

**Hall of Fame**  
**NJCSS Student Recognition Awards**

*Applications are on the [www.njcss.org](http://www.njcss.org) website and one student is recognized with a First Place Award from the seven counties of northern, central, and southern New Jersey. Every student nominated receives a Certificate of Achievement.*

**2026**

**Middle School**

Noa Streater	Montclair Kimberley Academy	CherylAnne Amendola
Jadiel Placencia	William C. McGinnis Middle School	Jamie Lobban
Joseph Murray	Manchester Township Middle School	Robert Morris

**Certificates of Achievement**

Alora Bravo	Walter O. Krumbiegel MS	Dr. Aruna Mathura
Luke George	Charles A. Selzer School, Dumont	Jon Bennett
Kamiya Miles	Ezra L. Nolan #40 MS, Jersey City	Tiffany Kane
Melvin Till	Lovel J. Honis School, Dumont	Madeline Hawkins

**2026**

**High School**

Benjamin Dong	Ramsey High School	Daniel Willever
Elena Burns	Middletown High School South	Nina Balestriere D'Urso

**Certificates of Achievement**

Faye Budnik	West Morris Mendham HS	Steven Santucci
Bassirou George	Henry Snyder HS, Jersey City	Joshua Brannon
Kian Kilcoyne	West Morris Mendham HS	Steven Santucci
Grace Legacki	West Morris Mendham HS	Steven Santucci
Sadie Martinez	Dumont High School	Warren Dolan
Rafael Rodriguez	Leonia High School	Timothy Cullen
Ibrahim Shahmedhi	West Morris Mendham HS	Steven Santucci
Jordan Sorial	West Morris Mendham HS	Steven Santucci
Claire Szabo	West Morris Mendham HS	Steven Santucci

**2025**

**Middle School**

Maria Konds	James F. Murray (PS #38), Jersey City	James Lindbergh
Grace Margerum	Haddon Heights Junior Senior High School	James B. Smith
Will Wenk	T.E. Harrington Middle School, Mt. Laurel	Matthew Mortimer

**Certificates of Achievement**

Asil Abouheiba	Joseph H. Brensinger (PS #17, Jersey City)	Nicholas DeCarlo
Yohanna Serrano Argueta	William C. McGinnis MS, Perth Amboy	Richard Burzynski
Sophia Barth	Rafael De J.Cordero y Molina School (PS #37)	Jill Largman
Elijah Brown	Walter O. Krumbiegel MS, Hillside	Dr. Aruna A. Mathura
Kaleigh Casimir	William C. McGinnis MS, Perth Amboy	Wendy Jacob
Logan Castillo	Lovell J. Honiss, Dumont	Andrew Ongchin
Darisleidy Hernandez	William C. McGinnis MS, Perth Amboy	Richard Burzynski
Jacob Knapp	Roosevelt Intermediate School, Westfield	James Lane

Madison Peck  
Vihaan Mahajan  
Henry Mannah  
Isabella Saad  
Makaylah Samaroo  
Tahjera Trotman  
Khaled Zeidan

Manchester MS  
Academy 1 MS, Jersey City  
North Brunswick MS  
Franklin L Williams (PS#7), Jersey City  
Walter O. Krumbiegel MS, Hillside  
Charles A. Selzer School, Dumont  
William C. McGinnis MS, Perth Amboy

Robert Morris  
Joseph Tardio  
Nancy Yauch  
Joseph Molesky  
Dr. Aruna A. Mathura  
Jon Bennett  
Richard Burzynski

## 2025 High School

Valentina Colacurto  
Rishay Gupta  
Marcus Sarao

Leonia High School  
Middletown High School South  
Egg Harbor Township High School

Timothy Cullen  
Nina Balestriere D'Urso  
Eileen Hannigan

### Certificates of Achievement

Jayda Grandison  
Andrew Hum  
Eduardo Jones  
Keshavee Khera  
Yoobi Kim  
Hoin Lee  
Iqra Naz  
Liam Nolan  
Philip Seto  
Jiho Shin  
Megan Vogt  
Nida Waheed

Dumont High School  
Holmdel High School  
Ridge High School, Basking Ridge  
Dickinson High School  
Leonia High School  
West Windsor Plainsboro HS South  
Infinity Institute, Jersey City  
Immaculata High School, Somerville  
Pascack Valley High School, Hillsdale  
Bergen County Technical High School  
Hillsborough High School  
Liberty High School

Warren Dolan  
Kimberly Herthel Kubler  
John Terry  
Timothy Rauschenberg  
Timothy Cullen  
Dr. Patricia Supplee  
Caleb Finesurrey  
Hank Bitten  
Leah Jerome  
Cristal Cornelio  
Robert Fenster  
Kasey Fair, Michael Power, Douglas Sheldon

## 2025 College Division

### Arlene Gardner Distinguished Scholar Award

Lillian G. Bryant

Virginia Tech

Hank Bitten

## 2024 Middle School

Rebecca Garcia  
Sia Dixit

Lovell J. Honiss, Dumont  
Linwood School, North Brunswick Twp.

Joanne Conboy  
Nancy Tracey

### Certificates of Achievement

Riley Espailliat  
Sheyla Candelario Almanzar  
Shanelly Disia  
Ashley Aleman Fernandez  
Julliana Thompson

Charles A. Selzer, Dumont  
William C. McGinnis, Perth Amboy  
William C. McGinnis, Perth Amboy  
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William C. McGinnis, Perth Amboy

Andrew Ongchin  
Richrd Burzynski  
Richard Burzynski  
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Richard Burzynski

## 2024 High School

Bevin Brottman  
Theresa DeAngelis

High Point Regional, Sussex  
Watchung Hills, Basking Ridge

Kory Loyola  
Anita Byk

Fred Gale

Southern Regional, Manahawkin

Dr. Bill Smith

### **Certificates of Achievement**

Fatima Ahmed

Bloomfield

Shamshadeen Mayers

Diego Albert

Pascack Valley

Leah Jerome

Marcel Astrakhan

Leonia

Timothy Cullen

Syra Bhatt

Princeton

Kevin Vega

Kieran Doody

Pascack Valley

Leah Jerome

Jillian Gordon

Dumont

Warren Dolan

Jakob "Kobe" Haas

Ramsey

Daniel Willever

Parker Hein

Sparta

Shannon Hobby-Psensky

Jenifer Hernandez

Bayonne

Rachael Richard

Laura Izzi

Roxbury, Succasunna

James Connolly

Alex Mahdavian

Ridge, Bernards Twp.

John Terry

Julian Pascual

Leonia

Timothy Cullen

Sophia Rosso

Morris Knolls

Laura Foley

Izzie Velez

Pascack Valley

Leah Jerome

Angie Yang

Ridge, Bernards Twp.

John Terry

## **2023**

### **Middle School**

Luis Rosa

John P. Holland School, Woodland Park

Staci Anson

Griffin Simon

Roosevelt Intermediate School, Westfield

James Lane

### **Certificates of Achievement**

Max Deninzon

Lovell J. Honiss, Dumont

Scott Math

Esmeralda Gutierrez

William C. Mcginnis, Perth Amboy

Richrd Burzynski

Nate Schmude

Charles A. Selzer, Dumont

Jon Bennett

Avner Valentine

Montclair Kimberley Academy, Montclair

Cheryl Amendola

## **2023**

### **High School**

Stephanie Yanes

West Morris Central, Chester

Victoria Ade

Aby Stocker

Middletown South

Nina Balestriere

Riley Grinnan

Riverside

Dan Stellwag

### **Certificates of Achievement**

Carlos Mejia Aguilar

Franklin HS, Somerset

Juliana Ezzo

Kelly Bambach

Dumont

Warren Dolan

Hugh Brennan

Southern Regional, Manahawkin

Bill Smith

Marisol Guemes Giles

STEM Academy of the Oranges

Kathleen Gengaro

Genesis Harrington

Bayonne

Dan Ward

Laura Izzi

Roxbury

Demova Bohdanka

Bakaima Kanabia

Bayonne

Rachael Richard

Ben Leynse

Leonia

Daniel Griffin

Rachael (Arri) Nelson

Northern Highlands

Brad Siegel

Gina Oswald

Pompton Lakes

Michael Riordan

Kyle Springob

Leonia

Timothy Cullen

Isaiah Wescott

Pascack Valley

Leah Jerome, Marisa Mathias

## **2023 College Division**

### **Arlene Gardner Distinguished Scholar Award**

Zoe Nalepa

Rider University

Dr. Mark Pearcy

**2022**

**Middle School**

Janyce Ntiamoah  
Nico Micheludis

Lovell J. Honiss, Dumont  
Warren Middle School, Warren Twp.

Scott Math  
Lynn Degan

**Certificates of Achievement**

Tristan Athayde

Charles A. Selzer, Dumont

Jon Bennett

**2022**

**High School**

Paul Duerr  
Sofia Rojas  
Shree Manivel  
Peter Parlagreco

Hawthorne  
Bloomfield  
Ridge  
Atlantic County Institute of Technology

Matthew Corvo  
Lenore Imhoff  
John Terry  
Terri Hardmeyer

**Certificates of Achievement**

Justin Del Valle  
Yena Choe  
Ben Carter  
Trayee Jha  
Brendan Noone  
Abigail Uhl  
Kareena Shah  
Alex Wolfe  
Alanna Belevitch  
Mariam Saeed  
Kevin McKegney  
Zara Lall  
Raegan Miller  
Lauren Freed  
Raina James  
Christian Maroulis  
Nikhil Kishore  
Nikayla Karda-Marok  
Audrey Cashin  
Diavione McMillian

Leonia  
Leonia  
Pascack Valley  
Pascack Hills  
Pascack Valley  
Pascack Valley  
Pascack Valley  
Bloomfield  
Bloomfield  
Dumont  
Glen Rock  
McNair Academic, Jersey City  
Watchung Hills  
Newark Academy  
Hillsborough  
Roxbury  
West Windsor Plainsboro South  
Ridge  
Lenape  
Oakcrest, Mays Landing

Timothy Cullen  
Jane Louis  
Leah Jerome  
Jane Yeam  
Leah Jerome  
Leah Jerome  
Marisa Mathias  
Lenore Imhoff  
Lenore Imhoff  
Kathryn Luvera  
Kathleen Walter  
Christina Sivo  
Mary Sok  
Jim Coe  
Robert Fenster  
Michael McPhee  
Carl Cooper  
John Terry  
Michael Mortimer  
Charles Lockwood

**2022 College Division**

**Arlene Gardner Distinguished Scholar Award**

Robert Ciarletta  
Michael Tomasulo

Ramapo College of NJ  
Rider University

Dr. Lucia McMahon  
Prof. Mark Pearcy

**Certificates of Achievement**

Meghan McGlynn

Rider University

Prof. Mark Pearcy

**2021**

**Middle School**

Eliza Glick  
Simon Breth

Charles A. Selzer, Dumont  
Reynolds MS, Hamilton Twp.

Jon Bennet  
Amanda Askwith

### **Certificates of Achievement**

Ivania Garcia	Sojourner Truth MS East Orange	Shea Richardson
Ananaya Jain	Lovell J. Honiss, Dumont	
Amiri Joseph	Future Ready Prep, East Orange	Shea Richardson
Sara Kulkarni	Mount Olive	
Michael Lobban	Sojourner Truth, East Orange	Shea Richardson
Christy Pierre	Fresh Start Academy, East Orange	Shea Richardson
Gayatri Rana	Passaic Gifted & Talented	
Nalani Washington	STEM Academy, East Orange	Joe Refinski

### **2021 High School**

Angela Delano	Ramapo HS	Staci Anson
Reya Brahmbhatt	Ridge HS	Jennifer Raphaels
Timothy Korndoerfer	Southern Regional HS	Bill Smith

### **Certificates of Achievement**

Alex Boajian	Pascack Hills	Brooks Alexander
Lily DeFillippis	Leonia	Timothy Cullen
Avery DeMaria	Leonia	Timothy Cullen
Sabran Evangelista	Passaic Arts & Sciences Charter	John Holoduek, Jr.
Daniel Finch	Pascack Valley	Kenneth Sarajian, Leah Jerome
Ryan Hanley	Dumont	Kathryn Luvera
Bryant Lee	Pascack Valley	Leah Jerome
Matthew McCambridge	Pascack Valley	Leah Jerome
Deborah McDougall	STEM Academy, East Orange	Shea Richardson
Gloria Okwueze	West Side, Newark	Steven Deaver
Sofia Principe	Leonia	Timothy Cullen
Allure Seabrooks	West Side, Newark	Steven Deaver
Kayla Stephenson	Glen Rock	Kathleen McDermott Walter
Begum Tahtak	Leonia	Timothy Cullen
Justice Williams	STEM Academy East Orange	Shea Richardson
Sophia Wyllie	STEM Academy, East Orange	Shea Richardson
Fatima Diarra	Manville	Michael Forte
Neil Shah	Wardlaw+Hartridge	Nicole Nolan
Tallyah Williams	Wardlaw+Hartridge	Nicole Nolan
Megan Omolo	Willingboro	Kelly Gauntt

### **2021 College Division**

#### **Arlene Gardner Distinguished Scholar Award**

Haylee Vitale	Georgian Court University	Dr. Nancy Sardone
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### **Certificates of Achievement**

Annamarie Bernard	Rider University	Prof. Mark Percy
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### **2020**

#### **Middle School**

Jaelyn Alexander	Montclair Kimberley Academy	Cheryl Amendola
Jakub Fular	Alexander Batcho IS Manville	Melissa Leitner & Fifi Germano
Andrea Loayza	Alder Ave. MS	Jason Lucas

Ashlyn Warker

Alder Ave. MS

Jason Lucas

**Certificates of Achievement**

Thomas DeVito  
Jonathan Sam

Charles A. Selzer, Dumont  
Lovell J. Honiss, Dumont

Jon Bennett  
Thomas Hurd

**2020**

**High School**

Justin Berge  
Ryan Pierson  
Sophia Gambil

Roxbury HS  
Hillsborough HS  
Clearview Regional HS

Michael McPhee & Nicole Barbato Connolly  
Robert Fenster  
Katherine DeVillasanta

**Certificates of Achievement**

Tyla Rae Washington Boone  
Petra Ghaly  
Mary Schurter  
Na'Tyah Postell  
Lucille DiSalvo  
Casey Conboy  
Ashley Shaaf  
Adam Gottlieb

Emerson Jr-Sr  
Bayonne HS  
Mendham HS  
Paterson Arts & Science Charter HS  
Pascack Valley  
Dumont HS  
Pascack Valley  
Hillsborough HS

Jennifer Norato  
Mary Ellen Fitzhenry  
Steven Santucci  
John Holoduek, Jr.  
Leah Jerome  
Kathryn Luvera  
Leah Jerome  
Bob Fenster

**2020**

**College Division**

**Arlene Gardner Distinguished Scholar Award**

Juliana Ezzo  
Emily Whelan

Rider University  
Georgian Court

Dr. Mark Percy  
Dr. Nancy Sardone

**2019**

**Middle School**

Josh Fishkin

George Washington, Ridgewood

Chris Watkins

**Certificate of Achievement**

Thomas DeVito  
Jonathan Sam

Charles A. Selzer, Dumont  
Lovell J. Honiss, Dumont

Jon Bennett  
Richard Burd

**2019**

**High School**

Cameron Coyle  
Anna Kuzmic  
Kimberly Rivera

Robbinsville HS  
Point Pleasant Beach HS  
Leonia HS

Rosemarie McGlew  
Michele Mosca  
Lauren Kelty

**Certificates of Achievement**

Isabella Cabarcos  
Jessica D'Agostino  
Nathaniel Dizor  
Vanessa Jagrup  
Maya Lebron

McNair Academic HS  
Holmdel HS  
Leonia HS  
McNair Academic HS  
Highland Regional HS

Laura Siegel  
James Gelpke  
Lauren Kelty  
Laura Siegel  
Todd Wonderlin & John Senft

**2019 College Division  
Arlene Gardner Distinguished Scholar Award**

Ryan Ciaccio  
Michael Novak

Rider University  
Seton Hall University

Dr. Mark Pearcy  
Dr. Laura Wangerin

**Certificate of Achievement**

Kalliopi Logothetis

Seton Hall

Dr. Sara Fieldston

**2018**

**Middle School**

Shruthi Gopinath  
Eric Rivera  
Josh Fishkin

Melvin H. Kreps East Windsor  
Bridgeton-ExCEL  
George Washington MS, Ridgewood

Meghan King  
William Stech  
Chris Watkins

**2018**

**High School**

Madison Dennehy  
Justin Gabriel  
Marta Hernandez

Lacey Township  
McNair Academic HS Jersey City  
N. Plainfield HS

Joseph Romano  
Laura Siegel  
Theresa Fuller

**Certificates of Achievement**

Harshal Agrawal  
Sarah Guida  
Paul Iwarat  
Kaitlyn Reyes

McNair Academic HS Jersey City  
West Morris Central HS  
Lincoln HS  
McNair Academic HS Jersey City

Laura Siegel  
Mark Miller  
Frank Romano  
Laura Siegel

**2018**

**College Division**

**Arlene Gardner Distinguished Scholar Award**

Logan Germano

Middlesex County College

Cristobal Espinoza-Wulach