

**BOARD RECOGNITION**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**October 19, 2015**

Students from **Maplewood Middle School** and **South Orange Middle School** won awards for the exceptional scores achieved on the ACT/SATs or SCATs and qualified for the **John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth 2015 Talent Search**. The CTY Search identifies, assesses and recognizes students with exceptional mathematical and/or verbal reasoning abilities and offers them the opportunity to take the SATs in middle school.

MMS students that received awards are:

<b>Benjamin Kamen</b>	<b>Lars Langreth*</b>	<b>Timothy Rohan</b>
<b>Katherine Williams*</b>	<b>Lillian Wilson*</b>	

SOMS students that received awards are:

<b>Hazel Allison-Way</b>	<b>Ryanne Barrett</b>	<b>Lily Forman</b>
<b>Isabella Garcia</b>	<b>Jeremy Giles</b>	<b>Alexander Glynn</b>
<b>Lily Mencarini</b>	<b>Conor Strasser*</b>	<b>Margot Tabakin</b>

*\*Now at Columbia HS.*

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Columbia High School Senior, **Jordan Fields**, signed a letter of intent to run track at the **University of Pittsburg**.

Senior **Samantha Viqueira** signed a letter of intent to fence at the **University of Notre Dame**.

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The **Columbia HS Freshman Girls Soccer Team** were undefeated for the season. They finished their record season with 13 wins and two tie games. Members of the Girls Soccer Team are:

<b>Zoe Broncel</b>	<b>Lia Holstein</b>	<b>Morgan Nash</b>
<b>Lindsey Camara</b>	<b>Lauren Lake</b>	<b>Katie Newman</b>
<b>Derby Cineas</b>	<b>Naomi McMechen</b>	<b>Cailee Olitt</b>
<b>Shayna Cohen</b>	<b>Meredith Meyer</b>	<b>Jasmine Quraishi</b>
<b>Maritxell Gallart-Bekkedahl</b>	<b>Sami Miller</b>	<b>Sofia Ratkevich</b>
<b>Finnola Gray</b>	<b>Ceci Munoz</b>	<b>Katherine Williams</b>
<b>Ashley Heacock</b>		

**Rocio "Ro" Lopez** is the freshman Girls Soccer Team Coach

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Winners of the **All Conference for the SEC Cross Country Awards** are listed below:

1<sup>st</sup> Team All Conference  
Boys:

**Jared Pangallozzi**  
**David Ives**

2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Conference  
Boys:

**Gabe Benson**

Honorable Mention Boys:

**Tim Depue**  
**Jacob Paul**

Honorable Mention Girls  
**Claudia Steiner**  
**Catherine Jordan**

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Seven Columbia High School musicians received inaugural awards from the **Achieve Foundation's Vanessa Pollock Music Initiative**. The awards were tailored to the specific needs of the students and recipients received either new professional grade instruments or funding for private instruction over the course of the school year totaling \$10,500. The students were nominated by **CHS Band Director, Peter Bauer, Choral Director, Jamie Bunce** and **Orchestra Director, Todd VanBeveren** because of their extraordinary achievements in music to date. Recipients of the awards are:

**Jessica Brice**  
**Autumn Jones**  
**Isaiah Thomas**

**Aanu Fawole**  
**Louise Kern-Kensler**

**Ahmad Holiday**  
**Lauren Kret**

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The **Columbia HS Girls Volleyball Team** are co-champs with Millburn HS for the **Super Essex Conference Colonial Division for 2015**. Members of the team are:

**Ta'Mya Allen**  
**Samantha Berek**  
**Alexis Brice**  
**Maya Goldner**  
**Autumn Jones**  
**Juan Bas** is the Head Coach for Girls Volleyball.

**Jasmine Keegan** (captain)  
**Shayla Keegan**  
**Connie Labat**  
**Georgia Longstreet**  
**Ava Milanese**

**Abbigail Nelson**  
**Sarai Roberts**  
**Gabby Salinardo** (captain)  
**Dondrea Taylor-Stewart** (captain)  
**Lauren Yelner**

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The **Columbia High School Varsity Boys Cross Country Team** is headed to the New Jersey State Group IV Championship as one of the top five finishers in New Jersey Group IV, Section 2 championship.

Columbia was paced by junior **Jared Pangallozzi**, who finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 123 runners on the 5K course while sophomore **David Ives** placed 27<sup>th</sup> in 17:04. **Pangallozzi** qualified for the Group 4 Championships as an individual with his top ten finish.

Columbia's medal-winning performance was a **5<sup>th</sup>-place finish** out of 16 teams.

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**The Columbian** (2015) won **First Place** by the **American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA)** and **Silver Medalist Rating** by the **Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA)**. The newspapers are critiqued in the areas of content coverage, page design, photography & illustrations, layout, editing and creativity.

A comment in the judge's summary from the ASPA stated, "You have an excellent school newspaper, which shows the creativity and journalistic knowledge of your editors, reporters, writers, photographers, layout/graphics designer and advisors."

The 14-15 production leaders were:

**Deana Singleton\***  
**Sophie Fisher\*** (Art Editor)  
**Ben Reichman**

**Max Kitabayashi\*** (Co-Editors-In-Chief)  
**Olivia Levine\*** (Photo Editor)  
**Alec Tyson** (Design Co-Editors)

The 14-15 content editors were:

**Tyler Farnsworth\***  
**Siobhan Nolet\*** (Opinions Editor)  
**Calvin Yohannan\***  
**Edward Willshire\*** (Arts & Entertainment Editor)  
**Delainey Fuschetto\***

**Dylan Karten\*** (News Co-Editors)  
**Russell Pinzino\*** (In-Depth Editor)  
**David DeFranco\*** (Sports Co-Editors)  
**Sabrina Rodrigues\*** (Project Coordinators)

The 14-15 designers were:

**Nick Carbonara\***  
**Leilani Schultz-Joy\***

**Fabriz Gauthier\***  
**Emre Yenigun\***

**Alex Rafkin**  
**Khalid Young\***

Staff advisors to *The Columbian* are:

**Joshua Enyeart** (English Department) and **Cindy Malhotra** (Fine Arts Department).

*\*Columbia High School Graduates.*

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The **Columbia High School Football Team** qualified for the state playoffs for the first time in 4 years. They ended the regular season with 5 wins and 4 losses.

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The **Columbia High School Boys Cross Country Team** qualified for **States** and will compete on the weekend. They also finished second to Millburn at the **Essex County Cross-Country Championships**.

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The **Columbia High School Girls Volleyball Team** was co-champions of the **Colonial Division of the Super Essex Conference**.

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**Lisa Morgan**, Columbia HS cross country and track coach and **Charles Schneekloth**, Language Arts Teacher at **Maplewood Middle School** were both selected by **Garden State Runs** in their yearly "**Top 25 Most Influential People in NJ Running**" list.

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**Marshall Elementary School** was one of 17 schools in New Jersey to be awarded a grant from the **Artists in Education Residency Grant Program (AIE)** to engage a professional Teaching Artist this school year. One hundred of Marshall's 198 first graders are working with artist Patricia Flynn for hands on workshops to create a theatrical collage through an immersion of various art forms. The Artists in Education (AIE) Program is carried out through a co-sponsored partnership between **Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania** and the **New Jersey State Council on the Arts**.

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**Melissa Butler**, Language Arts Teacher at **South Orange Middle School** was chosen to present at both the **NJEA Convention** and the **ASCD National** conference on topics that include innovative teaching utilizing both GAFE and Edmodo in order to transform a "4-wall" classroom.

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**Columbia High School Art Teacher Ellen Weisbord** will be showing her work at the **Belskie Museum** in Closter, NJ.

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**Nancy Ring, Art Teacher at Seth Boyden**, will be exhibiting her art at various venues including: the **Rosalind and Alfred Lippman Gallery** in South Orange, the **Women's Caucus for Art** in Philadelphia, and the **Solo(s) Project House Artists' Studios Open Studio event** in Newark.

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**Bisa Butler, Columbia High School Art Teacher** and graduate, began the school year by exhibiting her artwork at the **Domareki Gallery** at CHS. She has another exhibit opening at the **Firehouse Gallery** in Orange, and then she will be exhibiting with **Newark Open Doors at The Firehouse Gallery** in Newark.

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**Kaitlyn Walker, Wind Specialist at MMS, SOMS and CHS**, performed with the **Aldelphi Orchestra in Paramus, NJ** for their 2015-2016 season.

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**Kate Dodd** is one of the **20/20 Public Space Champions** announced by the **Design Trust for Public Space**. The Design Trust was founded in 1995 to unlock the potential of New York City's shared spaces and is a nationally-recognized incubator that transforms and evolves the city's landscape with city agencies and community collaborators.