

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions January 2020

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
CHS Students	<p>Eight Columbia High School student performers: Racquel (Rocky) Anicette, Anna Higer-Paris, David Harper, Jordan Muhammad, William Nash, Madison McGehee, Silas Silverman-Stoloff and Sylvie Schuetz hit the boards in New York City from Jan 17 - 19th, for Vanguard Theater Company's presentation of Spring Awakening at the American Theater for Actors on West 54th.</p> <p><i>Spring Awakening</i> is a rock musical with music by Duncan Sheik and a book and lyrics by Steven Sater. It is based on the 1891 German play Spring Awakening by Frank Wedekind. It was presented by Vanguard Theater Company, directed by Janeece Freeman Clark, with choreography by Lawrence Dandridge, musical direction by Sam Sultan, and intimacy choreography by April Leonhard. It features a cast of 20 teen and two adult performers from New York and New Jersey.</p> <p>Vanguard's production of <i>Spring Awakening</i> is part of a special program called DREAM VTC, made possible in part by generous grants from the New Jersey Council on the Arts, and TeeRico by Lin-Manuel Miranda.</p>
Cole Strupp, <i>Sophomore, CHS</i>	<p>The National student journal "Albricias", published by the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica; a very competitive publication that only accepts submissions in Spanish and Portuguese, has selected for publication an article written by Cole Strupp. Cole Strupp is a sophomore at Columbia High School and a member of Columbia High School Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica. His article will be published on the March 2020 issue.</p> <p>Congratulations to Cole Strupp for being the first member of our school community to be published in such a prestigious national publication.</p> <p><i>Submitted by: Dr. Ramón Robles-Fernández</i></p>
CHS Students	<p>Five students from CHS, Joshua Lee, Clarinet, Brian da Silva, Bassoon, Daniel Maloof, French horn, Noah Schloff, French horn and Seth Peiris, Basson, have been selected as members of the 2019-2020 North Jersey Region Honors Bands. Their selection comes after months of diligent practice and a successful audition at Paramus High School. Of the five, four students were accepted as members of the Region Symphonic Band and one one selected as a member of the Region Wind Ensemble. Additionally, their selection to the region ensembles also qualifies them all to audition for the New Jersey All-State Band.</p> <p><i>Submitted by: Peter F. Bauer, Director of Bands</i></p>
Anna Paul Junior, CHS	<p>Anna Paul, a CHS Junior, was an essay contest honoree in the New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission's 2019 Essay Contest on "Women Who Led... They Cared... They Dared..." Anna, a junior at Columbia High School in Honors Gender Identities across Literary Movements, wrote about Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a prominent African-American journalist, activist, and researcher who used her investigative and writing skills to battle the sexism, racism, and violence she witnessed in the conditions of African Americans.</p>

Staff/Administrator Recognitions:

Recognition to the following SOMSD administrators who were recently awarded the Achieve Foundations, "*Deborah M. Prinz Administrator Grants*." These grants are awarded to district administrators for special projects that benefit a school, grade level or department, and in December, Achieve was pleased to present nearly \$34,000 for the following 11 initiatives to take place this school year:

Title	Serving	Recipient	\$ Funded
One Book/One Grade	5th Graders District Wide	Ann Bodnar/Karen Weiland	\$6,500.00
2020 NJ Teen Arts Festival Participation	9-12	James Manno	\$1,770.00
Mindfulness Education for students, teachers and families	Jefferson	Kim Hutchinson/Angel Rivera	\$600.00
Fifth Grade Flexible Seating to Enhance Collaboration	Tuscan	Malikah Majeed	\$5,000.00
Mindfulness Mondays	Clinton	Jennifer Connors	\$3,255.00
Buckets of Creativity (class-chosen materials for indoor recess)	Seth Boyden	Shannon Glander/Sheila Murphy	\$5,520.00
Understanding the "Other" through Diverse and Global Literature	Grades 2-12	Jane Beane-Folkes/Jennifer Latimer	\$1,000.00
Parent-School English Language Connection: Navigating US School and Free ESL Classes for Parents	Parents and guardians of English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-12	Ramon Robles/Katie Simpson	\$2,874.25
Responsive Classroom - Closing the Circle At Seth Boyden	Seth Boyden	Shannon Glander/Sheila Murphy	\$4,160.00
Anatomy Classroom Resource	12th	Jameel Misbahudin	\$288.00
Advancing Mindfulness at MMS	MMS	Dara Gronau and Guidance Dept.	\$3,000.00