THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

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:

Benjamin Kamen
Katherine Williams*
Lars Langreth*
Lillian Wilson*
Timothy Rohan

SOMS students that received awards are:

Hazel Allison-Way
Isabella Garcia
Lily Mencarini
Ryanne Barrett
Jeremy Giles
Conor Strasser*
Lily Forman
Alexander Glynn
Margot Tabakin
*Lillian Wilson*
*Now at Columbia HS.

Columbia High School Senior, Jordan Fields, signed a letter of intent to run track at the University of Pittsburgh.
Senior Samantha Viqueira signed a letter of intent to fence at the University of Notre Dame.

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:

Zoe Broncel
Lindsey Camara
Derby Cineas
Shayna Cohen
Maritxell Gallart-Bekkedahl
Finnola Gray
Ashley Heacock
Rocio "Ro" Lopez

Lia Holstein
Lauren Lake
Naomi McMechen
Meredith Meyer
Sami Miller
Ceci Munoz
Morgan Nash
Katie Newman
Cailee Ollit
Jasmine Quraishi
Sofia Ratkevich
Katherine Williams

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

1st Team All Conference 2nd Team All Conference Honorable Mention Boys:
Boys: Boys: Boys:
Jared Pangallozzi Gabe Benson Tim Depue
David Ives

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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  Aanu Fawole  Ahmad Holiday  
Autumn Jones  Louise Kern-Kensler  Lauren Kret  
Isaiah Thomas

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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  Jasmine Keegan (captain)  Abbigail Nelson  
Samantha Berek  Shayla Keegan  Sarai Roberts  
Alexis Brice  Connie Labat  Gabby Salinardo (captain)  
Maya Goldner  Georgia Longstreet  Dondrea Taylor-Stewart (captain)  
Autumn Jones  Ava Milanese  Lauren Yelner  
Juan Bas is the Head Coach for Girls Volleyball.

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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 8th out of 123 runners on the 5K course while sophomore David Ives placed 27th 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 5th-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*  Max Kitabayashi* (Co-Editors-In-Chief)  
Sophie Fisher* (Art Editor)  Olivia Levine* (Photo Editor)  
Ben Reichman  Alec Tyson (Design Co-Editors)  

The 14-15 content editors were:

Tyler Farnsworth*  Dylan Karten* (News Co-Editors)  
Siobhan Nolef* (Opinions Editor)  Russell Pinzino* (In-Depth Editor)  
Calvin Yohannan*  David DeFranco* (Sports Co-Editors)  
Edward Willshire* (Arts & Entertainment Editor)  
Delainey Fuschetto*  Sabrina Rodrigues* (Project Coordinators)
The 14-15 designers were:

- Nick Carbonara*
- Fabriz Gauthier*
- Alex Rafkin
- Leilani Schultz-Joy*
- Emre Yenigun*
- 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.
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.