CHS Girls Fencing Team won the Bronze medal in the State Championship.


Epee Girls: Olivia Brash, Maya Greenstein, Phoebe Hill, Jasmine LeCount-McClanahan, and Allison Wisniewski.


At the Fencing Squads tournament, held on the weekend of February 23-24, the Girls Foil Squad won silver and the Boys Foil Squad took home the bronze medal.

5 CHS fencers competed in the State Individuals Tournament: Jack Woods and Nicholas Goguen-Compagnoni (Boys Foil); Jeremy Giles (Boys Sabre); Janine Bacchus-Joseph and Shaine Hammarberg (Girls Sabre). Jack Woods won gold, coming in first in the State for Boys Foil.

Jack Woods made All State First team for Boys Foil, Jeremy Giles made All State Third Team for Boys Sabre, Nicholas Goguen-Compagnoni made Third Team for Boys Foil.

Columbia High School Sophomore Elizabeth Crofton received a 2019 Scholastic Art Award in the Northern New Jersey Art Region for her painting called “Defying Boundaries” which honors astronauts Mae Jemison, Stephanie Wilson, and Joan Higginbotham, who helped create history, opened doors for women everywhere, and inspired generations to come.

Grace Petroccia was the recipient of the Essex County Unsung Heroine Award, which honors graduating students who make outstanding contributions to their schools and communities but who are often overlooked by traditional student recognition guidelines.
Leah Miller and Cecilia Munoz were recipients of the 32nd Annual Essex County Academic Award, which celebrates the top graduating students from each public high school in the county.

MSO had four basketball teams win their category in the Essex Suburban Championship:

5th Grade Boys Basketball Team (Coaches Eddie Starzynski & Lenny Grace):
Devin Aiken Dara’s Corr Harry Laskowski
Alex Ante Ryan Fay Ryan Leibensperger
Jack Cartaina Joaquin Hargrove Mason Wolpov
Adam Carlucci Sean Hayes
Nate Chou Will Kostka

7th Grade Girls Basketball Team (Coaches Erin Tuck & Nijah Gibson):
Mariam Abbas Skylar Gilliam Madison Stevens
Talia Baptiste Jamie Levi Lily Westhelle
Kayla Butler Summer Lonning Mackenzie
Kyla Coley Reagan Powell Williamson

7th Grade Boys Basketball Team (Coaches: Gregory Clark & Eddie Turner):
Samaj Hairston Adler Cleghorn Ali Coleman
Long Julien Leveille Luke Knezovic
Jalen James Isaiah Oliver Tyler Williams
Noah Roberts JB Mischel John Pirone

8th Grade Girls Basketball Team (Coaches: Erin Tuck & Nijah Gibson):
Ruby Aylward Shana Desir Allie Harris
Rian Baluyut Jamie Fardin Avery Territo
Ciera Cevallos Bella Galatt Eleanor Vande Vusse
Leah Connell Georgie Gassaro

Clinton Elementary Media Specialist Jennifer Latimer and Principal on Special Assignment for SOMSD 2020 Elizabeth Aaron represented SOMSD at the 2019 Fablearn International Conference held at Teachers’ College, Columbia University on March 9 and 10. The conference brings together teachers, administrators, professors, students, and STEM innovators from the global maker movement to present and discuss on best practices, curricular work, and achievement in the field.
Seth Boyden PTA received a **2019 Local Unit Success Award in Environmental Awareness** from the New Jersey PTA for completing the Children's Arboretum & Story Trail and other improvements to the Outdoor Learning Center. The following people were particularly instrumental in seeing these projects to completion: current Seth Boyden parent **Matthias Ebinger**; Seth Boyden alumni parent and current Presidents Council Co-President **Tia Swanson**; and Seth Boyden garden teacher **Maggie Tuohy**.

Seth Boyden teacher **Janine Williams** was nominated as a candidate for the **Dr. Susan Wray Endowed Graduate Scholarship**, which recognizes a candidate’s social justice work in urban schools, exceptional academic and intellectual (and moral, and emotional) investments in their work and in their students.