## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

# **BOARD RECOGNITION**

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING November 12, 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.

Samantha Ewing Ryan Morey Alexandra Viquiera

**David Cutler** 

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:

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

**Taylor Webster**, Columbia High School Senior and member of the Girls' Lacrosse Team, signed her letter of intent to attend the **University of Louisville** next year, which is a Division I College for Athletics.

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Columbia High School, Assistant Principal, **Elizabeth Aaron**, was asked to present the **New Jersey Council for the Humanities' Teacher of the Year Award** at their annual dinner on October 30, 2013.

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Columbia High School Teacher of Music, Choir and Chorale, **Jamie Bunce**, conducted a portion of the **All-State Women's Chorus** on November 3, 2013. She was also invited to be the guest conductor for the **Sussex County Honors High School Chorus** at Sparta High School on November 15, 2013.

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South Orange Middle School Art 3D Teacher, **Lisa Conrad**, was the presenter at the **Art Educators of New Jersey Conference** in October 2013. She facilitated the **Guinness Books World Record** for the longest monoprint in front of the **Newark Museum**.

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**Kate Dodd**, Columbia High School Teacher of Art and Art History will show her work at **Rupert Ravens Nexxt Gallery** in November 2013. Ms. Dodd also worked on a permanent installation commissioned by **NJ Transit** for the exterior of **Penn Station Newark**, made of stainless steel, also installed in November 2013.

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**Ria Favia** and **Maureen Nelson**, Seth Boyden K -5 Physical Education Teachers received a **\$1,000.00** grant from the **Active Schools Acceleration Project (ASAP)** to begin a 100 mile walking program for students at Seth Boyden Elementary School.

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Maplewood Middle School Teacher , **Charles Schneekloth** was inducted into the **Seaside High School (Seaside, Oregon) Hall of Fame** for his accomplishments as head boys and girls track and field coach from 2000-2002, including a state title and district title by **Project Ahead/Research and Debate**.

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**Vicki Schodowski**, Marshall K-2 Special Education Teacher, was selected to be a panelist at the **Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders Conference** at Montclair State University on October 30, 2013.

Out of 40 speakers from business, government and academia, Columbia High School Math Teacher, **Dr. Scott Stornetta**, was the only K-12 teacher invited to speak at a conference hosted by the **Department of Homeland Security**, the **National Science Foundation**, and the **Center for Discrete Math and Computer Science at Rutgers**.

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Miriam Tager, Seth Boyden 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher was selected to present her paper entitled, "A Critical Look at the Globalization of Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Education", at the American Educational Studies Association annual meeting in Baltimore.

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**Ellen Weisbord**, Columbia High School Teacher of Design, Drawing and Fibers showed her work at **Rupert Ravens Nexxt** Gallery in November 2013. Her art piece was accepted into the **2013 NJ Arts Annual**: **Currents in Contemporary Craft** which opened in November at the **Noyes Art Garage in Atlantic City**.