

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2017

The Columbian has earned the first place award in an annual competition held by the **American Scholastic Press Association** for the third year in a row. Judges noted that CHS has "...an excellent school newspaper, which shows the creativity and journalistic knowledge of [its] reporters, writers, photographers, layout/graphics designers and advisor[s]."

The editorial board team members are:

David Griffith
Donovan Hugel
Ethan Smith

Peter Henderson
Rohan Kremer-Guha
Isabel Turi

Charli Holstein
Xavier Silva

The art/design team members for 2016-17 are:

Maya Cruz
Skyler Hurdle
Caroline Neri
Leonel Soares

Emily Glynn
Ty'rese Hutcheson
Talia Rhinehart

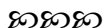
Josh Heacock
Jaymee Hyppolite
James Robins

Advisers for *The Columbian* are **Mr. Joshua Enyeart** (English Dept.) and **Ms. Cindy Malhotra** (Fine Arts).



Columbia High School junior, **Turner Andrasz** earned a **National Silver Medal** in the **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2017**. Turner also received a **gold medal** and **honorable mention** in the regional awards, which led to his moving forward into the national competition. Turner is currently a student in Art 4 at CHS and will be in the AP Studio Art class next year.

Leonel Soares, also a junior in Art 4 who is going to be in AP Studio Art next year and art/design editor of *The Columbian* and *Guildscript*, won two **Scholastic Regional Silver Awards** and an **honorable mention**.



South Orange Middle School has been selected as a **2016-17 No Place for Hate School**. SOMS is one of over 1,700 schools across the country that successfully committed to promoting unity and respect and reducing bullying, name-calling and other expressions of bias. The school was recognized at a ceremony last month, where they received personalized "*No Place for Hate*" banners for the school.

The following students were honored for their committee work at a ceremony in New York City last week:

Grade 6

Tao Britton
Leo Gold
Gabriel Homer
Okherra Prosper

Grade 7

Racquel Anicette
Reyen Bender
Lucas Dalvi
Piper Davenport
Tatum Sabin
Isioma Grant

Ms. Katerina Karis, Teacher at South Orange Middle School is ADL's No Place for Hate Coordinator.



The **5th Grade Chorus** traveled with the district elementary music teachers and performed with **American Young Voices** at the **Prudential Center**. They were part of an 8,500 voice chorus of children and a full blown, large scale, high quality concert.



Several students were accepted to honors ensembles this semester. They were:

All North Jersey Region Symphonic Band

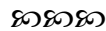
Liana Greenberg, Contra-Alto Clarinet
Louise Kern-Kensler, Trombone

All North Jersey Junior Region Band

Brian da Silva, Bassoon
Elizabeth DeLuca, Bass Clarinet

Essex County Honor Band

Joe Lintern, Trumpet
Aiden Reeves, Alto Saxophone
Drew Payne, Trumpet
Louise Kern-Kensler, Trombone
Isadora Kianovsky, Clarinet
Andre Weinberger, Tenor Saxophone
Peter Henderson, Percussion
Gillian Basedow, French horn
Katherine Vilardi, Clarinet



The following are athletic recognitions for the 2016-17 school year:

Essex County Throwing Coaches Association **Coach of the Year: Chuck Keegan**

SEC All Conference Winners:

Boys Tennis:

Adam Kaplan
Ben Kaplan
Seth Brand

Boys Lacrosse

Jacob Walthour
Brian Young
Ben Majtyka
Brendan Lackey
Orterro Felton
Beau Reed

Baseball

Eliot Dix
Christian Pierre
Peter Nolet
Dan Cotler

Girls Lacrosse

Lauren Lake
Shannon Gray
Erin Lackey
Finley Kemp

Softball

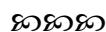
Maya Goldner
Jordan Stephan
Ally Krause
Clementine Sherman
Hudson Hassler

SEC Scholar Athletes: **Olivia Smith & Jared Pangallozzi**

NJSIAA Scholar Athlete: **Shannon Gray**

Men of Essex Award: **Camille Pham**

Yogi Berra Best Teammate Award: **Chloe Holt-Reiss**



18 South Orange Middle School (SOMS) students' essays were selected to be published in *The Huffington Post* as a part of a series titled, "Youth Voices in the New Year." The 8th grade students were given the opportunity to create their essay prompt as long as it connected to the unit theme of "Uses and Abuses of Power." Students wrote about topics such as: LGBTQ+ Presentation in the Media, Homelessness, Racism, Feminism, Democratic Education, Exploitation of Workers, and so much more!

Students whose works were published students include:

Daisy Andrejco

Nick Aaron

Sophia Carter

Harley (Allie) Cenedella

Ray Feinleib

Alex Ferrandiz

Lily Forman

Carrie Hill

Livvy (Olivia) Krakower

Sabrina McCrear

Maya Mitchell

Olivia Morgan

Zoe Newman

Andrea Rebimbas

Sasha Sinkler

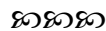
Kirah Tianga

Gracie Umiker

Jenna Weisbach

The links to the articles can be found at:

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/author/soms-8th-grade-social-studies>



Five SOMS students won the **Grand Prize** in the **Documentary category** in the **Montclair Film Festival Emerging Film Makers Competition** by entering a video created for a class project, entitled "Project Identity." Students who won are:

Lucia Garritano

Ray Feinleib

Alex Ferrandiz

Sam Cohen

Robin Kalderen

The link to the video is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1d1NYQCkcw&t=136s>.

Ms. Stephanie Rivera is the above students' teacher as well as the Students for Social Change Club Advisor at South Orange Middle School.



Select musical ensembles from Maplewood Middle School performed at the **High Note Festivals** last month. Mrs. Regina Bradshaw presented the 7th & 8th grade Select Chorus accompanied by McGhee Steiner, Mr. Chris Balas presented the **Honors Wind Symphony**, and Miss Annamaria Chilimintris presented the **8th grade String Orchestra**. All three groups received a rating of "**superior**", which is the highest possible ranking.



The following **CHS volunteer tutors** will be presented with a **Dubrow Award** for outstanding service to the **Achieve Volunteer Tutor Program**.

Matthew Henegan

Natalie Morrison

Nicholas Shires

The following middle school students will be honored with a **Kohl Angelo Peer Tutor Award** for their outstanding achievements.

Sophia Carter (SOMS)
Mikey Lupton (SOMS)
Max Parlin (MMS)

The following exceptional **CHS Super Seniors**, graduating high school students, are to be commended, as they have volunteered as tutors for three or more years...

Rebekah Adams
Jackie Bryan
Julie Destine
Jacob Fastov
Sophie Fox
Chloe Holt-Reiss

Hanae Garrison
Oloumachi Onyekwere
Nicole Ostrow
Samantha Reichgut
Maia Sheinfeld

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Columbia HS Freshman, **Cameron Lipp** received the **Silver Medal** in the **2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Award** in the category for (Science Fiction/Fantasy). His work title for which he received this medal for is titled, "Death and a Daylily".

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SOMS 8th grader and String Bass player **Jason Meusel** auditioned for and was selected to perform with the following:

- **North Jersey School Music Association Region I Orchestra**
- **New Jersey Music Educators Association All State Orchestra**

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Columbia HS Senior, **Gabriel Bongiorno**, scored highest score in state for environmental science at the New Jersey Science League. The environmental science AP team came in 7<sup>th</sup> and the physics AP team came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the state.

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Columbia High School junior **Max Spiegel** distributed 100 of books to the students of a Newark public school as part of a project to qualify as an **Eagle Scout**. Max collected and donated approximately 500 books to approximately 260 students in grades kindergarten through eight. Upon learning that the school's Multipurpose Room was in need of bookshelves, Spiegel built some shelves that could be placed in the room's window sills. In addition, he arranged to have graphic novelist Kevin C. Pyle make a presentation on writing and illustrating for the students to enjoy. Read the full article in the *News Record* at: <http://essexnewsdaily.com/headline-news/39737>.

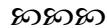
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**Mr. Anthony Cicenia and Mr. Louis Cicenia**, 7th grade Biology teachers from SOMS, were awarded **\$10,000 Grant from Sustainable NJ** funded by the PSEG Foundation. The grant award reflected the “**Rahway River Fieldwork Project**” developed by Mr. Cicenia. The purpose of the grant is to expand the River curriculum to include students from Maplewood Middle and Columbia High school. They will also utilize the funding to purchase equipment which takes them into the field and cover more area around the Rahway River, to increase knowledge of the watershed and importance of it to the community. Members of the Green team include:

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| <b>Anthony Cicenia</b> , Teacher           | <b>Frank Guastella</b> , Teacher         |
| <b>Lynn Irby</b> , Principal               | <b>Paula Bethea</b> , Guidance Counselor |
| <b>Kim Beane</b> , Supervisor of STEM, K-8 | <b>Ashley Corino</b> , Teacher           |
| <b>Louis Cicenia</b> , Teacher             | <b>James McGowan</b> , Parent Liaison    |



Columbia HS teacher of Poetry and Creative Writing, **Ms. Stacey Lawrence’s** poem **Looking** was published in **The RavenPerch** literary magazine. A link to Ms. Lawrence’s poem is: <http://www.theravensperch.com/looking-by-stacey-z-lawrence/>



**Ms. Karen Bonanno**, PE & Health teacher at MMS was chosen as one of two New Jersey state representatives to become a Certified Presidential Youth Fitness Trainer and one of 100 teachers in the country who have been chosen for this program. After earning certification, Ms. Bonanno will train the PE staff in our district.



South Orange MS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Global Issues Teacher, **Ms. Katerina G. Karis** was awarded a **National Endowment of the Humanities** fellowship to participate in a **Native American Histories Institute** this summer on Cape Cod. Ms. Karis hopes to bring back more strategies for improving our school’s cultural competence.