

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions November 2019

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
Isaiah Siders Senior, CHS	Siders, a senior enrolled in the Interactive Media & Game Design CTE program in the CHS-Union County Vo-Tech shared time program has been selected for membership into the National Art Honor Society. The National Art Honor Society (NAHS) is a new district-wide honor society recognizing outstanding academic achievement in Visual Arts Career and Technical Education pathways. The induction ceremony will take place in February 2020.

Staff/Administrator Recognitions:

NAME/ROLE	RECOGNITION
Katie Simpson TESOL Teacher, Columbia High School (<i>Teaching English as a Second Language</i>)	<p>Nominated for the 2019-2020 national LifeChanger of the Year award for the work that she has done with students in the program. According to the nominator, "Simpson serves the neediest population at her school. The majority of the TESOL student body came from Haiti as refugees after the catastrophic 2010 earthquake. Simpson has been a large and vital part of helping many of these children rebuild their lives. She is often their first exposure to both the English language and American culture. In her warm and welcoming TESOL classroom, Simpson provides the continuity and stability necessary to facilitate learning."</p> <p>The LifeChanger of the Year is an annual program sponsored by National Life Group that recognizes and rewards K-12 educators and school employees across the country who are making a significant difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership. LifeChanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seventeen individual LifeChanger of the Year awards will be given during the 2019-2020 school year and the grand prize finalists and winner will be honored/announced at a national awards ceremony in April 2020 in Florida.</p> <p>http://app.lifechangeroftheyear.com/nomination_detail.cfm?NominationID=3654&NominationYear=2019</p>
Johanna Barnhart Teacher, South Orange Middle School	<p>Ms. Barnhart's research paper submission, "Forty Years On: Social Class and Curriculum in the Era of Neoliberal Standardization" has been accepted for presentation at the 2020 AERA Annual Meeting. AERA received more than 15,100 submissions for the conference. The annual meeting will be held April 2020, in San Francisco, CA.</p> <p>The American Educational Research Association (AERA), a national research society, strives to advance knowledge about education, to encourage scholarly inquiry related to education, and to promote the use of research to improve education and serve the public good.</p>