

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION
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February 24, 2014

Six Columbia High School students won a Grand Prize in the High School Category - School or other Group (5+) at the **Montclair Film Festival 2014 Kidz Shortz** competition for their project, **Love Triangle**. The Montclair Film Festival (MFF) is a non-profit organization that nurtures and showcases the talents of filmmakers from around the world. The students are:

Katja Bye
Kemi Talabi

Abosede Ibikunle
August Voorhees

Lev Schecter
Edward Willshire

The students will be recognized at the Kidz Shortz Awards Reception to be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014. The short film can be viewed online at: <http://montclairfilmfest.org/2014-kidz-shortz-results/>. Columbia High School teacher of Arts, **Mr. Boris Gavrilovic**, is their teacher.

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Three Columbia High School Students, **Austin Hassler, Kyeerah White** and **Dominique Rayam** won the **Best Experimental/Animation Award** at the **18th Annual Derek Freese Youth Media Film Festival** for their film, **Mannequin**. The Festival is a national competition held each year at Temple University and highlights the talent and abilities of Mid-Atlantic regional young filmmakers age 12 through 18.

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Columbia High School Senior, **Chiamaka Obidigbo**, won the **Essex County Regional Competition for Poetry Out Loud**. Poetry Out Loud is a nationally recognized a contest that encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation.

Chiamaka will represent Columbia High School on March 14 at the state competition at NJPAC. Columbia High School teacher of English, **Ms. Stacey Lawrence**, is her teacher.