

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

**BOARD RECOGNITION**  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
February 23, 2015

Two Columbia HS students, **Julie-Ann Destine** and **Jackie Bryan**, worked with Larry Busichio, Director of Student Activities & Athletics and Elizabeth Aaron, Columbia HS Principal, to get a charter for a chapter of the **National Honor Society at CHS**. The chapter will be able to induct students this spring and it is expected that students in the National Honor Society at CHS will lead a new and broad peer tutoring program connected to the FAST study program. Students Julie-Ann and Jackie originated the chapter.

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**Matthew Girardi**, Columbia High School junior and a member of the CHS student council was awarded the **Secretary** position at **State Student Council** – an achievement that has not been awarded to a CHS student since the 1950's.

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Columbia High School sophomore, **Heather Aliyah Salomon** was the **winner** of the **CHS Poetry out Loud Competition** and represented the school in a county-wide competition at SOPAC.

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Columbia High School junior, **Samantha Viqueira**, a member of the **U.S. Fencing Junior team**, won a **gold medal** at the **Junior Pan Ams Championships** in Toronto. The U.S. Women's Foil Team defeated Canada, 45-37, in the gold medal final at the Junior Pan Ams.

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**Jack Woods**, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at MMS won a **gold medal** in Paris at the biggest **foil fencing Championships in the world**. Jack won in the category of 439 elite 14 years and under and was the only American to come back with gold.

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The student **Mock Trial Team** at Columbia High School, led by Social Studies teacher **Matt Borkowski**, finished **second** in the **Essex County Mock Trial Competition**, a distinguished and well-fought for honor against the team from Newark Academy.

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**Lisa Conrad**, Columbia High School Teacher of Art, is currently showing her artwork at **The College of Architecture and Design Gallery (CoAD Gallery)** in an exhibit called "**Four Printmakers...Four Decades.**" Ms. Conrad is also exhibiting new ceramic work in a group show entitled "**The Fire Within Us**" at **Index Art Center** in Newark.

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Columbia High School Track Coach **Lisa Morgan** will be inducted into the **New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame** this year and will also be honored at a luncheon in March.

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**Kaitlyn Walker**, Teacher of Music for the middle schools is officially the **principal oboist of the Eastern Wind Symphony** based in Princeton NJ. The season consists of 5 concerts and is entitled **East Meets West**, where they are performing works by both American and Japanese composers. Ms. Walker will also be performing with the **Monmouth Symphony Orchestra** at the **Count Basie Theater** performing Tchaikovsky 1st Symphony and his Violin Concerto.

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**Ellen Weisbord**, CHS art teacher, is one of 27 NJ artists selected for the **2015 NJ Craft Arts Annual** exhibiting at the **Morris Museum** from February 12-April 20.

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**Robert White**, the Columbia High School boys' fencing coach, was named **NJ Boys Fencing Coach of the Year for 2014** and will be honored at a luncheon in March.

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**Fine Arts Teachers** across the SOMSD are exhibiting artwork at the **Pierro Gallery** in the art exhibit, "**11 Point Perspective.**"

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