock** and **Doc Paulina**.

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Girls Indoor Track Team won a number of honors including First in the **SEC American Division Championships**, 2nd in the **County Relays**, 2nd at **Group IV Sectionals**.

Individual Accomplishments in the **SEC American Division Championship** include:

- **Ciara French** won 55 meter race, 55 hurdles
- **Lillian Williams, Briana Reckling, Catherine Jordan, Sabrina McCrear** won the 4x400 relay

- **Catherine Jordan** won 1st in High Jump
- **Megan Mostiero** won 1st in Pole Vault

At the **NJSIAA State Relays**, **Briana Reckling**, **Ciara French**, **Lillian Williams**, **Ruth Pastuer** finished first in the Girls 4x200 meter

Individual Accomplishment in the Group IV Sectionals Include:

- **Briana Reckling** finished #1 in 400meter run
- **Catherine Jordan** took 2nd in high jump & 5th in 800meter run
- 4x400 meter relay team took 3rd
- **Ayana Henry** took 3rd in 55 meter hurdles

Sabrina McCrear, **Briana Reckling**, **Catherine Jordan**, and **Lillian Williams** were the **top Girls 4x400 team in NJ** in the **State Meet of Champions**.

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CHS **Boys Track Team** member **David Ives** won 2nd in 3200 meter run and **Callum Howald** won 2nd in Pole Vault at the **Group IV Sectionals**. **Callum Howald** also finished top in Pole Vault in the **State Meet of Champions**.

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Boys Basketball team member **Nasheem Harte** earned Second Team in the **All SEC Conference Liberty Division**. **Breizh Askew** and **Russ Ayala** earned Honorable Mention in the **SEC Conference Liberty Division**.

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CHS students **Ashley Cisse**, **Ashley Fanka**, and **Toyibat Ayunkubi** were winners in the **Essex County Educators Association Essay Contest**. They wrote about the assigned topic, "Identify the Opportunities Your School Has Offered You To Prepare You for Your Future."

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Four CHS students have won **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in art** - all of them in photography. **Max Goldstein** won two Gold Key Awards, two Silver Key Awards and three honorable mentions. **Mary Arevalo** won a Silver Key Award and an honorable mention and **Stephen Lehren** and **Sophia Rothstein** won an honorable mention.

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CHS Seniors **Isabelle Wendt** and **Sophia Salvato** are both recipients of the 2018 Essex County Academic Award, acknowledging their outstanding achievement in academic performance.

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CHS Senior **Marc Alexandre** was honored by The Essex County School Boards Association with the **2018 Essex County Student Recognition Award**. This Award acknowledges his hard work and success as a student, athlete and employee, all accomplished while overcoming the challenges of a new culture and language. Marc arrived to CHS as a Sophomore with no English Language.

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Seven CHS Students participated in **Region and All State Groups!**

Jason Meusel -- Region I Orchestra on Bass. **Richard Saber** -- Region High School Mixed Chorus. **Margaret Riekenberg, Kelsey Stone** and **Sylvie Schuetz** - Region High School Treble Chorus. **Caitlyn Huetz** and **Lily Wilson** - NJ All State Treble Chorus.

Congratulations also to Ms. Bunce who conducted the Region Treble Chorus!

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CHS Students **Quinn Barnitt** and **Ariana Machado** had work featured among the 40 pieces of student art work which were showcased in the **2017-18 State Teen Arts Touring Visual Art Exhibit**. The pieces featured in this exhibit were selected among thousands of pieces of artwork showcased from 15 different counties.

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CHS Juniors **Cecilia Munoz, Leah Miller, Andrew Matos, Kamille Sabio**, and **Amelia Cintron-Burch** scored in the top 2.5 % on the PSAT/NMSQT among all Hispanic and Latino test takers in our region, and have been invited to participate in the **National Hispanic Recognition Program**.

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SOMS 7th Grader **Clay Hudson** received **Gold Key** recognition for **The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards**. Jurors select work for national recognition based on three criteria: Originality, Technical Skill, and Emergence of a Personal Vision or Voice.

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Emia Lewis, a 7th grader at SOMS, was selected by Black Girls Code in collaboration with Disney to participate in an exclusive **Warriors Who Code Challenge**. This coding challenge is based on the new movie A Wrinkle In Time and Emia had the opportunity to travel to Hollywood, California to learn about coding and computer programming. This was a highly selective process where girls had to complete an application process as well as an essay.



SOMS student **Lilly Elliasevich** is one of the winners of **NJAGC Student Awards Contest**. Her work was chosen out of more than 100 other New Jersey students in first grade through high school from 15 counties who sent in essays and poems based on the “Making Connections” theme.



Ten SOMS 6th Grade Band students have been selected to participate in the **North Jersey School Music Association Elementary Region 1 Honors Band!**

Marlo Alexander - clarinet
Mia Avila - percussion
Tali Ben-Ari - clarinet
Aaron Budd - trombone
Nawal Irfani - flute

Jacob Pross – alto sax
Skyler Smith - clarinet
Sophia Tsioulcas-Sherman - trumpet
Arushi Vadlamani - clarinet
Lily Westhelle - trumpet

Don Tighe is the SOMS Director of Bands



Two SOMS 6th grade students were participants in the **National USA Track and Field Indoor track meet** on March 10, 2018. Their **4x400 relay team took First place** and broke the meet record! KUDOS and Congratulations to **Peyton Hollis** and **Ava Davis** along with their two teammates from Montclair and Newark.



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SOMS 7th graders **Melody Czukoski** and **Lily Sharma**, came in 4th place in the **NJ state Vex Competition in Robotics** overall and got a bid to go to the World Championship because they came in 1st place for Skills competition.

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South Mountain School was recognized on March 13th by the Essex County Freeholder's Office for its status of receiving recognition as a **Sustainable NJ School**.

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Five Jefferson students were chosen to have their work displayed in the Essex County Executive's Office at the Hall of Records in Newark, NJ. At a reception on March 23, 2018, **James Overton** and **Natali Mital** in 5th grade will be exhibiting their self-portraits. **Aidan Kleinman** in 3rd grade is exhibiting his watercolor birds. **Caleb Salmon** and **Hailey Rulnick** also in 3rd grade are exhibiting their glue, chalk pastel abstracts. Their Art Teacher is **Eva McNally**.

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SOMS Music Teacher **Jacob Ezzo** was honored by Essex County Freeholder At-Large Patricia Sebold for winning the **2017 Arts Ed Now Competition**.

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Tuscan Teacher **Claire Sinclair** received an award recognizing her work with Tuscan students to help families in need at **The Annual MEND (Meeting Emergency Needs with Dignity) Celebration**.

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Principal **Kim Hutchinson**, and **Jefferson Elementary School** have been recognized by **St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital** for their outstanding support for children and families battling cancer and other life threatening diseases. Over the last 5 years, Jefferson 5th graders have hosted a living museum showcasing their research of an influential person. Coin collections at the museum to the sum of \$4500 have been donated to St. Jude's in honor of a former Jefferson 5th grader, Kohl Angelo who has inspired the annual event.

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CHS Principal **Elizabeth Aaron** attended the 124th annual meeting of the Headmasters' Association at Duke University. The organization is one of the nation's oldest of school leaders. School directors and principals are nominated by their peers. One quarter of the membership are public school principals,

and the conference gives attendees a chance to connect with colleagues from across the nation each February.

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Karen Weiland, Director of The Parenting Center and Supervisor of the Elementary School Social Work Program, is being honored with the **2018 Citizenship Award by the Rotary Club of Maplewood** on May 4, 2018, for her work supporting children and families in South Orange and Maplewood.

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