

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions

November 17, 2022

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
CHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashley Fils-Aime	Congratulations to CHS Sophomore, Ashley Fils-Aime for being chosen as a Hobby Leader. Since 1958, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) has provided transformative leadership development training that has positively impacted the lives of over 500,000 high school students around the world. Ashley was chosen as a CHS Leader to attend this transformative experience of the HOBY State Leadership Seminar.

Staff Recognitions:

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Maplewood Middle School: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Principal Dara Gronau	Congratulations to MMS Principal Dara Gronau, who gained entrance into Cambiar Catalyst school systems fellowship. With Dr. Taylor's support, this school year she will engage with leaders across the country to learn best practices for school system leadership and implement an action impact project to benefit the larger school district community. Her learning for the year long fellowship will focus on the instructional excellence, racial equity and equity for marginalized groups, and supporting the needs of the whole child. Her action impact project will delve deeper into social emotional learning and climate and culture in schools.
South Orange Middle School: 7th Grade Science Teachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Anthony CiceniaNicole ChirloFrank Guastella	Congratulations to South Orange Middle School (SOMS) for being the first school in Essex County to attain River-Friendly Certification through a partnership with Rahway River Watershed Association (RRWA). Led by SOMS 7th grade science teachers, Mr. Anthony Cicenia, Mrs. Nicole Chirlo & Mr. Frank Guastella the River-Friendly school program helps teachers, students, and school leaders reduce water pollution while creating new teaching opportunities, enhancing wildlife habitats, and establishing a healthier environment for our children. Certification is offered at several different levels based on points achieved through lessons and hands-on projects in any of the four River-Friendly categories: water quality, water conservation, wildlife habitat, and education & outreach. SOMS 7th grade Science teachers and SOMS administrators held a celebratory ceremony on Thursday, November 3 will included the unveiling of a sign placed in front of South Orange Middle School displaying recognition of this truly outstanding accomplishment.