

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
October 28, 2019

The **National Hispanic Recognition Program** (NHRP) recognized Columbia High School students who took the PSAT/NMSQT. The **National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars Class of 2020** are:

Isabella Garcia
Jeremy Mandelbaum Giles
Isabel Wolter

Martina Zacker
Noori Zubieta

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The **National Merit Scholarship Program** Semifinalists on the **2020 National Merit Scholarship Competition** are:

Ryanne Barrett

Alexander Glynn

Zubin Kremer Guha

Columbia High School **Commended Students** are:

Hannah Anthony
Hannah Brownstein
Evan Fagan
Isabella Garcia
Jeremy Mandelbaum Giles
Connor Kosik

Cameron Lipp
Tate Olitt
Timothy Rohan
Olivia Vande Vusse
Noori Zubieta

Students enter by taking the Preliminary SAT/National SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

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The **Columbia High School Virtuosi String Ensemble** was selected by the **New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA)** to perform at the annual **NJSBA/NJASA/NJASBO Workshop 2019** under the direction of Columbia High School Teacher, **Todd Van Beveren**.

Members of the Virtuosi String Ensemble are:

Hazel Allison-Way
Margaret Andrejco
Julien Gagnier
Zubin Kremer Guha

Henrik Mecinski
Michael Nicholas
Imogen Pranger
Frida Rahmani

Gabriel Roth
Jasper Thomas-Yount
Tess von Brachel

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Columbia High School Dance Educator, **Kandice Point-Du-Jour**, has been selected as a mentor in the **2019 National Dance Education Organization's Mentorship Program**. She will be mentoring a new teacher in dance education from Minnesota.

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Columbia High School Teacher **Anthony Campiglia** will be a speaker at the November **Teen Driver Safety Event "AAA to Gen Z: A Safety Summit for the New Generation of Drivers."** The event is held to show safe driving programs that teens can bring to their schools. Mr. Campiglia will be presenting the Public Service Announcement his TV students produced last spring which was a winner at the UGOTBRAINS safe driving competition.

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Columbia High School Teacher, **Scott Cohen**, is being inducted into **HomeSharing's Hall of Fame**. Mr. Cohen serves as a board president for the program which creates affordable housing solutions by matching those seeking housing with those who need additional income or services to maintain their homes, while fostering independence and dignity. HomeSharing provides services in Somerset, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, and Union counties and the Montclair area.

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Technology Integration Trainer for the District **Sabina Ellis'** technology workshop entitled "**Up Your Productivity Using the New Features of Gmail, Google Calendar and Google Keep**" has been selected for the **National Education Association (NEA) Professional Development Webinar Training Series**.

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Clinton Special Education Teacher, **Bebe Greenberg**, was asked to present a workshop based on her experience supporting children and families with dyslexia at the Teacher's College Reading and Writing Project, Institute to Explore Dyslexia and the Reading Workshop K-5.

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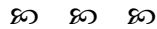
Columbia High School Spanish Teacher, **Luis F. Hernandez** was designated by the **Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica** as the official sponsor of the prestigious chapter, "**Sonia Sotomayor**" to Columbia High School. The National Spanish Honor Society is a national academic honor society for high school students enrolled in Spanish and/or Portuguese.

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Columbia High School Teacher of Social Studies, **Katerina Karis**, participated in **QFI Highlights of Jordan**. The Qatar Fund International grant was awarded to teachers through an intensive application process, involving teachers from across the United States who traveled through the country of Jordan, touring ancient and medieval sites while learning history and modern culture.



South Mountain 4th grade Teacher, **Tamara Murphy**, received two grants through **DonorsChoose**: “**Bring on the Word Play Grant**” in the amount of \$346 to provide supplemental literacy skill practice for 4th grade language art students and “**Flexible Seating for Writing and Reading Grant**” in the amount of \$537 to expand on the flexible seating spaces.



Fine Arts Supervisor, **James A Manno**, was a part of a panel workshop entitled “**Engage & Empower All Students With Woodworking**” at the **New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA)** conference, where he shared impactful educational experiences that **Maplewood Woodshop** (<https://www.maplewoodshop.com/>) has provided SOMSD students over the past few years per a partnership facilitated with the organization.



South Orange Maplewood Board of Education member **Shannon Cuttle** gave a presentation at the **2019 New Jersey School Board Association conference** on what boards can do to support LGBTQ+ youth in their school systems. Cuttle joined forces with Dr. Jan Kaminsky, Director of Education for Rainbow Health Consulting to present, “**Supporting the Health of LGBTQ+ Students in Schools,**” and “**Developing an Inclusive School District for LGBTQ+ Students,**” – the first conference sessions the organization has had to address the topic of LGBTQ students and the first to be led by anyone from SOMSD.