

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

**BOARD RECOGNITION**

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2016

Columbia High School students, **Kayla Fleming**, junior, and **Sally Carnevale**, sophomore, members of **The Special Dance Company**, received scholarships at the **NJ High School Dance Festival**.

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A number of Columbia High School athletes are being received recognized as scholar athletes:

- **Quinn Kraus** (baseball) and **Jasmine Keegan** (Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball & Track) – SEC Conference Scholar Athlete
- **Ava Milanese** (Girls Volleyball) – NJSIAA Scholar Athlete
- **Jasmine Keegan** (Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball & Track), **Jordan Fields** (Track), **Cheyenne Trigg** (Indoor & Outdoor Track) – Men of Essex
- **Mike Nitti** – Best Teammate Award

The **Columbia High School spring track team** led by new coach **Chris Faraone**, performed very well at the Penn Relays last week. The girls **4x100 relay team** placed **2<sup>nd</sup>** in their heat during the qualifying round on Penn Relays with a NJ #1 time of 48.55 seconds. That time advanced CHS to the Large School final and the Tri-State Final. The 4x100 team consisted of **Senior Cheyenne Trigg, Sophomore Ciara French, Freshman Lillian Williams and Junior Dahria Lewis**. The 48.55 time by CHS was the 24<sup>th</sup> fastest time among the 628 4x100 teams that finished and is more than a second faster than its previous season best of 49.62.

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Thirty-one members of the **Maplewood Middle School Model UN Club** participated in the largest middle school Model UN conference in New York City. MMS delegates took on the roles of actual ambassadors representing and took on the role of Ugandan diplomats – working in committees such as United Nations High Commission for Refugees, UNICEF, World Food Programme, and United Nations Development Programme. Two students, **Zoe Ferguson** and **Josie Lally**, 6<sup>th</sup> graders, won their committee's award for **Outstanding Position** paper – two of only thirteen such awards given.

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The **Wright Family** was among the honorees at the **Essex County Hoops Legend Dinner**. **Johanna Wright**, her daughter **Jazmine Wright**, and Ms. Johanna Wright's late husband **Lonnie Wright** were honored. Ms. Johanna Wright is former girls' varsity basketball head coach, former SOMSD teacher and current board member. Ms. Jazmine Wright is a Columbia High School graduate, a former member of the girls' varsity basketball team and currently is the Columbia High School girls' varsity basketball head coach as well as a teacher at South Orange Middle School.

Ms. Johanna Wright also received the **National Black Association, Inc. 2016 Women in Leadership Award** for "**Outstanding Example, Demonstrated Leadership & Model of Professionalism**." In addition she received the **Essex County Education Association's (ECEA) Human and Civil Rights Award**.

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