

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions

June 22, 2023

Student Recognitions:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Z Hunt ○ Kady Mark ○ June Worrell 	Congratulations to Z Hunt, Kady Mark, and June Worrell, who have been chosen to have their artworks displayed at SOPAC's INSPIRED MINDS Exhibition. This year, almost 1,000 items were submitted by students, and the committee chose 73 to be included in the exhibition. SOPAC seeks to showcase the many artistic voices of Essex County high school art students through this selection process.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Faris Abouelnaja 	Congratulations to photography student, Faris Abouelnaja who's photo was accepted into the virtual exhibition "We the Place: <i>Our Home, Our Environment, Our World</i> ." This is a national juried competition held by the Bachelor's of Fine Arts photography/video program at the School of Visual Arts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bonney Donachie ○ Emma Hayden ○ Jordan Kinley ○ Ciara Navan ○ Zachary Urist 	Congratulations to the CHS Visual Art students that were chosen to compete in this year's State Teen Arts Festival. The New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival is a statewide culminating arts event dedicated to motivating young artists, educators, professional artists, and art advocates from across the state. The festival celebrates the achievements of New Jersey's teen artists by displaying their creative efforts in the literary, performing, and artistic arts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arushi Vadlamani 	Congratulations to Arushi Vadlamani, who is one of 12 vocalists selected into the NJ Association for Jazz Education (NJAJE) Honors All-State Jazz Choir. This is a highly exclusive ensemble that requires a candidate to apply through the school and with approval from a teacher.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Columbia High School Softball Team 	Columbia High School's softball team enjoyed their most successful season ever. The program finished with a 21-10 record, the most wins in program history. For the first time since 1983, the team progressed to the semifinals of the Essex County Tournament and won the NJSIAA Sectional Title (Group IV, Section 1) for the first time since 1977. Congratulations to our student-athletes and Head Coach Cliff Smith!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CHS Boys Lacrosse Team 	Congratulations to the CHS boys lacrosse team for taking 1st place this spring in the Bianchi Division of the State Boys Lacrosse League.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CHS Boys Tennis Team 	Congratulations to the CHS boys tennis team for taking 1st place this spring in the Super Essex Conference Liberty Division.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Madison Stevens 	Congratulations to Junior, Madison Stevens for placing 1st Overall on June 10th in the NJSIAA Group 4 and Silver Medal in the NJSIAA Meet of Champions for the Shotput and Discus Championships.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jaime Fardin ○ Daniel Butkus ○ Garrett Dyson ○ Julia Roses ○ Tess Schram 	<p style="text-align: center;">23-24 Annual Senior County and State Awards and Recognition</p> <p>Annually, the NJSIAA and the Essex County Athletic Director's Association recognize several student-athletes at each school. This year's Columbia High School is proud to announce and recognize the following Cougar Student-Athletes for their success:</p> <p>Congratulations to:</p> <p>Jamie Fardin: NJSIAA Women in Sports Award Daniel Butkus: NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete Award Garrett Dyson: Essex County Scholar-Athlete Award (Male) Julia Roses: Essex County Scholar-Athlete Award (Female) Tess Schram: Yogi Berra Museum Best Teammate Award</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maplewood Middle School Math Contestants 	<p>Congratulations to SOMSD middle schoolers who were invited to compete in three math contests: the American Mathematics Contest 8 (AMC 8), MathCounts, and Math Olympiad. All three contests are designed to be extremely challenging, even for the best students. Under the guidance of Maplewood Middle School (MMS) math teacher Mr. Marc Kessler, 109 MMS students participated in at least one of the competitions, with 35 competing in all three.</p> <p>Of the 56 MMS students who participated in the AMC 8, Evan Waller (8th grade) placed first, Abraham Hoffman (8th grade) placed second, and Gavin Lubomski (8th grade) tied Nora Sinclair (7th grade) for third. Evan Waller also received the Honor Roll Certificate for scoring in the top 5%.</p> <p>The MathCounts School Competition drew 71 contestants from MMS. The top four school finishers – Abraham Hoffman (8th grade), Ethan Lewars (8th grade), Brandon Schiff (8th grade), and Ted Masino (8th grade) – comprised the MMS team for the North Central New Jersey Chapter Competition. These finishers qualified to advance to the Chapter level as individuals: Gavin Lubomski (8th grade), Jeremy Crawford (8th grade), Max Ginsberg (8th grade), Charlie Fleischer (8th grade), Ruby Colvin (7th grade), Bea Lombardi (7th grade), Rowan/Andro Gries (8th grade). Additionally, Deven V. (6th grade) competed as an alternate.</p> <p>The Math Olympiad contest consisted of 5 rounds spanning several months, with 85 MMS students participating in at least one of the rounds. Scores were cumulative, with Abraham Hoffmann (8th grade) receiving the Highest Individual Scorer trophy for first place at MMS and a silver pin for finishing in the top 10% among the 18,762 contestants worldwide..</p> <p>The following students received an embroidered patch for finishing in the top 50% of Math Olympiad contestants worldwide: Lilliana Carothers (8th grade), Ruby Colvin (7th grade), Charlie Fleischer (8th grade), Max Ginsberg (8th grade), Tabitha Ginsberg (8th grade), Rowan/Andro Gries (8th grade), Luke Hall (8th grade), Abraham Hoffmann (8th grade), Alice Jeiven (6th grade), Aidan Kleinman (8th grade), Adrian Laast (8th grade), Gavin Lubomski (8th grade), Ted Masino (8th grade), Anushka Pimplaskar (8th grade), Felix Rotberg (8th grade), Ezra Rzetelny (8th grade), Brandon Schiff (8th grade), Evan Waller (8th grade), and Spencer Weinstein (7th grade).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● South Orange Middle School Math Contestants 	<p>Congratulations to SOMSD middle schoolers who were invited to compete in three math contests: the American Mathematics Contest 8 (AMC 8), MathCounts, and Math Olympiad. All three contests are designed to be extremely challenging, even for the best students. Under the guidance of South Orange</p>

	<p>Middle School (SOMS) math teacher Ms. Elizabeth LiPuma, 84 SOMS students participated in at least one competition, with 28 competing in all three.</p> <p>Of the 57 SOMS students who participated in the AMC 8, Isabelle Archer (8th grade) placed first, Theo Archer (8th grade) and Noah Trokenheim (7th grade) tied for second, and Caleb Rubinstein (7th grade) and Penuel Shapiro (8th grade) tied for third. Isabelle Archer, Theo Archer, and Noah Trokenheim also received the Honor Roll Certificate for scoring in the top 5%. The top three scores summed to 52 (out of 75), earning SOMS the School Certificate of Merit for demonstrating outstanding proficiency by scoring above 50.</p> <p>The MathCounts School Competition drew 48 competitors from SOMS. The top four finishers – Noah Trokenheim (7th grade), Theo Archer (8th grade), Isabelle Archer (8th grade), and Caleb Rubinstein (7th grade) – comprised the SOMS team for the North Central New Jersey Chapter Competition. These finishers qualified to advance to the Chapter level as individuals: Zane Merriweather (8th grade), Arjun Clifford (7th grade), Boyce Liu (7th grade), Mark Urusov (8th grade), Julien Khaw-Briot (7th grade), Preston Denis (8th grade), Evelyn Choi (8th grade), and Nathaniel Kraemer (8th grade). Additionally, Jack Solgan (8th grade) competed as an alternate.</p> <p>The Math Olympiad contest consisted of five rounds spanning several months, with 60 SOMS students participating in at least one of the rounds. Scores were cumulative, with Isabelle Archer (8th grade) receiving the Highest Individual Scorer trophy for first place at SOMS and the George Lenchner Award for a perfect score, achieved by only 105 students worldwide (0.56% of participants). Isabelle Archer and Noah Trokenheim (7th grade) won a Gold Math Olympiad logo pin for scoring in the top 2% among the 18,762 contestants worldwide. Theodore Archer (8th grade) and Caleb Rubinstein (7th grade) won Silver Math Olympiad logo pins for scoring in the top 10%.</p> <p>These four students, along with Joshua Akiode (8th grade), Zane Merriweather (8th grade), Penuel Shapiro (8th grade), Teagan Fineman (7th grade), Boyce Liu (7th grade), and Parker Howell (8th grade) formed the SOMS team. This team of 10 earned SOMS the High Achievement Certificate for scoring in the top 20% of all teams.</p> <p>The following students received an embroidered patch for finishing in the top 50% of Math Olympiad participants worldwide: Joshua Akiode (8th grade), Isabelle Archer (8th grade), Theo Archer (8th grade), Evelyn Choi (8th grade), Arjun Clifford (7th grade), Preston Denis (8th grade), Teagan Fineman (7th grade), Doran Goldberg (7th grade), Parker Howell (8th grade), Nathaniel Kraemer (8th grade), Joseph Lang-Weber (8th grade), Boyce Liu (7th grade), Wynchell Liu (6th grade), Zane Merriweather (8th grade), Arden Murphy (7th grade), Ashna Patel (7th grade), Caleb Rubinstein (7th grade), Caleb Salmon (8th grade), Penuel Shapiro (8th grade), Noah Trokenheim (7th grade), and Mark Urusov (8th grade).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Achieve Volunteer Tutors 	<p>At the Achieve Volunteer Tutor Program Recognition Ceremony honoring all of our volunteers held early this month, the following volunteers were recognized for outstanding service:</p> <p>Kohl Angelo Award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lawson Wahlers

Dubrow Awards:

- Sophia Barenholtz
- Malik Browne
- Lilly Elliasevich
- Miya Fleming
- Dana Gilbert
- Nawal Irfani
- Brooke Manoff
- Margot Rosenband
- Lilah Sigalos
- Ometh Vithana
- Gianni Zaccarelli

Super Seniors Awards: – for graduating tutors who volunteered with Achieve for three or more years:

- Tristan Bernard
- Sydney Chang
- Emily Donoghue
- Silas Epstein
- Owen Friedman
- Harumi Garrison
- Henry Greenstone
- Zoe Gilbert
- Eli Hakim
- Charley Halperin
- Lucia Hughes
- Abigail Jacobs
- Madison Kang
- Hannah Kennedy
- Jordan Klein
- Galia Koonyevsky
- Emia Lewis
- Braden Miller
- Claudia Nessin
- Erik Noble
- Reed Promisel
- Holden Reeves
- Julia Roses
- Juliet Shires,
- Kate Solomon
- Taylor Stalfaro
- Ava Stecker
- Justin Strugger
- Sam Svitavsky
- Ava Vroman

Distinguished Super Seniors: graduating tutors with three or more years of service who were also nominated for Dubrow Awards:

- Jeslyn Ero
- Robert Goldman
- Alexis Halm Owo
- Alessandra Hurtad
- Malachy Meyer
- Sandy Yang