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### **State Board Recognizes Newspaper Columnist/Honor Student at December Meeting**

The New Jersey State Board of Education today recognized the achievements of Sarah Brown, a senior at Burlington Township High School in Burlington County.

Sarah is academically ranked number one in her graduating class and has been recognized the past two years by the Burlington County Secondary Principals & Supervisors Association for her academic excellence.

She is also a contributing writer for the Burlington County Times newspaper and has written several pieces for the paper on women's issues.

"Sarah Brown represents the best that our state public schools have to offer," said Acting Governor Richard J. Codey. "I applaud not only Sarah and her accomplishments, but also the support she has undoubtedly received from her parents, teachers, school and district staff, and the community at large. Sarah is on track to achieve even greater heights in her future and I know she will do just that."

"Certainly, Sarah's exceptional academic prowess is, by itself, an achievement worthy of celebration and commendation," stated State Board President Arnold G. Hyndman. "The Board is equally proud to recognize her active participation within her school and in her community. Sarah is a role model for her peers and for those of us in New Jersey in general."

"The Department of Education joins the State Board in saluting the achievements and volunteer work of Sarah Brown," added Acting Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy. "As a member of Who's Who Among High School students and as a contributing reporter to her community's newspaper on women's issues, Sarah has consistently demonstrated strong leadership qualities and an interest in important public policy gender issues. We look forward to reading about her future success during her college years and beyond."

In addition to her reporting duties, Sarah is the editor of her school's newspaper, a student council member, and a member of the History Club and the Student Faculty Congress. She has also started the Women's Issues Club at her high school and is a varsity member of her school's Cross Country and Softball teams.

Each month during the school year, the State Board of Education honors a student or group of students from a county in New Jersey to recognize academic excellence. In September, the State Board of Education recognized the West Windsor Plainsboro Community Middle School science team.

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