

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

**BOARD RECOGNITION**

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2019

**Columbia High School Honors Wind Ensemble** was selected to perform in the **2019 New Jersey State Band Gala**. New Jersey's highest honor for high school bands, Columbia High School is among the top 12 bands in New Jersey who performed. The Gala, a culmination of a larger, statewide educational program, the New Jersey State Band Festival, encourages the participation of every high school band in the state. Bands are chosen through a series of three competitive preliminary rounds in three regions of the state. 42 Columbia High School students, out of 750 instrumental music students state-wide, were selected to perform, under the leadership of Music/Band teacher **Mr. Peter Bauer**.

Students performing were:

Flute

**Rosalie Baron**  
**Lindsey Camara**  
**Emma Chung**  
**Sasha DuBose**  
**Grace Finlayson**  
**Jordan Muhammad**  
**Maya Peiris**

Oboe

**Lily Kirschner**  
**Monica Stemmermann**

Clarinet

**Ori Ben-Ari**  
**Louisa Beneteau**  
**Lizzy DeLuca**  
**Kaylah Dilligard**  
**Isadora Kianovsky**  
**Joshua Lee**

Bass Clarinet

**Stanley Finlayson**

Bassoon

**Brian da Silva**

Saxophone

**Sam Boateng**  
**Aiden Reeves**  
**Andre Weinberger**

Trumpet

**Ethan Holowczak**  
**Joe Lintern**  
**Bernie Mercier**  
**Jordan Miller**  
**Drew Payne**  
**McGhee Steiner**

Horn

**Aidan Kern-Kensler**  
**Daniel Maloof**  
**Poe Rosenberg**

Trombone

**Phoebe Dybner**  
**Louise Kern-Kensler**  
**Daniel Oxman**  
**Conor Strasser**

Tuba

**Joshua Alexis**  
**Amelia Cintron-Burch**

String Bass

**Jason Meusel**

Percussion

**RexShaun Edwards**  
**Peter Glynn**  
**Connor Kosik**  
**Max Sundue**  
**Ben Svitavsky**  
**Aaron Yanda**

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The following **Columbia High School** juniors were inducted into the **National Honor Society for Dance Arts**:

**Amelia Boose**  
**Emma Dean**

**Jessica Glass**  
**Caroline Leonard**

**Brian Taylor**

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**Columbia High School** students **Joshua Bradley, Ben Halperin, Nailah Herndon, Jordan Muhammad, Hannah Nijman, and Anna Pettigrew** performed at the **South Orange Performing Arts Center with Nimbus Danceworks** alongside professional dancers. This was made possible through a grant from the **Achieve Foundation**.

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**Columbia High School** received the rank of “**Best**” by **U.S. News & World Report** in 2019 for High Schools in the U.S. “*U.S. News* “Best” badges are widely recognized as symbols of excellence in U.S. education.”

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**South Orange Middle School** ELA Teachers, **Shawana Andrews, Angela Forero and Amy Rowe** were accepted into the **Teacher's College Summer Institute for Reading Workshop**. At this week-long workshop the teachers will have the opportunity to meet educators from all over the world, which they will turnkey to other teachers at SOMS. The teachers were awarded a **\$2,550** grant by the **Achieve Foundation** in order to attend the workshop.

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**Seth Boyden** Special Education Teacher, **Janine Williams** was awarded the **Dr. Susan Wray Graduate Scholarship** from **Montclair State University**, in recognition of her demonstrated commitment to teaching for equity and social justice in urban schools.

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