



Board of Education Recognitions

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<p>SOMSD Teachers from Achieve Foundation</p>	<p>Congratulations to the teachers and teams of teachers who received Deborah Prinz Educator Grants this month through the Achieve Foundation. Achieve board members delivered more than \$23,600 in grant funding for 14 projects and programs across SOMSD, adding to nearly \$62,000 for 41 grants awarded this past fall. We are grateful for this continued investment in our educators and students, and for the creative opportunities these grants make possible throughout the district.</p>
<p>Sophia Kahn Lola Karp-Foster Columbia High School</p>	<p>Columbia High School is proud to recognize Sophia Kahn as our Class of 2026 valedictorian and Lola Karp-Foster as our salutatorian. Sophia will be attending the University of Pennsylvania, where she plans to study political science and Spanish, after serving as managing editor of The Columbian and being selected for the New Jersey Scholars Program.</p> <p>Lola plans to study biomedical engineering, focusing on neural technologies, building on her advanced classes and research experience in neuroscience. Even though they've taken different paths, both Sophia and Lola have made a real impact at Columbia through their hard work, curiosity, and dedication.</p> <p>Congratulations!</p>