

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2018

CHS Senior **Stephen Lehren** was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest recognition, during a Court of Honor Ceremony on September 22 at the South Orange Public Library. For his Eagle Scout project, Stephen created "Heroes of South Orange," an audio archive highlighting the history of local political change and community leaders whose work has significantly impacted South Orange in the areas of preservation, conservation, business, education, athletics and race relations.

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SOMS 6th grader **Liset Zacker** was recently selected by Scholastic to be a Kid Reporter in the award-winning **Scholastic News Kids Press Corps**. Liset is one of 45 Kid Reporters across the country who will report "news for kids, by kids" throughout the year with coverage of "current events, breaking news, entertainment stories, and sporting events from her hometown and on the national stage."

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SOMS 7th grader **Charles Keigwin** is being recognized by the Sheriff's department in Belvidere, NJ, for excellent citizenship. While on a class field trip to Mackey Orchards, Charles found a wallet and turned it in to the farm office. The wallet contained over \$1,000 - the entire retirement check for someone visiting the farm.

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CHS English Teacher **Tracy McNamara** was selected for the **University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award**. Ms. McNamara was selected from hundreds of teachers nominated by entering first-year students who wrote about "teachers who have changed the course of their lives, who taught them to re-imagine texts, to delve deeper into problem-solving, and to think beyond the borders of the classroom in the pursuit of their own education."

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Congratulations to the World Languages/ELL department for doing excellent work preparing students for the AP Language or Literature and Culture Exams. Seventy-seven students took exams in French, Japanese, Latin, and Spanish. Special congratulations to AP Spanish teachers **Eva Marín** and **Rocio López** – Fifty-eight students took the AP Spanish Language or Literature and Culture Exams with a 100 % passing rate.

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MMS Principal **Dara Gronau** is being featured in **One Day Magazine**, the alumni magazine of **Teach For America**, in an article on balancing life as a principal and a parent.

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Elizabeth Aaron, Principal on Special Assignment, served on a panel that presented to educators from throughout the state on September 22 for **E4E, Educators for Equity**, which supports and strengthens schools' work with and for LGBTQ plus staff, students, and families. CHS was recognized for establishing non-gendered restrooms, the work of our student club Spectrum, and the voices of students through such actions as public art displays, student presentations at a faculty meeting, and our art gallery exhibit for Pride month.

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