

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions

February 21, 2021

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
CHS Girls Basketball Team	<p>Congratulations to members of the CHS girls' basketball team who so far have an undefeated record for their season (9-0) with their defeat against, Newark Tech yesterday. Go Cougars.</p> <p>[Note: The team has a 2/18 game against Bloomfield, update will be provided by BOE meeting)</p>
CHS: Natalie Urosov, 9 th Grade	<p>Natalie Urosov a CHS freshman received a triple win for the 2021 Scholastic Art & Writings Awards presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Natalie won Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention for her works and received the award letter in late January. Her Gold Key work award automatically advanced her to the national level of adjudication in NYC. National Medal award will be announced on March 17.</p> <p>Since 1923 the Scholastic Awards have recognized some of America's most celebrated artists when they were teenagers. Natalie is part of an esteemed group of Alumni which include, Andy Warhol, Stephen King, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates to name a few.</p>
CHS: Elizabeth Crofton, Senior Lillian Petruziello, Sneior	<p>Columbia High School Seniors Receive Scholastic Art Awards</p> <p>Columbia High School Seniors Elizabeth Crofton and Lillian Petruziello are both recipients of 2021 Scholastic Arts Awards! The Scholastic Art & Writing Competition is the nation's longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Teens in grades 7-12 (ages 13 and up) can apply in 28 categories of arts and writing.</p> <p>The students submitted several pieces to the Scholastic Awards Competition in December 2020 and were thrilled to hear some of their pieces received honorable mention and a Gold Key award in this regional competition. Elizabeth Crofton's works are "Contrasting Cubes: Growth and Decay" which received an honorable mention and her "Treehouse: Bahay Kubo" earned a Gold Key Award.</p> <p>Elizabeth Crofton created a treehouse inspired by "Bahay Kubo," the Filipino indigenous house, which was inspired by her mother's heritage. For "Contrasting Cubes: Growth and Decay"] Crofton was tasked to craft cubes that explore two opposing characters so she chose to contrast growth and decay.</p> <p>Lillian Petruziello's pieces "Kewpie" and "Phobia" both received honorable mentions. "Kewpie", is a colored pencil still life of objects from her mother's childhood and "Phobia" is a watercolor painting.</p>

	Special thanks to CHS Art Educator Kirk Maynard for mentoring the students and encouraging them to submit their art works.
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Staff:

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<p>Maplewood Middle School: Jonathan Crosse, 8th grade</p>	<p>Jonathan Crosse an 8th grader at MMS has been selected as one of EVERFI's <u>FutureSmart scholarship</u> recipients! As a winner, Jonathan will receive a \$1,000 college savings gift card that can be deposited into the 529 savings plan of his/her choice.</p> <p>Jonathan was encouraged to apply by his teacher, Mary-Alice Zavocki, STEM Teacher - Creative Comp/Design at MMS. The FutureSmart scholarship program is provided through the Mass Mutual Foundation. The FutureSmart program course provided at MMS provides interactive exercises that challenge students to make choices in real-life scenarios to achieve important goals around saving, job planning, and budgeting. Using their knowledge and experience from the course, students set their own financial goals and make plans for their future.</p> <p>The FutureSmart Scholarship contest is open to any U.S. student in grades 6-8 who has completed at least three of the FutureSmart digital lessons. In addition, to completing the digital lessons, students had to submit a short essay about what they learned, and how the FutureSmart program has made an impact on them.</p>