The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions February 2020

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
Silas Ryan 3rd grade, Jefferson School	Silas Ryan a third grade student at Jefferson School, was chosen to exhibit his work at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. His work was inspired by the Japanese artist Hokusai. Hokusai loved nature and was well known for his woodblock prints. Since Hokusai's prints were made out of several layers, Silas also worked in layers. He started with a background painting inspired by nature. Then, he printed on top of his painting with carved Styrofoam and ink. Finally, he drew into the work with a variety of materials, (markers, chalk pastels, oil pastels, color pencils, etc.) Special Thanks to his Art Teacher Ms. Eva McNally for facilitating this opportunity.
Sophia Tsioulcas-Sherman 8th Grade, South Orange Middle School	SOMS Grade 8 student Sophia Tsioulcas Sherman was selected for the first violin section of North Jersey School Music Association (NJSMA) Regional Orchestra. Sophia will take part in five rehearsals and play in a concert with the orchestra on Sunday, March 1, 2020. In addition, she is now eligible to audition for the NJ All-State orchestra. Special Thanks String Teacher Mr. William Cook for facilitating this opportunity as well as Sophia's parents and private teachers.
CHS A/P Studio Art Program CHS Art students who had work hung were: Sarah Wessel; Tyanna Dove; Sophie Gigante; Oneil Gooden; Imogene Pranger; Charlize Holmes; Adin Duncan; Jaya Kohol; Desiree Hume; Merav Mandel; Ariana Machado; Karina McClard; Sophia Miah; Lucy Samek; Avery Soupios; Noori Zubieta	Columbia High School A/P Studio Art program receives great acknowledgement in the press. Here is the link www.Essexnewsdaily.com MAPLEWOOD, NJ — "Fresh 12" has been hanging in the 1978 Maplewood Arts Center since December 15, showing off the work of AP art students from around the county. On display at the gallery until Jan. 18, artists from Columbia High School, Arts High School in Newark, Central High School in Newark, West Essex High School, Governor Livingston High School and Montclair High School curated and hung the show themselves, getting the chance to experience a gallery show. Special Thanks to AP Art Teacher Mr. B. Curtis Grayson III for facilitating this opportunity.
<i>CHS Students:</i> Dustin Crisci, grade 10 Miles Silverstein, grade 11 Jessica Hutchinson, grade 9 Margaret Riekenberg, grade 11 Kelsey Stone, grade 11 Grace Trenouth, grade 10 Naomi Stefens, grade 9 Ola Fawole, grade 10	Eight CHS Choir members have been accepted into this year's NJSMA Region I Honors Chorus! They were chosen from a pool of hundreds of auditioners from all over the northern third of NJ. The concert took place on February 1st, 2020. Special Thanks to CHS Choir Director Ms. Jamie Bunce for facilitating this opportunity.
CHS Students Miles Silverstein, grade 11 Alex Iozzio, grade 10 Ola Fawole, grade 10	The following CHS Vocal students participated in the NJ All State Mixed Chorus at the NJEA convention in Atlantic City and at NJPAC in Newark in November , under the direction of Dr. Sandra Snow from Michigan State University. They were chosen from a pool of nearly 2000 auditioners from all over New Jersey: Miles Silverstein, grade 11; Alex Iozzio, grade 10; Ola Fawole, grade 10

<i>CHS Students:</i> Grace Trenouth, grade 10 Ciara O'Hanlon-Boone, grade 10	CHS students will participate in the NJ All State Treble Chorus during the NJ Music Educators Association convention in Atlantic City and at NJPAC in Newark in February . They were chosen from a pool of nearly 2000 auditioners from throughout the state. They include: Grace Trenouth, grade 10 and Ciara O'Hanlon-Boone, grade 10.
	Special Thanks to CHS Choir Director Ms. Jamie Bunce for facilitating these opportunities.
CHS Photography Students Shakawath Hussain (Grade 11) & Benji Rothman (Grade 11)	Columbia High School Photography students Shakawath Hussain (Grade 11) & Benji Rothman (Grade 11) were chosen to exhibit their work in the Emerging Artist 32nd Annual High School Art Exhibit at Kean University at the James Howe Gallery in the Vaughn-Eames Building on Sunday, January 26th, 2020 from 1:00-3:00pm. -Shakawath's photo is a Silver Print entitled "Shadow & Manhole"
	-Benji's photo is a Silver Print entitled "Samuel"
	The Emerging Artist Exhibition is sponsored by Art Administrators of New Jersey (AANJ) and Fine Arts Supervisor James Manno's membership allows CHS student participation in this state-wide event.
	Special Thanks to CHS Photography Teacher Mr. Jon Fisher for facilitating this opportunities.
<i>CHS Students</i> Kate Kampner, 10 th grade Hannah Brownstein, 12 th grade	Two CHS students placed in 1 st and 3 rd place positions in theEssex County Education Association (ECEA) Annual Pride Essay Contest. Kate Kampner, gr. 10, came in <i>third place</i> among sophomores in the county and Hannah Brownstein, gr. 12, won <i>first place</i> among all seniors in the county. The 10th grade prompt asked students to write about the person who had the greatest impact on his/her educational experience, and Kate wrote about how she found power within herself. Hannah's prompt asked students to describe something they did when they thought they could not she wrote eloquently about her experience with The Unaccompanied Minors.
SOMSD Junior High and High	Excerpt From Essex News Daily:
<i>School Students:</i> Diana Arevalo and Luke Bailey, Grade 8, SOMS; and Leo Jasper, Grade 10, CHS	"It was an underdog upset on Feb. 8 at the FIRST Tech Challenge New Jersey Essex County League Tournament, Robo-CATastrophe which took place at SOMS, with Team 4102, consisting of SOMSD Junior High Students, winning first place. With less experience and a young team comprising only a sophomore and two eighth graders, Team 4102 of the Columbia High School Robotics Team took home the grand prize."
	Beating out 12 other teams from Essex County the team mastered their competitions throughout the day, eventually capturing the grand prize in their 11th match of the day. Next up for the team is the FIRST Tech Challenge New Jersey State Championship, aka the Garden State Rumble, to be held Saturday, March 15, at 11 a.m. at Columbia High School. Joining Team 4102 will be Columbia's senior and junior robotics teams, both of which also qualified over recent weeks.
	Charlotte Arevalo and Doug Huebner coach the Columbia robotics teams.

SOMSD Students Grades 8 – 12	The following SOMSD students were announced as Regional Winners of the 2020 <u>Scholastic Art and Writing Awards</u> , which are open to students in grades 8-12:
	<u>Art Awards:</u>
Daniel Teitelbaum, 12 th grade, Columbia High School	Gold Key Award, Category: Photography, "Through the Eyes of Africa"
Sophia Miah, 12 th grade, Columbia High School	Honorable Mention, Category: Drawing & Illustration, "Frida"
Sophia Miah, 12 th grade, Columbia High School	Silver Key Award, Category: Mixed Media, "Dadi"
	Writing Awards:
Lilly Elliasevich, 8 th grade, South Orange Middle School	Gold Key Award, Category: Critical Essay, "The Ancient World and The Future World: Yesterday and Tomorrow"
Sophie Kessler,9 th grade, Columbia High School	Honorable Mention, Category: Short Story, "Silver Yad"
Olivia Krakower, 11 th grade, Columbia High School,	Honorable Mention, Category: Short Story, "Game Night"
Skylar Yarter, Columbia High School	Gold Key Award, Category: Flash Fiction, "Everyday"
	Gold Key Award winners' artwork will be displayed at the Montclair Art Museum from February 15 to March 22, 2020.