

# The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

## Board of Education Recognitions

May 25, 2023

### Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Columbia High School</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bonny Donachie</li><li>○ Emma Hayden</li><li>○ Jordin Kinley</li><li>○ Ciara Navan</li><li>○ Zachery Urist</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Columbia High Arts is proud to announce that the following students were recognized for outstanding achievement in art at the Essex County Teen Arts Awards held on May 3rd at Essex County College.</p> <p>The students are: Bonny Donachie (12th grade) Emma Hayden (12th grade) Jordin Kinley (11th grade) Ciara Navan (11th grade) Zachery Urist (10th grade)</p> <p>As a result, the art pieces created by the above named students will be entered into the NJ State Teen Arts Festival. Congratulations!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Columbia High School</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sally Shupe</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Sally Shupe, a junior at CHS, has been named the principal/1st place guitarist for the 2023-2024 New Jersey All-State Jazz Ensemble. Her selection to the 2023 All-North Jersey Region Jazz Ensemble qualified her for the audition, and she outscored students from Ridge High School, The Pennington School, and Kingsway Regional to take first place. During the 2023 NJEA Teacher's Convention in Atlantic City, she will rehearse with the All-State Jazz Ensemble and perform twice, once in Atlantic City and once at the New Jersey Performance Arts Center. Congratulations!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Marshall Elementary Second Grade and Multiage Students</b></li></ul>	<p>Marshall Elementary School children took first place in the art category in the Essex County Law Day Contest. The goal of Law Day is to honor the rule of law in the United States. The theme for this year's conference was "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration." Mrs. Jessica Fong, our art teacher, collaborated with nearly 200 students in our second grade and multiage classes to produce a project that incorporated the American flag, the scales of justice, and children's self portraits. The quote: Injustice everywhere is a menace to justice everywhere (Dr. MLK, Jr.) was included throughout the project. The cover of the awards program included our artwork. Congratulations!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● South Mountain Elementary<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Alexa Byrd</li><li>○ Sydney Schwegman</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>South Mountain student, Alexa Byrd, has been chosen as a winner in the Essex County Clerk's "My Essex County" 4th grade poster contest. Alexa has been invited to attend a ceremony and will be presented with an award from Essex County Clerk Christopher J. Durkin.</p> <p>Congratulations to Sydney Schwegman, who was named an honorable mention in the "My Essex County" poster contest.</p> <p>Congratulations Alexa and Sydney!</p>

**Staff Recognitions:**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>SOMSD Music Department</b></li></ul>	The NAMM Foundation is proud to recognize the 830 school districts and 78 schools across 43 states for the outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders and their support for music education as part of a well-rounded education for all children. South Orange Maplewood Schools was awarded a Best Music Community another year!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Columbia High School</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Cliff Smith</li></ul></li></ul>	Congratulations to Columbia High School Head Softball Coach on his 100th career victory this past Thursday over Parsippany Hills.