

**The School District of South Orange & Maplewood**  
**Board of Education Recognitions**  
**May 30, 2024**

| NAME/SCHOOL   | RECOGNITION  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maplewood Middle School</li> </ul> | <p>In their first-ever statewide competition, Maplewood Middle School (MMS)'s Double-Dutch team, the MMS Swagga Jumpers, faced a dozen other teams at the American Double Dutch League – New Jersey Division championship on April 27th. By the time they left the Boys &amp; Girls Club of Newark's gymnasium, they had won three first-place prizes: one in the Unattached Division, one in the Novice Division for seventh and eighth-grade singles, and one in the Twin Division. Congratulations to team members Sam Herbst, Jayden Sagaille, Jaide Hatcher and Seyla Byrne. Many thanks to their coach, Kyaisha Max-MacCarthy, a.k.a. "Coach K."</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Columbia High School</li> </ul>    | <p>Works of art created by 18 Columbia High School (CHS) student artists are current on display at the South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC)'s annual INSPIRED MINDS Young Artist Exhibition, which opened on Thursday, May 16th. The student artists featured in the exhibition are</p> <p>Regie Deeble Jackson, grade 12<br/> Icelin Gonzales, grade 11<br/> Audrey Haber, grade 11<br/> Corinne Jin-Hendel, grade 12<br/> Cam Jones, grade 11<br/> Ezra Kaminsky, grade 11<br/> Molly Keegan, grade 11<br/> Jordan Kinley, grade 12<br/> Susanna Knutsen, grade 12<br/> Neve Mahoney, grade 11<br/> Anastasia Patti-Aquino, grade 10<br/> Sam Rosenthal, grade 11<br/> Samuel Taber-Kewene, grade 12<br/> Maya Weinstock, grade 11<br/> Reese Wolfinger, grade 11<br/> <i>Teacher: Alexandra Cappucci</i></p> <p>Abigail Oettinger, grade 10<br/> <i>Teacher: Cindy Malhotra</i></p> <p>Sam Rosenthal, grade 11<br/> Saanvi Rohatgi, grade 10<br/> Carlos Sanchez, grade 12<br/> <i>Teacher: Rich Cutrona</i></p> <p>The Inspired Minds exhibition will run through August 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Columbia High School</li> </ul> | <p>Two Columbia High School (CHS) scholar-athletes were honored by the Essex County Athletic Directors Association with the Karen Fucello Scholar-Athlete Award</p> <p>CHS football and boys lacrosse player Ethan Parlin was honored as the high school's top male scholar-athlete. Parlin has committed to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he intends to major in finance.</p> <p>Mei Lee of the CHS girls tennis and fencing team was named the high school's top female scholar-athlete. Lee has committed to the University of California-San Diego, where she intends to major in probability and statistics.</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Columbia High School</li> </ul> | <p>Congratulations to the student filmmakers who created "The Dreaming," a short horror movie that won a Special Jury prize in Montclair Film's Emerging Filmmaker Competition. "The Dreaming" was directed by Calum Mayberry, with Reese Wolfinger as cinematographer and editor and Chloe Carlson as production and editing assistant. Malachi Liberato, Dylan Little, and Ari Wasserman acted in the film. Special thanks to Film Teacher Paul Marigliano who teaches these students in his Film 2 class.</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Columbia High School</li> </ul> | <p>Mae Dowling, the Columbia High School (CHS) runner who recently broke the school's record in the 1600 meter set by one of the District's principals, has been awarded the N.J. State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA)'s Scholar-Athlete of the Year award.</p> <p>Dowling ran cross country all four years of high school. She was also on the swim and lacrosse teams in her freshman and sophomore years before deciding to run cross country and track all year.</p> <p>Dowling has committed to George Washington University in Washington, D.C. where she plans to study Human Services and Social Justice. She is a member of the National Honors Society and the Chinese National Honor Society and has been consistently on the honor roll through high school.</p> |