

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions

January 25, 2021

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
CHS Cross Country Team	<p>Congratulations to members of the CHS cross country girls and boys teams for their placement in the 2020 SEC (Super Essex Conference) All Conference Cross Country Teams for the American Division. Also, congratulations to the Boys Varsity Cross Country for taking 3rd place in state sectionals. The Super Essex conference is a conference comprised of all the Essex county schools. It is broken into 3 divisions, of which American the one Columbia belongs to is the strongest. Announcements were made in late December.</p> <p>2020 SEC All Conference Cross Country Team Placements:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Girls All Conference Cross-Country</u></p> <p><i>First Team:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirah Tianga, CHS Senior, 1st place in conference • Svea Wickelgren, CHS Senior, 6th place in conference <p><i>Second Team:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mae Dowling, 10th place <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Boys All Conference Cross-Country Team</u></p> <p><i>First Team:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javier Casella, CHS Junior, 4th place in conference • Aaron Glassman, CHS Junior, 7th place in conference • Nate Lindstrom, CHS Junior, 11th place in conference <p><i>Second Team:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Flynn, CHS Senior & Team Captain, 5th place in conference • William Griffith, CHS Senior, 7th place in conference <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Boys Varsity Cross Country Team Members (3rd place state sectionals)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Butkus, CHS Sophomore • Joshua Lee, CHS Senior • Nate Lindstrom, CHS Junior • Aaron Glassman, CHS Junior • Javier Glassman, CHS Junior • Daniel Flynn, CHS Senior • William Griffith, CHS Senior <p>Coaches: Chris Faraone and Taylor Iraggi</p>
CHS: Sophia Plaitakis Avani Mitra	<p>The Art Administrators of New Jersey (AANJ) is presented the 2021 Emerging Artists Virtual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, January 24. Two Columbia High School photography students were featured at the event, Sophia Plaitakis & Avani Mitra.</p>

	<p>This is the thirty third annual Emerging Artist Exhibit sponsored by the Art Administrators of New Jersey (AANJ). This exhibit presents art work produced by students who are studying art in high schools throughout the State of New Jersey.</p> <p>The works are judged and Awards of Merit and Honorable Mention are presented to student artists. Award recipients are eligible to submit a portfolio of images and compete in the Art Administrators' Achievement Award program in which one student will be selected to receive an additional cash recognition and a Governor's Award in the spring. This year's show included work from twenty-eight students from twenty-one high schools across the state.</p>
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Staff:

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<p>Maplewood Middle School: Dara Gronau, Principal</p>	<p>Dara Gronau, Principal of Maplewood Middle School applied for and was awarded a \$10,000, Roberts Award grant through the New Leaders organization to support equity and inclusion. Principal Gronau's is a New Leaders alumni and her grant project will focus on literacy for and celebration of Black girls.</p> <p>New Leaders, mission is to ensure high academic achievement for all children, especially students in poverty and students of color, by developing transformational school leaders and advancing the policies and practices that allow great leaders to succeed.</p>