

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE & MAPLEWOOD

BOARD RECOGNITION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
~~January 26, 2015~~
February 2, 2015

Columbia High School seniors received Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards from the National College Board. Columbia students were recognized in three different categories, based on the number of AP courses completed and the high scores received on AP Exams taken in 2014, with 5 being the highest grade.

National AP Scholar

One Columbia High School student qualified for this award by earning an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more Exams.

William Chang

AP Scholar with Distinction

Five Columbia High School students qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more Exams.

Avery Baron
Jonathan Cotler
Ethan Wolin

William Chang
Leah Strahs

AP Scholar with Honor

Fourteen Columbia students qualified for this award by earning an AP Exam grade average of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more Exams.

Abigail Baker
Henry Conrad-Poor
Adam Gover
Katherine Hilton
Samuel Peers Nitzberg
Sarah Rittgers
Deana Singleton

Nora Barry
William Frazer
Bryn Hammarberg
Caroline Passalacqua
Sofia Petros-Gouin
Isabel Sebbane
Caroline Van Zeijts

AP Scholar

Twenty-Nine Columbia High School students qualified for this award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. Included are:

**Alison Badin
Claire Connolly
Evan Fox
Max Goldner
Elizabeth Hilton
Evan Kay
Margaret Kritzberg
Kendall Majtyka
Gabrielle Matalon
Siobhan Nolet
Sophie Panzer
Russell Pinzino
Matthew Schilling
Nathalie Spidle
Eli Weisenfeld**

**Evelyn Besom
Serin Feldman
Anna Frederikse
Jacob Gruber
Liam Kantor
Nina Knight
Mariana Lopez
William Marino
Kelsey Moore
Blessing Olaode
Alexandra Pease
George Poulos
Alexander Schuetz
Jacob Territo**

National Achievement Outstanding Participants

Six Columbia High School seniors were named as Outstanding Participants Referred to U.S. Colleges and Universities. These students scored in the top three percent of the more than 160,000 Black Americans who took the 2012 PSAT.

**Brandon Kinard
Omowumi Mebude
Aijah RaghnaI**

**Jared Loadholt
Blessing Olaode
Daisy Tyler**

National Achievement Semi-Finalist

One Columbia High School student was named as a semifinalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Competition. In its 59th year, just over 1,600 Black high school seniors were named semifinalists and will have the opportunity to vie for 800 scholarships. This special recognition is based on the very high scores achieved on the PSAT taken in their junior year.

Bridget Hawkins

National Hispanic Scholar

One Columbia High School student was named as a National Hispanic Scholar. This year, the NHRP is recognizing nearly 5,000 selected students from a pool of over 200,000 students who took the 2013 PSAT and identified themselves as Hispanic/Latino.

Madeleine Jaworski

National Merit Commended Students

These students, along with 34,000 seniors across the country, were recognized for their exceptional academic promise and the high scores they received on the PSAT taken in their junior year.

Nora Barry
William Chang
Jonathan Cotler
Isabel Gallinger
Bryn Hammarberg
Colm Lannigan
Sophie Panzer
Sarah Rittgers
Leah Strahs

Olivia Calabrese
Henry Conrad-Poor
Mona Duggan
Adam Gover
Bridget Hawkins
Kelsey Moore
Samuel Peers-Nitzberg
Alexander Schuetz

National Merit Semifinalists

These scholastically talented students have an opportunity to continue in the competition and vie for Merit Scholarship awards offered in the spring.

Approximately 16,000 semifinalists were selected out of the 1.5 million juniors who entered. Students attained semifinalist status by scoring exceptionally high on the 2013 PSAT, taken at the beginning of their junior year.

Nina Knight

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Charlotte Steiner, a sophomore at Columbia High School, auditioned and was accepted to play piano with the **2014-2015 North Jersey Area Wind Ensemble**. Charlotte will be rehearsing and performing with some of the finest high school musicians in North Jersey.

Four additional Columbia High School students – **Maddy Jones, Spencer Pearce, Aijah Ragnal and Kayla Shuster** – also auditioned, performed extremely well and earned excellent scores during the audition process. Mr. Peter Bauer is the Director of Bands at Columbia.

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Judy LoBianco, Supervisor of Physical Education/Health, K-12, was selected as one of the candidates for membership on the **SHAPE (Society of Health and Physical Education) America Board of Directors**. Ms. LoBianco was one of ten candidates whose names will be on the ballot for voting by the membership to fill the five vacant positions on the Board. If selected, Ms. LoBianco will serve on the Board for either two or three years; selection will end by March 19, 2015.

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