THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING December 16, 2013

Columbia High School seniors received Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards from the National College Board. Columbia students were recognized in three different categories, based on the number of AP courses completed and the high scores received on AP Exams taken in 2013, with 5 being the highest grade.

AP Scholar with Distinction

Five Columbia High School students qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more Exams.

Brett Ascher Benjamin Sender Eleanor Wren-Hardin Jordan Donald Lev Schechter

AP Scholar with Honor

Seven Columbia students qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more Exams.

David Cutler Samantha Ewing Ryan Morey Alexandra Viqueira Lanre Danmola Christopher Kearns-McCoy Teresa Pangallozzi

AP Scholar

Twenty Six Columbia High School students qualified for this award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. Included are:

Basile Antoine Jordan Avello Olivia Baker **Jacob Bard Charles Dowd Claire Davenport Claire Durney Emma Durney** Max Gould **Lienne Harrington** Rachel Katz **Louis Kraham** Jack Landry **Jared Lebron** Ian Loughney **Emma Murphy-Land** Mae Moloney **Joseph Oppenheim Christopher Painter Jessica Petrow-Cohen Nathaniel Pham Margot Radding** Theresa Seelbach **Lucia Simova** William Woodiel Helen Solecki

The following **Columbia High School** seniors received **a score of 800 on their SAT** (the highest possible score) in the following categories:

Christopher Kearns-McCoy – Reading

Theresa Seelbach – Math

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Columbia High School English teacher **Janet Bustrin**, Clinton Elementary School second grade teacher **Beth Frascella** and Seth Boyden Elementary School 5th grade teacher **Suzanne Vine** earned **National Board Certification**. Teachers go through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review to reach this high standard.

This brings the total number of district teachers who have achieved this prestigious certification to 15. The district offers support for any teachers interested in pursuing National Board Certification.

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Laura Verniero, Tuscan Elementary School Teacher, was nominated by her professors for **Student Teacher of the Year** and won. An article was published about her in the November edition of *Kean Magazine*.