

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions February 29, 2024

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Columbia High School	Congratulations to the Cougar Girls Fencing Team for winning NJSIAA District 3 on Sunday, February 4th. The team advances to the NJSIAA Team Tournament.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Columbia High School	Congratulations to Senior Girls Basketball Player, Talia Baptiste. Talia scored her 1000th career point on February 15th in a regular season game vs. Bernards High School. Baptiste has committed to Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck where she will play for the school's Division 1 Women's Basketball Team and major in biology.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Columbia High School	Congratulations to Columbia High School Wrestlers on their success at NJSIAA District 11 at Morristown on February 18th. Jared Van Allen won District Champion. August Kata and Reid Ordower both won 2nd Place prizes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Columbia High School	Congratulations to Columbia High School junior, Laurel Sackett, who competed at the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships in Las Vegas last week. Sackett became a double national medalist, earning both bronze and pewter medals with her team.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maplewood Middle SchoolSouth Orange Middle School	Congratulations to the cast and crew of Maplewood Middle School's excellent production of "Mean Girls, Jr." They put on excellent performances under the leadership of MMS Choral Director Regina Bradshaw. The cast and crew of the South Orange Middle School's Select Drama Club also gave outstanding performances of their spring drams, "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon." Congratulations to all of the students and staff and students who worked with Drama Teacher Kara Bowe on the great production. .
<ul style="list-style-type: none">South Orange Middle School	South Orange Middle School's Ailey Dance Kids took the stage at the South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC) to give their finale performance on Tuesday night. The 11 seventh-graders and 23 eighth-graders performed a variety of jazz and modern dance pieces they learned by working with artists-in-residence from the Alvin Ailey Foundation's Arts In Education & Community Programs.