

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

February 22, 2016

Columbia High School Senior **Samantha C. Berek** was selected as a candidate for the **2016 United States Presidential Scholars Program**. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program established in 1964, recognizes and honors some of the Nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Students who are selected as Semifinalists and Scholars will be announced in April and May, respectively.

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Columbia High School's **Special Dance Company Senior Madelyn "Maddie" Cidlik**, choreographer of **MISCONCEPTIONS** has been selected to perform in the **National High School Dance Festival** that will be held at Point Park University in Pittsburg this spring. The Special Dance Company performers of MISCONCEPTIONS are:

Hannah Baker
Maddie Cidlik
Eleanor Cohen
Victoria Colon

Michael Hoey
Tahjanae Johnson
Ava Milanese
Dondrea Taylor- Stewart

Ms. Kandice N. Point-Du-Jour is their dance teacher.

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The **Unaccompanied Minors**, the Columbia High School a cappella group under the direction of **Jamie Bunce**, the CHS Choral Director, took **first place** in this past weekend's **International High School Competition of A Cappella groups**. They are the **Mid-Atlantic Champions** and advanced to the next round of competition!

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Under the direction of **Ms. Cindy Malhotra, Columbia High School Art Teacher**, ***The Guildscript (2015)*** won a **first place** award from the **American Scholastic Press Association**.

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The **Columbia High School Girls' Varsity Swim Team** finished the season 15-1, and was undefeated in the SEC Conference and finished as the Super Essex Conference Champions. They went on to win in the first round of the state tournament before eventually losing to Ridge HS. The Girls squad completed the season under the careful eye of coach Maggie Keenan. Members of the swim team are:

Ayzhah Arrington
Zaria Berry
Jamie Betheil
Esme Bikales
Riley Brodie
Alexandra Byrne
Caroline Cerny
Emma Chung
Amanda Colding
Lillian Engelhard
Marie Fagan
Tabatha Georget
Jessie Gonon
Abeo Gora

Raina Hackett
Madeline Haines
Gabriella Hayek
Chloe Holt-Reiss
Valerie Houghton
Anna Jacques-Haeberle
Madeleine Jimenez
Poppy Jones
Elizabeth Ko
Allison Kofsky
Jennifer Kret
Hannah Kushen
Chloe Lawrence
Frances Lindsay

Kalen Michals
Olivia Ojefua
Oluwa-Yemisi Okunola
Sarah Ortiz
Elisabeth Ragone
Gianna Salituri
Sydney Smith-Cooper
Julianah Songonuga
Alisa Stellini
Monica Stemmermann
Caroline Thomas
Hannah Tuohy
Olivia Winters

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Kevhan Bent won the Heavy Weight Title at the Essex County Tournament on January 22nd. Kevhan is a Maplewood resident who attends Essex County Vo-Tech and wrestles for CHS.

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Columbia High School sophomore **Josie Sandor** conducted a nonpartisan voter registration drive on February 11, 2016. With the help of Student Council, 243 CHS students were registered to vote!

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Liana Runcie, Columbia High School film student in Mr. Cutrona's **Film Making class**, was accepted to **The Future Filmmakers Workshop**, a free intensive twelve week high school program where all aspects of filmmaking are taught to develop a student's personal vision and voice to those that feel underrepresented in the film industry.

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9 CHS students will be exhibiting their photography at the annual Pingry Photography Exhibition this month:

Margaux Temmerman
Jessie Stuppi
Emily Ives
Alexandra Massillon
Nicole Franowicz

Ally Krause
Matilda Mae McDougall
Jordan Kadish
Emily Glynn

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3 SOMS students successfully auditioned for the North Jersey Band or Orchestra: **Joe Lintern** (trumpet), **Jason Meusel** (string bass) and **Imogen Pranger** (viola). They will rehearse and play in a concert with the best young musicians in northern New Jersey.

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Rich Cutrona's **CHS Film Students' work** will be shown in the **YOUNG FILMMAKERS** Presented by Cinema Ed™ The following films from submissions by high school students across New Jersey were selected as the SOMA Film Festival Best of 2016

Live Action Short
Yasmine Barboza
Sofia Donald

Animated Short
McKenzie Bowles
Ketou Brigarde
Samantha Colon
Liam Dillon
Sofia Donald

Justin Dyer
Aidan Romanaux
Maude Schmidt
Sam Skeete
Edward Willshire
Rebecca Wolf

"Young Filmmakers Honorable Mention" Young Filmmakers Track at the 2016 SOMA Film Festival.

Zoe Crutcher

Adam Krakower

Juliet Vandusen Gross

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Jefferson 4th grader **Madelyn Cicenía** and her teammates on the preliminary **Synchroettes Synchronized Skating team** won a gold medal in their division at the 2016 Eastern Sectional Synchronized Skating Championships in Richmond, VA.

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Ms. Jasmine Bloch, 5th Grade Band Teacher, attended the **Midwest Clinic** and performed with **The Eastern Wind Symphony**, which was selected as a premier ensemble to present educational music.

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Seth Boyden Physical Education Teacher **Ria Favia** will be presenting at the NJ State Physical Education Convention in Long Branch, NJ. Her session is entitled: "Lessons with a Tech Twist- Grades K-5"

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CHS Art Teacher **Bisa Butler** has her first solo show in New York. The exhibit is called "The People Could Fly: Royalty Without The Riches" the quilts of Bisa Butler at the Richard Beavers Gallery.

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CHS Choral Director **Jamie Bunce** was featured in **The Voice**, which is the nationally circulated magazine for Chorus America.

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Judy LoBianco, Supervisor of Health Physical Education and Nursing Services has received **the Honor Award** from the New Jersey Association for health physical education recreation and dance. The award is their highest honor, and is given to an outstanding professional in the field of health and physical education for a career of dedicated service and volunteerism. The awards banquet was held last night, 2/21 at the Ocean Place resort in Long Branch

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