

**The School District of South Orange & Maplewood**  
**Board of Education Recognitions**  
**June 27, 2024**

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Columbia High School</li> </ul>	<p>Columbia High School Graduate Samuel Taber-Kewene has been awarded the Gold Medal American Visions award by the Alliance for Young Artists &amp; Writers' Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The award is the organization's highest honor. Previous winners of this award include Stephen King, Andy Warhol, and Joyce Carol Oates.</p> <p>Taber-Kewene earned the award with his painting "The Acrobat," which was displayed at the South Orange Performing Art Center (SOPAC) in the CHS Advanced Placement (AP) Art Showcase.</p> <p>As part of the honor of winning the American Vision award, "The Acrobat," will be exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Ruth and Harold D. Uris Center for Education as part of the Scholastic National Show. Also, Taber-Kewene and some of his teachers will be honored at an upcoming ceremony at Carnegie Hall.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Columbia High School</li> </ul>	<p>Congratulations to the Columbia Cougar Boys Tennis Team for taking first place this spring and winning the Super Essex Conference Liberty Division. The team was 8-0 in the division and finished 12-7 overall.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Columbia High School</li> </ul>	<p>Congratulations to the Columbia High School Cougar Girls Lacrosse Team who took first place this spring in the Super Essex Conference Liberty Division.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Columbia High School</li> </ul>	<p>Congratulations to Cougar Senior Student-Athletes Madison Stevens and Zhamir Rowan for their outstanding performances in the NJSIAA Meet of Champions held on June 12th. Stevens placed third overall in the shot put and Rowan placed fifth overall in the long jump.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Columbia High School</li> </ul>	<p>On June 10th, the Achieve Volunteer Tutor Program held its Volunteer Tutor Appreciation Reception. While all tutors were honored, some tutors received special awards for their contributions to the program.</p>

The Kohl Angelo Award was established in memory of the MMS student who passed away in 2012, and it is given to an outstanding middle school tutor. Receiving the award this year is Alice Hagler, a Maplewood Middle School 7th grader, for her efforts as a committed tutor at Delia Bolden.

The Dubrow Awards are named for the late David Dubrow, a longtime champion of the Achieve Volunteer Tutor Program. David's wife, Fran Dubrow, was in attendance to help honor this year's winners, which included:

Theodore Abbate  
Karol Agila  
Yael Ben-Adi  
Julia Feinleib  
Dylan Headley  
Stella Iyengar  
Lillian Kyle  
Tessa Lipkin  
Clara Paytner  
Clover Rosenberg  
Amina Swarns  
Rebecca Weinfeld.

The following students received Stellar Seniors Awards for graduating tutors who volunteered with Achieve for three or more years:

Chloe E. Barter  
Emmi Beemer  
Molly Bigelow  
Julia Brochin  
Norah Brown  
Kenzie Carlson  
Sariah Clemmons  
Ted Davis  
Jaime DeLilio  
Eric Donaty  
Lilly Eliasevich  
Charlie Fine  
Siena Goldfarb  
Maddie Goodrich  
Evan Greenblatt  
Julie Hairston  
Isaac Hempstead

Nigel Hu  
Serena Ilenis  
Celeste Intagliata  
Ehizogie Joshua  
Charlotte Keenan  
Rina Kitzinger  
James Lederman  
Eli Lefferts  
Nomi Livneh  
Sierra Mannion  
Alex Mintz  
James Monakey  
Margo Rosenband  
Samantha Sauer  
Lilah Sigalos  
Nadia Springer  
Sadie Springer  
Natalie Urusov  
Ometh Vithana  
Elinor Von Brachel  
Gianni Zaccarelli.