

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2019

The following **Columbia High School** students participated in an inaugural two week residential program hosted by the Confucius Institute at NJCU, **the Chinese immersion summer camp, Go China!**. During the two week program students were able to take Mandarin Chinese classes, immerse in the Chinese culture and also learn Tai Chi. Students will be traveling during the school year to Changchun and Beijing where they will be fully immersed in the Chinese culture, practicing their Mandarin and visiting the Great Wall and Forbidden City.

Madison Davis
Marcus Theodore Martins
Theodore David Gay
Makenna Davis
Owen Ramsey

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Katherine Fearon, teacher at **Clinton Elementary**, has received a **Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Program grant**. Ms. Fearon is among 76 U.S. citizens chosen as one of the recipients of the Fulbright grants that were selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential. Fulbright Teachers for Global classroom equips teachers to bring an international perspective to their schools through targeted training, experience abroad and global collaboration.

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Shannon Cuttle was highlighted in **Community Response: Welcoming Schools – Insider NJ**. Board member Cuttle is a nationally recognized safe schools leader, policymaker, and social justice educator.

<https://www.insidernj.com/community-response-welcoming-schools/>

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and the Essex County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Advisory Board hosted the Essex County LGBTQ Pride Month Celebration on Wednesday, June 12th. During the ceremony, DiVincenzo presented Pride of Essex County Awards to **Shannon Cuttle**, South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education Member, **Dean Dafis**, Maplewood Township Committee Member and **Dr. Wartyna Davis**, Bloomfield Councilwoman, in recognition of their support in the struggle for equality for the members of the LGBTQ community.