

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions

April 18, 2022

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
<p>District-wide</p>	<p>Several SOMSD students from the District submitted essays to the Essex County Education Association's essay contest and 3 were selected as county winners for their grade level. They will be honored at an ECEA event at the Turtleback Zoo, tentatively scheduled for late June/early July 2022.</p> <p>The students are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jack Levit, 2nd grader, Tuscan School, won third place ● Brandon Jones, CHS Senior, won third place ● Arushi Vadlamani, CHS Sophomore, won third place ● Jonathan Crosse, CHS Freshman, won first place <p>Both Arushi and Jonathan responded to the prompt <i>"Looking back, who in your school career has had the biggest impact on your life?"</i> Arushi wrote about her piano teacher and Jonathan wrote about Marshall Elementary Teacher and SOMEA VP Shira Lincoln. Jack drew a picture and responded, "I look forward to going to school because..." Congratulations to Jack, Arushi and Jonathan.</p>
<p>Marshall Elementary School</p>	<p>Congratulations to Marshall Elementary School on their 2022 service project. Each year, Marshall focuses on various character education traits and discusses the importance of service to others. They typically have a school-wide service project each January for MLK Day. However, this year, they were unable to partner with their organization. Nonetheless, their project was not canceled... it was simply delayed! In March Marshall Elementary partnered with the local Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Maplewood to collect items to send to impacted families in the Ukraine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kindergarten collected: New socks and blankets ● 1st grade collected: Nonperishable food items that are light in weight and compact (e.g, granola bars, pasta, dried nuts, oats, etc.) ● 2nd grade collected: First-aid supplies (band-aids, ace bandages, gloves, gauze pads) <p>Their collection was held from March 14th - April 1st. Families also had the opportunity to make a monetary donation if they chose. The service project was spearheaded by teacher Mr. Martinez's 2nd grade class.</p>
<p>CHS Parnassian Society: Equus production</p>	<p>Congratulations to CHS's Parnassian Society, whose December 2021 Equus production was nominated in several award categories by the Montclair State University, Department of Theater and Dance for the 2022 Theater Night Awards. The Theater Night Awards recognizes excellence in the production of high school and middle school straight plays throughout New Jersey.</p> <p>Equus was nominated for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outstanding achievement in the sound design

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Outstanding achievement in direction of a play 3. Outstanding achievement by an acting ensemble 4. Outstanding production of a contemporary dramatic play 5. Outstanding Performance by actors/actress in a Contemporary Dramatic Play: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cyrus Shields ● Dylan Boyd ● Racquel Anicette
Columbia High School Student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zachary Hale 	<p>Zachary Hale, a junior at Columbia High School, was selected to participate in the Governor's School of Engineering and Technology Summer Program hosted by the Rutgers University School of Engineering. Zachary's accomplishments and hard work distinguished him among a talented group of his peers. Zachary will be taking 4 academic classes, completing a research and/or design project in a group of peers from across the state. Congratulations to Zachary Hale.</p>
Columbia High School Student: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seth Peiris 	<p>Seth Peiris, a senior at Columbia High School, was nominated by the New Jersey Music Educators Association for All-State Band. Seth is among approximately 100 students and 15 arts leaders who will receive the prestigious New Jersey Governor's Award in Arts Education for 2022. Congratulations to Seth Peiris.</p>

Staff Recognitions:

Assistant Principals	<p>April 4 - 8 was Assistant Principals' Week.. The District and Board of Education in gratitude want to highlight the enormous contributions of our District APs to student success and well-being. We honor you for your daily dedication and thank you for the amazing work and support you provide year round to students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Melissa Butler, 12th Gr. CHS Assistant Principal 2. Terry Woolard, 11th Gr. CHS Assistant Principal 3. Cheryline Hewitt, 10th Gr. CHS Assistant Principal 4. Tracie Morrison, 9th Gr. CHS Assistant Principal 5. Louis Brown, MMS Assistant Principal 6. Russell King, MMS Assistant Principal 7. James Jennings, SOMS Assistant Principal 8. James Waldron, SOMS Assistant Principal 9. Zoila Correa, Clinton Assistant Principal 10. Angel Rivera, Jefferson Assistant Principal 11. Laura Swyberius, Marshall Assistant Principal 12. Sheila Murphy, Seth Boyden Assistant Principal 13. Shane Zeigler, South Mountain Assistant Principal 14. Brad Bertani, Tuscan Assistant Principal
National Library Week	<p>April 3 - 9 was National Library Week. The District and Board of Education want to acknowledge the awesome dedication and work of our school library media specialists across the District. We celebrate their daily contributions to our student and school community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suzanne Ng - CHS 2. Jeffrey Cosgrave - CHS

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