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 7th 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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