

# The School District of South Orange & Maplewood

## Board of Education Recognitions December 2019

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### Student Recognitions:

NAME/SCHOOL	RECOGNITION
<b>Jordan Miller</b> Senior, CHS	<p>Columbia High School Film Student Jordan Miller won The Best Fiction Film Award for his movie titled "You Have The Right To Remain Silent" on Saturday, December 7, 2019, at the 5th Annual Ramapo College of NJ High School Film Festival.</p> <p>This was the 5th annual Ramapo College of New Jersey Film Festival and this year 25 talented high school filmmakers were selected to screen their films representing various genres. The event was sponsored by Writers Duet, Shure, CrumplePop, Zacuto, GlideCam Industries, and Backstage Equipment.</p>

### Staff/Administrator Recognitions:

NAME/ROLE	RECOGNITION
<b>Jennifer Latimer</b> <i>Media Specialist/Librarian, Clinton Elementary School</i>	<p>Ms. Jennifer Latimer will be presented the "2019 ISTE Make IT Happen Award" by the New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL) and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), at this month's annual NJASL conference. Making IT Happen is an internationally recognized awards program sponsored by ISTE. The award honors outstanding educators and leaders who demonstrate extraordinary commitment, leadership, courage and persistence in improving digital learning opportunities for students.</p> <p>In naming her the winner of this award, NJASL and ISTE recognize Ms. Latimer's leadership, talent, enthusiasm and her contributions to her district, her association and her profession. Her ability to move forward with technology and her nature to teach through relationships in an encouraging, nurturing way empowers all learners. With Jennifer's awareness that "not all students will work in IT, but all students will be touched by technology," she prepares students for success with practical tools and problem solving experiences.</p>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes</b> <i>South Mountain Elementary School</i>  Tammy Murphy, 4th Grade Language Arts Teacher District Coordinator, MSUNER	<p>The 4th grade team at South Mountain Elementary School (Teacher Advisors: Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Ciuba, Mr. Jones, Ms. Ducharme, Ms. Paisner and Mr. Rynar) are piloting 4th grade Social Justice Clubs. The goal of these clubs is to promote democracy and citizenship in our students. 4th graders meet once a week during morning meeting with the club of their choice for the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Global Citizens:</b> focus on current events going on in our school/community and globally. Students are working on a bulletin board to relay current events to the school community.</li><li>❖ <b>Helping Hands:</b> working to give back to the community. More than 300 food items were donated in November for the Interfaith Hospitality Network.</li><li>❖ <b>Debate Club:</b> students learn the skills of debating about important social issues</li><li>❖ <b>Young Leaders:</b> mentoring younger students in the school through partner reading, games and social skills.</li></ul>

**Luis F. Hernandez,  
M.Ed.**  
*Spanish Teacher, Columbia  
High School*

Mr. Hernandez was designated by the "Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica" (SHH) as the official sponsor of the prestigious National Spanish Honor Society chapter "Sonia Sotomayor" to Columbia High School. The chapter is named after the honorable U.S. Supreme Court Justice that is recognized for her great professional achievements, publications, and for being the first member of the Supreme Court to be a descendant of a Puerto Rican (Hispanic) family.

In its inaugural year at CHS, the chapter accepted 32 students. Their induction ceremony took place on December 10, 2019 at the CHS Auditorium. As members, students can participate in the AATSP National Convention, apply for college scholarships and travel awards, and be published in the national student journal "Albricias" which contains essays, poetry, short articles, photography and artwork created by student members of the SHH nationwide.

**Photo: 2019 – 2020 Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica inductee's with staff including: Superintendent, Dr. Ronald G. Taylor, CHS Principal, Kalisha Morgan, World Languages & ELL K-12 Supervisor, Ramón Robles-Fernández, Ph.D., and SHH Advisor, Luis F. Hernandez**

