

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions

January 26, 2023

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
<p>CHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cameron Dickson (AP Studio Art class of Ms. Alexandra Cappucci)• Regie Deeble Jackson, (Art 3 Honors class of Ms. Kandice Stewart)	<p>Congratulations to CHS students, Cameron Dickson and Regie Deebke Jackson whose artwork was chosen to be showcased at the 2023 AANJ Emerging Artists exhibition of artwork from high school students throughout the state of New Jersey.</p> <p>This exhibit will be open from January 13 through January 29 at the James Howe Gallery in the Vaughn Eames Building at Kean University, with the closing reception and awards ceremony held in the gallery on Sunday, January 29, 2023, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.</p>
<p>CHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sophia Franklin• Jackson Pellegrino	<p>Congratulations to CHS students, Sophia Franklin and Jackson Pellegrino who have been selected as members of the 2022/2023 North Jersey Region Honors Bands. Sophia, a senior percussionist was selected as a member of the Region Symphonic Band, and Jackson, junior tenor saxophonist was selected as a member of the Region Wind Ensemble.</p> <p>Their selection to the region ensembles qualifies them to audition for the New Jersey All-State Band.</p>
<p>CHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abigail Freeman	<p>Congratulations to CHS student, Abigail Freeman who was presented the Youth Leadership Award by the NJ Chinese Teachers Association. Abigail is co-president of the Chinese Honors Society and co-founder of the Chinese Language and Culture Club, and continues to actively promote diverse culture in various projects and festivals.</p>
<p>CHS</p>	<p>Guildscript. The Columbia High School art and literary magazine, received a First Place award from the American Scholastic Press Association for its 2022 edition. The annual magazine received high marks in design, organization, and presentation. The Association stated that the Guildscript exhibited "superior efforts of talented and creative editors, writers, artists, photographers, layout/graphic designers, staff members and advisors!" It also commented that the "ability to keep your publication alive and printing during a pandemic is a testament to your dedication and devotion to your publication, school, [and] community..."</p> <p>The 2022 Guildscript Advisors, Ms. Lubrano and Ms. Malhotra, are delighted that the magazine was so well received and attribute the magazine's success to the dedication and hard work of all the editors, writers and artists involved.</p> <p>Editor-in-Chief Writers Group Leader: Kate Kampner</p> <p>Managing Editor Writers Group Leader: Nina Krauss</p>

	<p>Art/Photo Editor: Pilar Uhl</p> <p>Advisors 2022: LauraLee Lubrano (Literary) Cindy Malhotra (Art/Design)</p>
CHS	<p>The Short Documentary Film titled "The Healing" has been accepted to be screened at the 21st Annual Garden State Film Festival [GSFF].</p> <p>This film is a result of an Artist-In-Resident Project funded by ACHIEVE FOUNDATION Arts Administrative Grant crafted by Arts Supervisor Mr. James A Manno, Television Industry Professional and South Orange Resident, Mr. Sean McCourt, who worked collaboratively with Columbia High School Film students in Mr. Paul Marigiliano's classes, to capture struggles and triumphs experienced by staff and students in SOMSD arts programs during the COVID-19 Pandemic lockdown.</p> <p>All films will screen once during the festival in either Asbury Park or Cranford, NJ during March 23-26, 2023.</p>
Students from Montrose Early Childhood Center, Clinton Elementary and Zadie's of the Oranges PreKindergarten Site	<p>This year, Pre-K students from Montrose and Zadie's along with Clinton Elementary Second graders designed luminaries to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in support of the Annual MLK Celebration organized by the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race. Each student was given a luminary to decorate with images that represent Dr. King's vision. Many students attended the ceremony and the procession up the aisle to the stage and shared their luminaries while the audience sang "We Shall Overcome."</p>

Staff Recognitions:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul Marigiliano, CHS ● Dorota Martinez, CHS ● Xuelin Li, MMS, SOMS, CHS ● Christine Kleinwaks, MMS ● Elyssa Pierre-LeBris, MMS ● Kara Bowe, SOMS ● Caitlin Dennehey, SOMS ● Jen McClure, SOMS ● Annamaria Saraceno, SOMS ● Lora Tazewell, SOMS ● Susan Brody, Seth Boyden ● Julie Ann Curley, Seth Boyden ● Shella Mesidor-Villard, Seth Boyden 	<p>The Achieve Foundation is proud to announce its 2022-23 Deborah Prinz Educator Grants. This month, Achieve is awarding 15 grants totaling over \$37,000 in funding to educators across the District! A complete list of grant awards for this round of funding can be found on the achievethefoundation.org website.</p>

Maplewood Middle School

MMS Principal Dara Gronau and MMS Social Worker Gloria Diaz co-wrote and received a \$23,000 Roberts Award grant entitled "Middle School Mental Health Matters." MMS will use these additional funds to support mental health and social emotional learning programming and materials at MMS. This includes but is not limited to an expanded peer resolution program, materials to further invest in their advisory program, add mindfulness spaces, yoga sessions, and staff development. This grant will further support school climate and culture plans this year at MMS. There will be a lens for programming that implements creative solutions for our BIPOC and ELL students. Ms. Gronau thanks Dr. Gilbert and Dr. Taylor for their support of SEL and mental health programs at MMS!