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COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Bicknell Prize

- Kevin T. Escott

Robinson Prize

Benjamin S. Slotnik

John W. Hallowell Award

- Sasha M. Davis

Harlan Wood Award

- Ran Tao

Angus Frew Award

- Andrew S. Boniface

Marie Fiedler Award

- Abigail M. King

Head of School Awards

- Thomas S. Awender
- Francisco J. Blanco
- Jade C. DuVal
- Charles R. Kolodziej
- Dana M. Lake
- Katherine Ly
- Calum A. Mawer
- Alexis A. Shoemaker
- George C. Wiggam
- Guanru Wu

Cum Laude Society

- Peter M. Campanelli
- Kali B. Chapas
- Sasha M. Davis
- Kevin T. Escott
- Diwei Sheng
- Logan S. Snell
- Yue Wang

Faculty Awards

The Robert S. Weiss Memorial Award

- Wanda J. Boesch

The J. Ward & Marian Keener Prize

- Amy L. Donnelly

Senior Celebration Awards

Rachel C. Snider '88 Spirit Award

- Peter M. Campanelli

Keir Vivienne Marticke Memorial Prize

- Casey D. Semple

Todd C. Weaver Prefect Prize

- Katherine M. Elkind

- Kevin T. Escott

Friendship Trophy

- Tia S. Forsyth

Turnbull Endeavor Award

- Alison M. Landry

Phi Beta Kappa

- Ran Tao

News Channel 5 Best of the Class

- Alicia H. Ma

- Logan S. Snell

David S. Dennison Jr. '36 History Prize

- Ghassan W. Hamzeh

Anne Chapman History Prize

- Aeri Hong

John & Christine Breuker Service Award

- Won Joo (Emily) Lee

Peter L. Eberly '70 Language Prize

- Matthew A. Groll

Robert R. Stoll Mathematics Prize

- Ran Tao

Rollin W. Waite Mathematics Prize

- See Yoon Lee

Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Award

- Ghassan W. Hamzeh

- Elizabeth G. Russ

Akron Beacon Journal Top/Star Students

- Dana M. Lake

- Kevin T. Escott

WRA COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Bicknell Prize

This prize, given by the late Mr. Warren Bicknell, a loyal and long-standing Trustee of the Academy, is awarded to "that senior who has exerted the greatest influence in promoting school spirit, good manners and morals, and honesty in the classroom and leadership on the campus and the athletic field."

Robinson Prize

This prize, offered in memory of the late Mr. R.H.M. Robinson, an alumnus of the Academy and a long serving member of the Board of Trustees, is given to "That member of the senior class who in his or her career at the Academy has made the greatest progress in moral, mental and physical development."

John W. Hallowell Award

Presented to "that member of the senior class, not the recipient of any other major award, who has contributed significantly to the intellectual or cultural life of the school by his or her creative ability in one or more fields of interest, especially in art, music, and writing, but also possibly in the fields of science and history. In this award, creativity, talent and their development are the qualities to be recognized."

Harlan N. Wood Award

This prize, contributed by an anonymous donor, is awarded to "A senior, not the recipient of any other major prize, whose work and accomplishments have been distinguished by exceptional effort and whose example has been of great value to academic morale."

Angus M. Frew Award

Awarded at Commencement by vote of the Varsity coaches. There is inscribed, on an individual cup, the name of a student in the upper two classes who, in sportsmanship and athletic ability, most nearly achieved the athletic ideals of Western Reserve Academy.

Marie K. Fiedler Award

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Head of School Awards

These awards are designed to make public the good works of some of the senior class. Superb leadership, positive energy and selfless deportment are some of the characteristics these students possess. They are awarded at Commencement. Head of School chooses.

Cum Laude

Founded in 1906, The Cum Laude Society is dedicated to honoring scholastic achievement in secondary schools. The presence of a Cum Laude chapter at a secondary school is an indication that superior scholastic achievement is honored. Annually, up to 20% of the members of the senior class may be elected at any time during the senior year through the end of the senior year, with induction into the chapter during Academic Awards Assemblies and Commencement.

WRA SENIOR CELEBRATION AWARDS

Rachel C. Snider 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.”

Kier Vivienne Marticke '02 Memorial Prize

Awarded to a senior who 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 or her peers and teachers with exceptional “spark and spunk,” both within and outside the classroom.

Todd C. Weaver Prefect Prize '89

This prize, established in 2005, is awarded to a senior male prefect and a senior female prefect. Qualities 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.

Friendship Trophy

John Ryan, a native Australian and Fulbright Fellow, was a member of the Academy’s faculty and presented the trophy, a boomerang, to the Academy in 1955-56. This prize is awarded to “A senior who would especially well represent the U.S. abroad by his or her qualities of friendship, sincerity, courtesy and understanding.”

Turnbull Endeavor Award

This prize, established by Gordon & Karen Turnbull, parents of Clair L. Turnbull '03, consists of a Scottish quich—a “friendship cup”—and certificate. It is awarded annually to a senior who has comported him or herself with dignity, sincerity, and uncommon resolve.

Phi Beta Kappa

Awarded annually to one senior in the top 10 percent of the class and also “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 a student who contributes to the “intellectual environment” of their community.

News Challenge 5 Best of the Class

Awarded annually to one male and one female senior student who is in the top percentage of their class and is from Northeast Ohio.

David S. Dennison 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.

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.

John & Christine Breuker Prize for Service

This prize is awarded to a senior who shows "exemplary service and an ongoing effort to help others at Western Reserve Academy and in the world."

Peter L. Eberly '70 Language Prize

This award, which includes monetary recognition, 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.

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 or 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.

Army Reserve/Scholar/Athlete Award

Awarded to any (typically one male and one female student) male athlete or any female athlete who has excelled in any organized sport during the school year AND has demonstrated a strong academic performance well above average shall be eligible for selection as scholar/athletes.

Beacon Journal Top/Star 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.