

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions

March 15, 2021

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
CHS: Cougar Girls' Basketball Team	As we celebrate Women's History Month, we want to acknowledge and congratulate the CHS Cougar's Girls basketball team who finished their season undefeated with a 12-0 record and were the Liberty Division Champions as part of the Super Essex Conference.
CHS: Cougar Girls' Fencing Team	As we celebrate Women's History Month, we want to highlight and congratulate the CHS Cougars Girls Fencing team who ended their season undefeated, with a 9-0 record; and ranked #2 in their conference. It's the Cougars' first unbeaten season since their 2015-16 campaign in which they went 11-0.
CHS: Cougars, Boys' Basketball Team	Congratulations to the CHS Boys' Basketball team who made it to the playoffs and ended their season with an 11-4 record. The team was very competitive in one of the strongest divisions in the state the American Division of the Super Essex Conference
CHS: National Honor Society Inductees	<p>Columbia High School is proud to announce the Class of 2022 students, 108 in total, who will be inducted into this year's National Honor Society.</p> <p>The National Honor Society was founded to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools around the country.</p> <p>CHS Faculty and Administrators are impressed with their expression of commitment to academic excellence, their demonstrations of school character and citizenship, the ways in which they have accessed and grown in leadership and service, and for their commitment to continued growth as a scholar and citizen of Columbia. This year's inductee's include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ella Abramson● Lillie Austin● Lillian Bak● Lauren Barnett● Emma Booker-Dodd● Layla Brisset● Julia Bromfeld● Benno Broncel● Katherine Brown● Charlotte Busch-Vogel● Elizabeth Byrd

- Lachlan Campbell
- Shania Campbell
- Jillian Canning
- Damien Cataneo
- Ella Cervi
- Jesse Cherins
- Olivia Chung
- Eve Citron
- Aidan Conway
- Emilia Cramer
- Alexander Crosby
- Aidan Cunningham
- Maia Curran
- Sawyer Dahlen
- Wuraola Daramola
- Piper Davenport
- Makenna Davis
- Noah Eisenberg
- Joshua Essner
- James Evans
- Zoe Ferguson
- Gianna Forrester
- Lucy Freeman
- Benjamin Fuhrman
- Dylan Gill
- Eloise Glantz
- Aaron Glassman
- Maya Glenn
- Laila Gold
- Daniel Goldsmith
- Taylor Goodson
- Daria Gordon
- Lyra Graff
- Isioma Grant
- Lucia Guerrieri
- Aidan Haley
- Peter Hamel
- Kyle Haniph
- Charlotte Hartevelde
- Phoebe Hill
- Hayley Hutchinson
- Alex Iozzio
- Bella Jasper
- Leonard Jasper
- Gideon Johnson
- Zachary Johnson
- Lauren Kasdan
- Jackson Kondak
- Emma Kosik
- Olivia Kramer
- Nina Kremen
- Jason Lam

- Brianna Lucas
- Camryn Lyken
- Jack Maitlin
- Susanna Mann
- Sydney Mannion
- Griffin Marks
- Cassidy Moskowitz
- Anthony Offiah
- Sadie Ordower
- Faith Orzeck
- Jesiah Owens
- Jady Park
- Lucy Parry
- Seth Peiris
- Elianna Perlman
- Nathan Perlman
- Coralie Pierre
- Courtney Plaza
- Lillie Promisel
- Cassandra Ratkevich
- Calliope Reeves
- Elodie Reeves
- Evalyn Rhody
- Katherine Rohan
- Andrew Rowley
- Sarah Schneider
- Cyrus Shields
- Katherine Spangler
- Aoife Spiesel
- Tyler Stephan
- Johannes Stoeber
- Ada Stout
- Fiona Strasser
- Clare Strasser
- Marley Striem
- Cole Strupp
- Kaia Thelwell
- Thomas Troesch
- Katie Trzaska
- Maeve Tuohy
- Oren Van Allen
- Evelyn Van de North
- Kathleen Wack
- Ariella Weiss
- Addie Wiener

We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments with our current NHS members in a virtual ceremony later in May.

Staff:

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<p>Dr. Jane Beane-Folkes, ELA Supervisor</p>	<p>ELA Supervisor, Dr. Jane Beane-Folkes along with C&I Department launched the SOMSD Project Literacy. A reading book distribution event designed to support students reading at home. The range of books selected aims to match each reader, and it instills the love of reading shared by the student's teacher. The book bundle supports both fiction and nonfiction reading at the heart of all disciplines across all grade levels. Students and/or parents are invited to come during their school's allotted timeframe to pick-up their curated book selection.</p> <p>The first event took place for middle school students on Saturday, March 6 and working with PTA parents, school administrators and staff, they were able to collate and distribute approximately 350 bags of books at MMS and close to 500 bags at SOMS.</p> <p>The next SOMD Project Literacy took place at Seth Boyden on Sat., March 13. Subsequent book events will be coordinated and take place at individual schools in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>Julie Porter RN, CSN South Mountain Annex School Nurse & SOMSD School Nurse Leader</p>	<p>Julie Porter was recognized as a “Shero” by the Department of Community Services and Arts and Culture as an essential worker who helped the township, staff and community continue and function safely during COVID.</p> <p>Maplewood and South Orange pays tribute to female front line workers for Women’s History Month ’21. SHEROES, an exhibit celebrating female essential workers, will grace the windows of 1978 Springfield Avenue, highlighting the contributions made of WOMEN as Essential Workers, on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Their unwavering dedication to keep working through the worst of the coronavirus crises, to ensure the health, protection, and safety of the community, is a testament to the sheer Sheroic strength of women and the value women hold in all areas of the workforce.</p>

Community Organization:

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<p>The Achieve Foundation</p>	<p>We want to acknowledge and thank our partners the Achieve Foundation who have funded 50 projects totaling \$66,170 this school year (\$60,524 from Achieve budget; \$5,636 in direct community support). Most notably we want to highlight their YMCA scholarship fundraising effort in support of families who expressed hardship and significant need for childcare access. Achieve was able to raise over</p>

\$43,000 and \$20,000 was given to the District to aid our families and provide childcare support via the YMCA.

The Achieve Foundation of South Orange & Maplewood raises funds to promote exemplary public education for all students and educators in our community. Achieve is a registered, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Many community volunteers join together to pursue its mission by organizing events and campaigns and by seeking corporate and institutional grants. Achieve's funds are distributed exclusively to educators in the ten schools of the School District of South Orange and Maplewood for classroom grants, volunteer tutors, professional development, innovative pilot programs and much more to enrich the learning experience at all grade levels.