

PRESS RELEASE

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ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS HONOR THE MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL ROWING CREW



Essex County District 5 Freeholder Cynthia D. Toro (left corner in red) and Freeholder At-Large Vice President Brenda W. Gill (right corner) present the Board's Commendation to the Montclair High School Rowing Crew. PHOTO BY GLEN FRIESON

(Newark, NJ) – During a special presentation held at the Hall of Records in Newark, New Jersey, on July 19, 2017, the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders honored the Montclair High School Rowing Crew for winning the Boys and Girls Points Trophies at the Garden State Championship Regatta.

Freeholder At-Large and Vice President of the Board Brendan W. Gill of Montclair and District 5 Freeholder Cynthia D. Toro of Bloomfield presented the crew with Commendations in celebration of their championship win, sharing how proud they were of the crew for successfully completing the season. Freeholder Gill shared that each year since he has been in office the crew has returned to be honored for their annual championship win, and he proudly presented the crew with another Commendation for this year's win alongside Freeholder Toro.

Head Coach Jeremy Michalitsianos and Assistant Coach Julian Canha thanked the Board for supporting the crew year-after-year and the parents for their support. Coach Michalitsianos stated, "As a coach, I want to thank the athletes for putting in so much effort and training so hard." He went on to add, "It's not just about one team; it's about the whole crew, and that's what winning is about." Rising Senior Kenneth G. Coplan also shared his appreciation, stating, "It's amazing to be here. When I came on this crew as a freshman, seeing where we are now, competing highly at all levels, it's great to see, and it's great to be a part of. I hope you will see us again next year, and I hope we achieve more success next year."

The crew's Regatta win marked the first time a public school has won either trophy. The crew also became the first school to win both trophies in the same year, and every member of the crew won either a gold or silver medal during the competition.

The State Champion Girls Freshman 8+ is comprised of the following athletes: Efthymia Mihalís, Isabella Hummel, Katerina Mihalís, Davida Task, Estée Goel, Josephine Myung, Helena Nintzel, Solveig Jensen, and Audrey Ashbrook. The State Champion Girls 2nd Varsity 8+ is comprised of the following athletes: Wynn McClenahan, Emery Bergmann, Maddie Barnett, Lily Kuhn, Emily Kaloudis, Sydney Schulman, Kaya Adleman, Kathleen King, and Catherine Stanton. The State Champion Girls Varsity 8+ is comprised of the following athletes: Madeline Pitera, Juliet Traylor, Beate Kaz, Isobel Wastler, Delainy Schlemmer, Roisin Cahill, Kimberly Troeller, Marley Pradiou, and Chloe Rosenberg.

The State Champion Boys 2nd Varsity 8+ is comprised of the following athletes: Walter Collins, Patrick Schroeder, Alex Abuhoff, Paul Mihalís, Theo Weill, James MacCallum, CJ Kaloudis, Brie Muldoon, and Alexa Greenbaum. The State Champion Boys Varsity 8+ is comprised of the following athletes: Henry Vecchione, Kjel Schlemmer, Owen King, Kenny Coplan, Devin Murphy, Patrick King, Djoume Traore, George Vrotsos-Rogers, and Julianna Langhorn. The State Champion Boys Varsity 8+ also included Alex Abuhoff and Alexa Greenbaum in later championship regattas.

The Boys Varsity 8+ Crew became the only schoolboy eight in the United States to complete an undefeated season, winning the prestigious Stotesbury Cup, the SRAA National Championship Regatta, and the National Schools' Championship Regatta.

The crew is coached by Head Coach Jeremy Michalitsianos, Senior Coach Lorna Rundle, and Assistant Coaches Reuben Man and Julian Canha, and is assisted by Natalie Dowd and the crew managers. The crew also received administrative support from Superintendent Barbara Pinsak, Principal James N. Earle, and Vice Principal for Athletics and Student Activities Jeffrey Gannon.

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