

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2017

The South Orange Maplewood School District received a **2017 Best Communities for Music Education Designation!** presented by ***The NAMM Foundation*** and the ***University of Kansas***. The award program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of the curriculum. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.

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Columbia High School senior, **Marc Daves Pierre-Louis**, was recognized by the **Essex County School Boards Association Student Recognition Program**. Marc was selected along with 28 other students across Essex County “who have distinguished themselves in unique ways, who model good citizenship or a quiet strength that inspires others in the spirit of volunteerism.”

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Columbia High School juniors, **Kambiz Roghanchi** and **Zoe Crutcher** are to be commended for participating last month in **YouthNet’s Forum on Immigration** with the two towns. Kambiz was the student representative and Zoe was the moderator, along with Columbia High School teacher **Patricia Killian**. Board member **Annemarie Maini**, served as representative for the Board, along with other town officials. The objective of the forum was to educate and discuss with the communities’ teen population what it means to be designated a sanctuary city and to provide insight into how our towns reached this decision.

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Columbia High School’s Film & Animation & TV Production Departments participated in the **2017 SOMA Film Festival** and received the following awards:

- **Jacob Hirsch** (Senior) - **1st place** for "***The Search for Happiness***"
- **Ben Krueger** (Senior) – **Runner Up** in the **Narrative category**.
- **Jasper Schuetz** (Junior) - **Runner Up** award in the Documentary Film category for his film, "***Cobs***".
- **Talia Rhinehart** (Senior) - **Runner up** for "***Howl***"
- **Columbia High School** – **1st Place and Runner Up - Best Animation category**

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Latin students at Columbia High School were joined by 149,000 students in 50 states and 16 foreign countries including China, Canada, Zimbabwe, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Taiwan, Spain, Singapore, New Zealand, Netherlands, Italy, Ghana, Germany, France, Belize, and Australia in taking the **National Latin Exam**. The following Columbia High School students received awards for their performances on the exam.

Latin I : **Maxima Cum Laude:** Kiran Sharma and Andrew Payne
 Magna Cum Laude: Poe Rosenberg
 Cum Laude: Ben Svitavsky
 Joseph Badre

Latin II : **Summa Cum Laude:** Juliet Arana
 Magna Cum Laude: Alessandra Grant and Hikaru Hayakawa

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Columbia High School was selected to host a Fully Funded Mandarin Chinese as part of the **2017-2018 Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP)**. TCLP, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State is designed to increase the study and acquisition of important world languages in U.S. schools. Selected U.S. primary and secondary schools will host a teacher from China or Egypt to teach Mandarin Chinese or Arabic, respectively, for one academic year.

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Supervisor of Health, Physical Education and Nursing Services, **Judy LoBianco**, was named **President-Elect of the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America)**. SHAPE America serves over 14,000 health and physical education professionals across the country. This is the first time in 15 years that a public school professional has been voted to this post, which traditionally has been college-level faculty.