

The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

Board of Education Recognitions September 29, 2022

Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
CHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Okherra Prosper, Senior	Okherra (12th grader) won a gold medal from the NAACP Afroacademic Cultural Technological and Scientific Olympics in the STEM Category: Chemistry/BioChemistry at their National Competition. She presented research on the capabilities of roots that are eaten throughout the Caribbean, South America, and Asia as biosorbents for heavy metals.
CHS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Holden Reeves, Senior	<p>Congratulations to CHS Senior, Holden U. Reeves, who was named a 2023 National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist.. Holden was one of 16,000 students who was recently designated semifinalists on a state representational basis for the 68th National Merit Scholarship Program. The nationwide pool of semifinalists representing less than 1% of high school senior, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.. The semi-finalists will compete for more than 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be announced in spring 2023.</p> <p>The District also wants to congratulate the 21 CHS Seniors who were named as 2023 National Merit Scholarship program, Commended Students. Commended students are recognized for their exception academic promise. The CHS commended seniors are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Burton M. Alexander2. Isaac W. Arnold Berkov3. Daniel A. Butkus4. Brandon S. Doubek5. Garrett S. Dyson6. Isaac S. Fleischer7. Sophia E. Franklin8. Owen R. Friedman9. Olivia R. Gibbons10. Maya S. Glynn11. Robert M. Goldman12. Benjamin E. Hanselman13. Jordan R. Klein14. Jaden J. Lee15. Cyrus I. Merriweather16. Malachy L. Meyer17. Claudia A. Negin18. Samuel E. Svitavsky19. Walker J. Szczecina20. Hudson A. Tyler21. Ian R. Wissel

Staff Recognitions:

<p>SOMSD Arts Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stacey Lawrence, English Department, Poetry Teacher	<p>CHS English teacher and poet Stacey Lawrence wrote a poem: “Pre Pandemic Field Trip” from a grant she was awarded from Arts by People. A short animated mixed-media film was created to accompany the poem based on CHS students taking a poetry hike with Lawrence at the South Mountain Reservation.</p> <p>Poem Film Link: https://youtu.be/w001IRCFYsg</p>
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