

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions

June 14, 2021

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
<p>CHS Boys Varsity Ultimate Frisbee Team:</p>	<p>Congratulations to Columbia High School Boys Varsity Ultimate Frisbee Team who won the Ultimate NJ State Championship after an undefeated season. The team played their final game against Westfield on Friday, June 4. This is the team's third straight State Championship.</p> <p>The Boys Varsity team, led by Coach Emilio Panasci and Senior captains Jordan Bacharach and Dexter Clyburn, were undefeated this spring. Due to the pandemic, this season had to be modified from regional and national tournaments to only within-state competitions.</p>
<p>CHS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elianna Perlman, NJ Scholar CHS Rising Senior 	<p>Elianna Perlman is a NJ Scholar CHS Rising Senior. The New Jersey Scholars Program is a tuition-free five-week summer program for rising seniors from NJ high schools.</p> <p>The mission of the New Jersey Scholars Program is to reach out to able and enthusiastic students who come from a broad cross-section of the state's population. The program creates an intense, interdisciplinary intellectual experience that will change students' lives by teaching them to think in a new way.</p> <p>NJ Scholars have extensive reading assignments, and pursue research at world class libraries and museums. They write essays and work closely with a faculty member to produce a 10-15 page interdisciplinary research paper. They are also stretched as they hone their creative talents in art, music, writing, drama and public speaking by contributing to an Arts Festival that is thematically related to the Program topic.</p>
<p>CHS Students: Achieve Foundation Volunteer Awardees (Super Seniors)</p>	<p>Every year the Achieve Foundation presents awards to exceptional volunteer tutors. An appreciation reception is usually organized by Achieve to honor and thank them, however, due to Covid other alternatives are being implemented. The CHS Super Senior student awardees (graduating seniors who volunteered as tutors for 3 or more years) are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Caitlyn Schaefer Cameron Ripley Erin Long Fiona Bristol Jade Poli Jordan Bacharach</p>

	<p> Julia Vitale Karen Kurson Kate Beemer Kate Meyer Lily Forman Lindsay Gross Mac Krause Max Parlin Phoebe Holt-Reiss Ruby Hoffman Zoe Graye </p>
	<p> Recognition of Biliteracy. Since 2016 we have been awarding the Seal of Biliteracy to Seniors that showed a specific passing grade in certain formal assessments. Usually, students that score a 4 or 5 in an AP Language and Culture exam as a junior can be awarded the Seal of Biliteracy as a Senior. Unfortunately, last year the College Board decided to truncate their exam and offer only the speaking portion of the exam. This year the New Jersey Department of Education has decided not to accept the truncated form. However, we want to recognize those students that still scored a 4 or 5 in their AP Language and Culture Exam last year and would have been awarded with the Seal. </p> <p> The Seal of Biliteracy was an initiative started by Californians Together in 2008 to acknowledge and award hardworking bilingual and multilingual students. In 2011, it officially became legislation in California and now multiple states throughout the nation have implemented a statewide Seal of Biliteracy. On January 19, 2016, New Jersey became the 15th state to implement a legislated statewide Seal of Biliteracy. The State of New Jersey is awarding participating schools the opportunity to award students with the Seal of Biliteracy. By achieving the Seal of Biliteracy, students demonstrate that they are able to speak, read, listen and write in two or more languages at a high level of proficiency. </p> <p> The Seal of Biliteracy seeks to: </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage students to study languages ● Certify attainment of biliteracy ● Provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills ● Provide universities with a method to recognize and award academic credit to applicants seeking admission ● Prepare students with 21st century skills ● Recognize and promote second language instruction in public schools ● Strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and languages of a community <p> This year's awardees are: </p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lily R. Alvarez / Spanish 2. Claire M. Lipkin / Spanish 3. Valentina Aquino / Spanish 4. Melinda G. Lituchy / Spanish 5. Rosalie D. Baron / Spanish

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Maya T. Mitchell / Spanish 7. Olivia G. Brash / Spanish 8. Leobardo A. Morales / Spanish 9. Madison J. Chin / Spanish 10. Olivia J. Morgan / Spanish 11. Vivienne S Clarke / Spanish 12. Sophia A. Motiwalla / Spanish 13. Thomas J. Culhane / French 14. Jade M. Poli / Spanish 15. Ethan Fisk / French 16. Margaret A. Riekenberg / Spanish 17. Katharina E. Dowlin/ German 18. Sylvie L. Schuetz / Spanish 19. Hannah J. Goad / Spanish 20. McGhee Steiner / Spanish 21. Sophia C. Kraiker / Italian and French 22. Allison Wisniewski / Spanish 23. Joshua J. Lee / Spanish 24. Alexa N. Valenzuela / Spanish
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Staff:

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Amy Forman, Achieve Foundation	<p>The Achieve Foundation Board of Trustees would like to join the South Orange Maplewood Board of Education and School District in recognizing Amy Forman for her accomplishments with the Achieve Volunteer Tutor Program in the 2020-21 school year.</p> <p>Amy has done a phenomenal job -- pivoting the program to be all virtual, gracefully accommodating varied and ever-changing tutor/tutee schedules to be sure students get the help they need, personally overseeing dozens of zoom tutoring sessions per week, partnering with Elementors to add a social-emotional, small-group component to the program, expanding the college application essay coaching program for MAC scholars, recruiting a record number of volunteers (over 500), and serving a record number of students (over 600).</p> <p>There has been an increased need for support this year, with more students than ever requesting tutors, and Amy has ensured that no one is left unserved. She is to be commended for her hard work and dedication.</p>
Board Member, Shannon Cuttle	<p>Congratulations to Board member Shannon Cuttle who received two distinctive honors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In May, Shannon was elected to serve as the Vice President of the Essex County School Board Association

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On June 6th they received the #PrideMonth Leadership Spotlight: Shannon Cuttle, a dedicated advocate for LGBTQ+ education and civil rights from Senator Bob Menendez |
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