

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

**BOARD RECOGNITION**  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2017

Columbia High School's production of ***How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*** was honored by The Paper Mill Playhouse with 12 nominations including BEST MUSICAL in their Rising Star Awards production.

The nominations are:

- *Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical*
- *Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role* (**Hunter Kovacs**)
- *Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Member* (**India Anderson**)
- *Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Group* (Secretaries)
- *Outstanding Performance by a Chorus*
- *Outstanding Director* (**Bethany Pettigrew and Tricia Benn**)
- *Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction* (**Jamie Bunce, Peter Bauer**)
- *Outstanding Achievement in Choreography and Staging* (**Bethany Pettigrew and Tricia Benn**)
- *Outstanding Scenic Achievement* (**Marc Matalon**)
- *Outstanding Lighting Achievement* (**Tara Abbondante**)
- *Outstanding Hair and Make-up Achievement* (**Suzanne Roghanchi**)
- *The Educational Impact Award*

Additionally, the following individuals received "**Honorable Mentions:**"

- **Josh Ewing** (*Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role*)
- **Barbara Canace, Carol Rutledge, Suzanne Roghanchi, Kathy Nye** (*Outstanding Costume Achievement*)

The awards ceremony will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Paper Mill Playhouse where the cast will perform on stage in front of a sold out audience.

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Columbia High School students participated in this year's **NJ Science League competitive testing** in the **AP Physics** subject area (AP Physics 'C') and captured **6<sup>th</sup> place** in the state out of 70 teams! Columbia has placed in the top 10 AP Physics 'C' teams in the state consistently. Mr. Mike Morrill is their science/physics teacher.

Students participating include:

**Alex Glynn**  
**Jacob Kalodner**  
**Anshul Vyakarnam**

**Isaac Schmidt**  
**Ben Orgera**  
**Jared Pangallozzi**

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Several Columbia High School fencers were named to the **New Jersey Interscholastic Fencing Association All-State Fencing** teams.

Freshman **Jack Woods** was named to the **New Jersey Interscholastic Fencing Association First All-State Fencing Team** after his outstanding fencing in the 2016-2017 high school fencing season. This was foil fencer Woods' first season on the CHS fencing team.

Junior and epee fencer **Isaiah Ogbeifun**, was named to the **Third All-State Fencing Team** after his successful fencing season. Seniors **Marissa Viqueira** and **Camille Pham** both were named to the **Third All-State Foil Fencing Team** after their season of successful fencing on the CHS Girls' Fencing Team.

The **All-State Team** honorees were awarded trophies commemorating their fencing accomplishments for the 2016-2017 season presented by the president of the **New Jersey Interscholastic Fencing Association** Lisa Campy-Sapery at a banquet dinner.

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Columbia High School junior, **Matthew Lintern** performed with the **National Association for Music Educators' All-Eastern Honor Choir** in Atlantic City and was accepted out of thousands of students who auditioned from the eastern US after earning the top score for his voice part in the state of New Jersey.

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Columbia High School students have been selected to have their art work and performances featured at the **2017 NJ State Teen Arts Festival!** Students will perform in the categories of *Small Music Ensemble, Large Music Ensemble, Visual Art, Photography, and Film Making*. It has been approximately 9-10 years since Columbia HS has had a presence at the festival and CHS will be the sole representative from Essex County. The festival will take place on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at Ocean County College.