

# The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

## Board of Education Recognitions

**July 19, 2021**

### Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
CHS Girls Track Team Members	Congratulations to Svea Wickelgren (12), Sabrina McCrear (12), Peyton Hollis (9) and Ava Davis (9) of the Columbia High School Girls' 4X400 relay team who competed in the New Jersey Meet of Champions with 27 of the top relay teams in the state and placed 6th overall. And a special shout out to Peyton Hollis who placed 3rd in the state overall in the 800m open.
CHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Senior, Clarence Carnel-Jones (Class of 2021)</li></ul>	Congratulations to CHS, graduated senior, Clarence Carnel-Jones for receiving the "Unsung Hero Award." Every year, NJSBA and Essex County School Board Association hold an annual Unsung Student Achievement Awards highlighting students selected from participating high schools across the county. This year, counselors and building administrators selected Clarence Carnel-Jones to represent Columbia High School.
CHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sophomore, Burton Alexander</li></ul>	<p>Congratulations to Burton Alexander for representing CHS as a Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation of New Jersey (HOBY) Ambassador. Each year HOBY New Jersey welcomes select 10th graders from across the state for its annual leadership conference. This year, Sophomore Burton Alexander represented Columbia High School who reported back that "it was a great experience" and that he "came out with some concrete measures to strengthen my networking and leadership skills." Moreover, Burton looks "forward to utilizing these newly improved leadership skills to give back to the community."</p> <p>New Jersey HOBY has served as a motivational launch pad for young leaders since 1978. HOBY programs are conducted annually throughout the United States, serving local and international high school students. HOBY programs provide students selected by their schools to participate in unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences.</p>
CHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Maya Greenstein</li></ul>	<p>Since 1959, the Men of Essex have honored only the very best Essex County high school athletes and scholar-athletes for their achievements on the athletic field and in the classroom. It is recognized statewide as a prestige salute and annual rite of spring in Essex County Scholastic Circles.</p> <p>This year, Maya Greenstein was honored for "Outstanding Athletic Achievements" in Fencing. The 63rd Essex Awards Ceremonies was saluted virtually, due to COVID-19, via a podcast by D-1Media. The program was held on Wednesday, June 30, at 7 p.m.</p>
CHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Junior, Joe Davidman</li></ul>	<b>Congratulations to</b> rising Junior, <b>Joe Davidman</b> who won the USA National Teen powerlifting championship in June all the way in Colorado! Way to go, Joe!
CHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Senior, Jacob Messeri</li></ul>	Congratulations to graduated Senior Jacob Messeri, who was the winner of the <b>Investors Bank "Best Teammate Award."</b> Jacob played catcher for Columbia High School's baseball team. Columbia's coaches said that not only does Jacob help out in the bullpen — helping pitchers warm-up — he also organized a food drive that gathered more than 1,000 bags of groceries that were donated to local not-for-profit food pantries. Recipients of the 2021 Investors Bank Best Teammate Award, selected by their respective athletic departments, exemplify the strength of character, sportsmanship, and supportive spirit, said the organizers.

<p>CHS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ultimate Frisbee Team</li> </ul>	<p>Girls' Ultimate Frisbee. Columbia High School Girls Ultimate Frisbee Team, known as "Sparkle Motion," achieved the best record (5 wins and 2 losses) of any team within New Jersey this year. Sparkle Motion placed second in the State Championship after losing to Watchung by one point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHS Senior Skylar Yarter was voted Player of the Year by the New Jersey Girls All-State Players and, along with Junior Sydney Mannion, was named to the First Team for the New Jersey All-State Ultimate Team.</li> <li>• Seniors Molly Sandler and Melanie Spiegel were named to the Second Team.</li> <li>• Seniors Wenona Taiping-Moccia and Anna Paul and junior Vivian Welch all received honorable mention.</li> </ul> <p>Graduating CHS seniors include captains Molly Sandler, Melanie Spiegel, and Skylar Yarter and team members Lily Kubany, Zoë Newman, Charlotte Oliver, Anna Paul, Wenona Taiping-Moccia, and Allison Wisniewski.</p>
<p>CHS:</p> <p>Boys' &amp; Girls' Lacrosse Teams</p>	<p>Congratulations to our student-athletes who were selected to all-conference teams by coaches from both the Kimber, Freedom South, and Super Essex Conferences.</p> <p><b>Kimber Conference:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Team - RJ Benn, Walter Rae, and Banks Grumieaux</li> <li>• 2nd Team - Cole Able</li> <li>• Honorable Mention - Aden Verdun</li> </ul> <p><b>Super Essex Conferences (SEC):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEC All-Conference Liberty Division First Team - RJ Benn, Walter Rae, and Banks Grumieaux</li> <li>• SEC All-Conference Liberty Division Honorable Mention - Cole Able</li> <li>• SEC All-Conference Liberty Division First Team - Lily Ramos &amp; Lila Price</li> <li>• SEC All-Conference Liberty Division 2nd Team - Jamie Fardin &amp; Julianne Hatton-Henigan</li> <li>• SEC All-Conference Liberty Division Honorable Mention - Indigo Banjo</li> <li>• SEC All-Tournament Team - Lily Ramos</li> </ul> <p><b>Freedom South:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Sportsmanship Award - Columbia High School Girls Lacrosse</li> <li>• NJIGLL 2nd Team - Lily Ramos &amp; Lila Price</li> <li>• NJIGLL Honorable Mention - Jamie Fardin</li> <li>• Academic All-League - Lily Ramos, Lila Price &amp; Jamie Fardin</li> </ul>
<p>CHS Boys' Tennis Team Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Troy Lee</li> <li>• Noah Eisenberg</li> <li>• Leo Brash</li> <li>• Emmett Leonard</li> <li>• Ian Frey</li> <li>• Charlie Stamm</li> <li>• Silas Silverman-Stoloff</li> </ul>	<p>Congratulations to the following players for the 2020 – 2021 Tennis team for their individual achievements and selections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essex County 1st Team - Troy Lee</li> <li>• Essex County 2nd Team - Noah Eisenberg, Leo Brash, Emmett Leonard, Ian Frey</li> <li>• Essex County Honorable Mention - Charlie Stamm, Silas Silverman-Stoloff</li> </ul>

CHS Softball Team:

- Sydney Waldon

NJ.COM listed CHS Softball team member, Sydney Waldon as a top 25 breakthrough player in the state of New Jersey this season. Sydney led most of the year with over 200 strikeouts