

WRA ACADEMIC AWARDS

In order as presented at the Academic Awards program on May 26, 2021

COLLEGE BOOK AWARDS

- **BRYN MAWR COLLEGE BOOK AWARD:** The recipient of this award should be “a young woman in the junior class who exhibits an intense intellectual commitment, a purposeful vision and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to the world.”
- **DARTMOUTH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD:** This book award is presented to a member of the junior class who “demonstrates strong character, has made a positive contribution to the school community, excels in at least one nonacademic area, and is a candidate for entrance to a competitive college or university.”
- **HARVARD UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD:** Awarded to the outstanding junior who combines excellence in scholarship with achievement in other fields.
- **OBERLIN COLLEGE BOOK AWARD:** This book award is presented to an exceptional student in the junior class who has shown a commitment to one of the following four areas in the high school or local community.
 - Achievement in Social Justice - shown commitment to activism
 - Achievement in Environmental Awareness - commitment in areas that may include recycling, sustainability or environmental protection
 - Achievement in the Arts - commitment to the arts
 - Achievement in Science - commitment to science
- **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD:** Awarded to that member of the junior class who has achieved the highest record of distinction within the five core academic disciplines: English, history, language, mathematics and science.
- **ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD:** Awarded to that junior who has displayed a significant commitment to community service.
- **SMITH COLLEGE:** This award should “recognize a young woman in the junior class who has academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others.”

- *UNIVERSITY ST. ANDREWS (SCOTLAND) BOOK AWARD*: Awarded to an outstanding junior who has shown, by his or her deeds, a commitment to international engagement and understanding.
- *WILLIAMS BOOK AWARD*: Awarded to a junior who has demonstrated intellectual leadership and has made a significant contribution to the extracurricular life of the school.
- *YALE UNIVERSITY AWARD*: Awarded to a junior who “through persistence and effort has set an example for his/her classmates in the totality of intellectual, athletic and extracurricular endeavors. The recipient should embody those elements of determination and hard work that are so much a part of one’s educational and life-long experience.”

RENSELAER MEDAL AWARD

For more than 90 years, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in conjunction with high schools around the world, has awarded the Rensselaer Medal. The Medal was first presented in 1916 with two purposes: to recognize the superlative academic achievement of young men and women, and to motivate students toward careers in science, engineering, and technology. It is awarded to promising secondary school juniors who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER AWARDS

- *BAUSCH & LOMB SCIENCE AWARD*: Every year since 1933, Bausch & Lomb has honored outstanding high school science students with the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award. The awardee is recognized for outstanding academic achievement and intellectual promise in the field of science.
- *FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD*: Rochester natives Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony led the fight to end inequalities, through dialogue and action. The University is proud to continue the tradition of these pioneers through extensive research and study devoted to social justice and human rights. Students must demonstrate commitment to understanding and addressing difficult social issues; have leadership skills and dedication to community action; strong grades and take rigorous courses in the humanities and social sciences.
- *GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG LEADERS AWARD*: In founding the Eastman Kodak Company, George Eastman’s goal was to make the camera “as convenient as a pencil.” By the end of his life, he had created one of the largest and most successful companies in America. Eastman’s leadership lives on today through Kodak and through his philanthropy, including a gift of over \$50 million that helped transform the University of Rochester into an internationally celebrated institution. The George

Eastman Young Leaders Award seeks to recognize future leaders who may have a similar impact on our world today. Students must have strong leadership experience at school and in the community; High grades and challenging courses; and extensive involvement in extracurricular activities.

EASTMAN AWARD IN MUSIC

Secondary schools where Eastman alumni are currently teaching are eligible to present the Eastman Award. Like other alumni awards, it is intended to recognize high school juniors (rising seniors) who have contributed positively to the musical environment in their school.

CORINNE VAN DAME DAVIS AWARD

The award is given to a rising sophomore or junior who has demonstrated a strong commitment and dedication to the drama and/or public speaking programs at Reserve. The award will continue into the senior year as long as the recipient's commitment to drama and/or public speaking – as well as his or her overall academic achievement – remains strong.

KURDZIEL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC

The Kurdziel Award is given to a junior who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to and excellence in instrumental music. The student must have made significant contributions to the WRA music program and be a positive role model for other students. The student must have demonstrated excellence in his or her instrument.

FRANKLIN '30 & MARY BARLOW AWARD

This award is presented to a junior "who displays an energetic perseverance and a positive dedication and commitment to his/her studies and who truly maximizes the benefits afforded by Western Reserve Academy. This individual, through solid citizenship and enthusiasm, provides an inspiration to his/her classmates.

JOEL B. HAYDEN AWARD

Awarded to "the best all-around student in the junior class, considering scholarship, student activities and leadership".

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Awarded to those exemplary students in each course of study, voted on by each department chair and members, to receive diploma honors.

AKRON BEACON JOURNAL TOP/START STUDENTS

Graduating seniors from high schools in Summit, Stark, Portage, Medina, Wayne

and southern Cuyahoga counties are eligible for Star Students recognition in the Akron Beacon Journal.

NEWS CHANNEL 5 BEST OF THE CLASS

The NewsChannel 5 & Ohio Lottery's "Best of Class" award recognizes one of Northeast Ohio's top academic achievers.

PHI BETA KAPPA

Awarded annually to one senior who "demonstrates qualities of academic honesty, inquiry into scholarship matters which goes beyond assignments and requirements, a creative involvement in scholarship, and a great interest in things of the mind." Emphasis is placed on a student who contributes to the "intellectual environment" of their community.

ANNE CHAPMAN HISTORY PRIZE

The Anne Chapman History Prize was established in 1995 to honor both great teaching and outstanding accomplishment in history. This prize is given to that student in the senior class who best emulates the qualities that Dr. Chapman brings to the classroom. These qualities include a love of history, great intellectual curiosity, an ability to articulate ideas both verbally and on paper and a strong desire to share knowledge with others.

DAVID S. DENISON JR. '36 HISTORY PRIZE

This prize, established by Mrs. Jennifer Dennison-Budak and Rev. B. Whitman Dennison '39, was awarded initially to a senior in 2003 and is now awarded annually to one student from any class who has demonstrated superior achievement in the field of history.

ROBERT R. STOLL MATHEMATICS PRIZE

First award at commencement in 1988 to honor Professor Robert R. Stoll by his son, David B. Stoll M.D., Class of 1969. The award will be given to that senior or junior who, in the estimation of the faculty, demonstrates the highest aptitude and most creativity in the discipline of mathematics.

ROLLIN W. WAITE MATHEMATICS PRIZE

This award is given to the senior, who in the estimation of our math faculty, demonstrates a high aptitude in mathematics, but also is a classroom leader through his/her hard work and example for others in the discipline of mathematics. This prize was established by the Mathematics Department of WRA in 2000, to honor long-standing faculty master and department chair, Rollin W. Waite.

TER L. EBERLY '70 LANGUAGE PRIZE

This award is given to a student in the graduating class, and recognizes that student whose effort and performance in at least one foreign language demonstrates an exceptional sensitivity to and appreciation of the intrinsic value of language and culture. The recipient should have the experience of at least the third level of one foreign language (classical or modern). Through his/her dedication and commitment to the learning of foreign language(s), this student best personifies the spirit of inter-cultural understanding as it is conveyed through the study of a language, its literature, its culture, and its people.

CHRISTINE & JOHN BREUKER SERVICE AWARD

Prize established by H. E. Flanagan, Jr. at 2007 Baccalaureate Service to be awarded annual to a senior who shows "exemplary service and an ongoing effort to help others at Western Reserve Academy and in the world."

TODD C. WEAVER '89 PREFECT PRIZE

This award is determined by dorm heads. Prize established in 2005 to be awarded annually to a senior male prefect and a senior female prefect based on the vote of the dorm heads and current prefects. Qualities to be considered include the student's ability to contribute to the improvement of school life, provide model behavior, and support the school rules both stated and implied.

RACHEL C. SNIDER '88 SPIRIT AWARD

This prize, given in memory of Rachel Snider, member of the Class of 1988, is awarded to "that member of the student body who best exemplified selfless deportment, concern for others, general good will and a determination to make student life at Reserve more meaningful."

KEIR VIVIENNE MARTICKE '02 MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded to a junior or senior student who, in the judgment of the Head of School or his/her designate(s), best embodies the entire Western Reserve Academy experience - one who engages the School community, achieves academic excellence, demonstrates commitment and leadership in a varsity sport, and earns the respect of his/her peers and teachers with exceptional "spark and spunk," both within and outside the classroom.