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On Wednesday, May 20, Head of Upper School **Brent Spicer** released a link to a recording of the annual Upper School Honors Ceremony. We are so proud of the following students who earned honors and accolades for their hard work and dedication throughout the 2019-2020 school year:

2019-2020 National Merit Commended Students: (Form 12)

Elizabeth Adams

Weston Bohne

John Bourland

Grace Boyan

Sarah Dickerson

Ben Eugster

Paris Johnson

Aryan Kapoor

Caleb Miller

Isaac Miller

Marguerite Morgan

Anisha Patibandla

Shane Rybacki

Drew Stewart

2019-2020 National Merit Finalists and Scholars: (Form 12)

Aidan Campbell

Shilpa Gunuganti (recently named National Merit Scholar)



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Sam Hernandez

Victoria Kim (recently named National Merit Scholar)

JD Walls

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

*The following students earned **PVSA BRONZE** medals for performing at least 100 hours of community service in 2019-20.*

Form 9

Ben Cruz

Grace Phillips

Daniela Sala

Jonathan Tubb

Form 10

Alex Alvarez

Ben Bankler

Kathleen Benson

Donovan Bowley

Alec Czar

Gian Avalos Delgado

Shaili Ganeshappa

Lauren Hale

William Herff

Ansley Steele

Lauren Vegas

Abbie Zeller

Form 11

Vico Abel

Eli Greenberg

Caroline Lawton

Itza Martinez

Alana Michell

Tate Seeligson

Fletcher Spear

Ben Wilson

Form 12



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Isabella Sanchez

*These students earned **PVSA SILVER** medals for accumulating at least 175 hours of service in 2019-20.*

Form 9

Annie Schroeder
Elliott Strauch

Form 10

Penelope Luna

Form 11

Izzy Castillo
Michael Karkar
Mehwish Rehman
Adam Swider
Ryan Tanner
Lucas Williamson
Olivia Zachry

Form 12

Joy Ding
Melena Nikmaram

*The following students earned **PVSA GOLD** medals for performing at least 250 hours of service in 2019-2020*

Form 9

Anish Beeram
Luz Elena Chapa
Bailen Ganeshappa
Alex Gillham
Helena Hanor
Aly Khanmohamed
Jonathan Largoza
Rene Reyna
Ferzine Sanjana
Parker Thill
Henry Zachry



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Form 10

Jack Archer
Nicholas Campos
Madison Cox
Mollie Duphorne
Patience Locke
Lauren Strauch
Sofia Zavala

Form 11

Vivek Beeram
Michelle Bourland
Devika Kumar
Luke Phillips
Ricky Reyna
Karl Sanjana

Form 12

John Bourland
Jay Paliwal
Polly Powers



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Athletic Department Awards

3-sport and 4-sport Athletes:

Form 9	Form 10	Form 11	Form 12
Ojus Dutta Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field	Gian Avalos-Delgado Cross Country, Soccer, Lacrosse	Quinton Battah Football, Soccer, Tennis	Claudia Espy Field Hockey, Cheer, Track & Field
Julia Garcia Cross Country, Basketball, Golf	Alec Czar Football, Basketball, Lacrosse	Caroline Berridge Field Hockey, Basketball, Track & Field	Caroline Largoza Cross Country, Soccer, Tennis
Ainsley Hunter Cheer, Cheer, Track & Field	Katherine Drawert Field Hockey, Soccer, Track & Field	Margaret Esquinca-Moreno Cross Country, Cheer, Track & Field	Isabella Sanchez Cheer, Soccer, Softball, Track & Field
Patrick Lang Cross Country, Basketball, Lacrosse, Track & Field	Jack Hall Football, Basketball, Lacrosse	Nicole Johnson Cheer, Cheer, Softball	Jillian Spicer Cross Country, Basketball, Softball, Track & Field
Jonathan Largoza Cross Country, Basketball, Lacrosse	James Hawes Football, Basketball, Lacrosse	Sofia Meagher Field Hockey, Basketball, Track & Field	
	Nicole Mays Field Hockey, Basketball, Softball		

Next, we have our **10 or More Varsity Letter Athlete Awards**. The following senior student have earned 10 or more varsity letters during their Upper School careers.



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Our first 10-letter Athlete is: **Isabella Sanchez**

In Form 9 - she participated in Softball

In Form 10 – Soccer, Softball,

In Form 11 – Soccer, Softball, Track & Field,

And in Form 12 –she participated in Cheer, Soccer, Softball, Track & Field

Next is **Jillian Spicer**, who earned 14 varsity letters

In Form 9 - she participated in Basketball and Softball

In Form 10 – Cross Country, Basketball, Softball, and Track & Field

In Form 11 – Cross Country, Basketball, Softball, and Track & Field

And in Form 12 –she participated in Cross Country, Basketball, Softball, and Track & Field

Our next award is the **NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR AWARD** – This year the award is presented to two students who have made an immediate impact in athletics during their first year in the Upper School at Saint Mary's Hall.

This year's Newcomers of the Year are: **Julia Garcia and Patrick Lang** (F 9)

THE EARL BILL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD is presented to the male and female Varsity athletes who have exemplified the best qualities of sportsmanship throughout the year. Athletes, when I call your name, please come to the stage and remain here so we can get a picture of the two of you together.

This year's recipients of the Earl Bill Sportsmanship Award are:

Max Rosenbloom (F11) and **Caroline Largoza** (F 12)

THE SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD is presented to the varsity male and female athletes who are outstanding both in the classroom and in their respective athletic arenas. These athletes truly exemplify what it takes to be a scholar-athlete at Saint Mary's Hall. Again, when you come to the stage, please stay up here so we can get a picture of you together.

This year's scholar athlete awards go to: **Jillian Spicer** (F 12) and **Ben Eugster** (F 12)

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

The award for Advanced Topics in Composition goes to: **Anna Albrecht** (Form 9)

The award for Survey of British Literature and World Drama goes to: **Laura Weissmann** (Form 10)

The award for American Literature and Composition goes to: **Jennings Stuart** (Form 11)

The award for AP English Language and Composition goes to: **Sarah Hernandez** (Form 11)

The award for Rhetoric, Composition, and Literature goes to: **Jay Paliwal** (Form 12)

The award for AP English Literature and Composition goes to:

Mia Sabom (Form 12)



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The Creative Writing Award goes to: **Natalia Zambrano** (Form 12)

The Joseph P. Mellard Creative Writing Award goes to: **Mafer Benavides** (Form 12)

SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS:

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance's mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Through the Awards, students receive opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. Students across America submitted nearly 350,000 original works this year in 29 different categories of art and writing. This year, Saint Mary's Hall had 6 different students place in the Southwest Regional Level **and** the National Level.

Southwest Region at Large

Scholastic Writing Awards – ***Honorable Mention Certificates:***

- **Elizabeth Adams** (F 12) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Anna Albrecht** (F 9) – Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Anna Albrecht** (F 9) – Poetry
- **Vivek Beeram** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **Kathleen Benson** (F 10) — Personal Essay/Memoir, Critical Essay (2)
- **Grace Boyan** (F 12) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Marcel Chavez** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **Lexi Dalrymple** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **Alejandro Delgado** (F 10) — Poetry
- **Joy Ding** (F 12) — Poetry
- **Sam Hernandez** (F 12) – Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Sophie Jaafar** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **Michael Karkar** (F 11) – Critical Essay (2)
- **Victoria Kim** (F 11) — Poetry
- **Yash Pamar** (F 12) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Anisha Patibandla** (F 12) – Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Mehwish Rehman** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **Ansley Steele** (F 10) — Poetry
- **Ricky Reyna** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **JD Walls** (F 12) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Lara Weissmann** (F 10) — Critical Essay
- **Natalia Zambrano** (F 12) — Poetry, Personal Essay/Memoir (2)

National Winners

Scholastic Writing Awards - ***Silver Key Certificates:***



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- **Mafer Benavides** (F 12) – Poetry (2)
- **Kathleen Benson** (F 10) – Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Lexi Dalrymple** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **Elizabeth Fowler** (F 12) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Emily Garrett** (F 12) — Poetry, Personal Essay/Memoir (2)
- **Caroline Hale** (F 12) — Original Song
- **William Herff** (F 10) – Critical Essay
- **Chelsea Huffman** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **Melena Nikmaram** (F 12) — Personal Essay/ Memoir
- **Camille Serot** (F 10) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Sophie Silva** (F 12) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Lauren Strauch** (F 10) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Natalia Zambrano** (F 12) — Poetry

Scholastic Writing Awards – **Gold Key Certificates:**

- **Mafer Benavides** (F 12) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Sarah Dickerson** (F 12) — Personal Essay/Memoir
- **Shilpa Gunuganti** (F 12) – Critical Essay
- **Sarah Hernandez** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **Sophie Jaafar** (F 11) – Critical Essay
- **Luke Phillips** (F 11) – Critical Essay

THE NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY Crafton Award for Excellence

The National English Honor Society, founded and sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, is the only national organization exclusively for high school students and faculty who, in the field of English, merit special note for past and current accomplishments. This year, the National English Honor Society sponsored several national writing contests, and three (3) members from Saint Mary's Hall's Charles Dickens chapter won the Intellectual Freedom Challenge essay contest, requiring students to write *rationale* essays based on controversial texts, which will be forwarded to the National Council of Teachers of English to become part of their research holdings. Our winners of the National English Honor Society Writing Awards are:

Lexi Dalrymple: Intellectual Freedom Award for Writing Achievement

Leah Gomez: Intellectual Freedom Award for Writing Achievement

Sophie Jaafar: Intellectual Freedom Award for Writing Achievement

The English Department **Undergraduate Award** this year goes to:

Sophie Jaafar (Form 11)



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FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

Dance Awards

Ballet Award: **Kelsie Westmoreland** (Form 12)

Modern Award: **Grace Boyan** (Form 12)

Theater, Speech and Debate Awards

Technical Theater Award: **Cooper Terry** (Form 12)

Debate Award: **Vivek Beeram** (Form 11)

Speech and Drama Award: **Emily Garrett** (Form 12)

Theater Production Award: **Tristan Cantu** (Form 12)

Media Awards

Digital Cinema Award: **Wilson Jones** (Form 12)

Photography Award: **Hunter Allen** (Form 12)

Yearbook Award: **Christina Oliver** (Form 10)

Music Awards

Instrumental Music Award: **Charles Danysh** (Form 11)

Vocal Music Award: **Itza Martinez** (Form 11)

Private Music Award: **Caleb Miller** (Form 12)

Visual Arts Awards

Painting & Drawing Art Award: **Evelyn Cox** (Form 11)

Sculpture & Design Award: **Weston Bohne** (Form 12)

Art History Award: **Stella Markey** (Form 12)

The Fine Arts Undergraduate Awards this year goes to:

Media Arts: **Maggie Leavitt** (Form 11)

Performing Arts: **Matthew Averyt** (Form 10)

Visual Arts: **Annabelle Huang** (Form 11)

The Ralph L. Howell Award

Given in honor of the late longtime Saint Mary's Hall photography teacher, **Ralph Howell**. The Ralph L. Howell Award recognizes an outstanding junior visual or performing artist who has demonstrated excellence in the Fine Arts at Saint Mary's Hall and possess the same passion, artistry, sense of joy and good character as exhibited by Mr. Howell. The 2020 Ralph L. Howell Award goes to **Jennings Stuart** (Form 11).



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MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

Algebra I: **Jasmine Adolphe** (Form 9)
Geometry: **Ainsley Hunter** (Form 9)
Geometry Honors: **Jack Rykert** (Form 9)
Algebra II: **Kirsten Schlortt** (Form 10)
Algebra II Honors: **Grace Ogden** (Form 9)
Principles of Finance and Investing: **Anisha Patibandla** (Form 12)
Precalculus: **Marcel Chavez** (Form 11)
Precalculus Honors: **Lauren Strauch** (Form 10)
Calculus: **Jacqueline Clement** (Form 11)
AP Statistics: **Weston Bohne** (Form 12)
AP Calculus (AB): **Nicholas Trujillo** (Form 12)
AP Calculus (BC): **Aidan Campbell** (Form 12)
Calculus III: **Ben Eugster** (Form 12)

THE RENSSELAER MEDAL AWARD is presented to one member of the junior class who has excelled in math and science and who has also exhibited significant involvement in extracurricular activities. This year's recipient is **Lexi Dalrymple** (Form 11).

Math Department **UNDERGRADUATE AWARD** goes to: **Sarah Hernandez** (Form 11)

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

Physics I: **Grace Ogden** (Form 9)
Physics Honors: **Leo Cheong** (Form 9)
Astrophysics: **Michael Karkar** (Form 11)
AP Physics C: **John Bourland** (Form 12)
Chemistry I: **Ethan Doehler** (Form 10)
Chemistry Honors: **Lauren Strauch** (Form 10)
AP Chemistry: **Sarah Hernandez** (Form 11)
AP Biology: **Jillian Spicer** (Form 12)
Cell Biology: **Lexi Dalrymple** (Form 11)
Zoology: **Emily Braddock** (Form 11)
Human Anatomy & Physiology: **Ryan Tanner** (Form 11)
STEM: **Jasmine Adolphe** (Form 9)
Intro to Computer Science: **Leo Cheong** (Form 9)
AP Computer Science: **Weston Bohne** (Form 12)
AP Environmental Science: **Chelsea Huffman** (Form 11)



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Bausch and Lomb Award

Each year, Bausch and Lomb recognizes outstanding high school science students who meet the following criteria with the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award:

- Academic Excellence in science.
- Rigorous course of study taken in the sciences.
- Exceptional PSAT Math, SAT Math, and/or ACT Science/Math scores.

Winners of the award are automatically considered for the Bausch and Lomb Science Scholarship at the University of Rochester, should they apply. This year's Saint Mary's Hall recipient of the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award is: **Sarah Hernandez** (Form 11)

The Science Department **UNDERGRADUATE AWARD** goes to: **Vivek Beeram** (Form 11).

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

Global Studies I & II: **Jackson White** (Form 9)

Global Studies III & IV: **Christina Oliver** (Form 10)

AP World History: **William Herff** (Form 10)

Modern U. S. History: **Luke Thompson** (Form 11)

AP U. S. History: **Brandon Grindall** (Form 11)

Government: **Hunter Allen** (Form 12)

AP Government: **Sam Eckert** (Form 12)

AP Economics: **Raj Talukdar** (Form 12)

AP European History: **Mafer Benavides** (Form 12)

Introduction to Psychology A: **Zach Powell** (Form 12)

Introduction to Psychology B: **Alexandra Owings** (Form 12)

SOCIAL STUDIES **UNDERGRADUATE AWARD**: **Vivek Beeram** (Form 11)

WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

French I: **Grace Ogden** (Form 9)

French II: **Alex Riebe** (Form 9)

French III: **Sofia Mauri** (Form 10)

French III Honors: **Camille Serot** (Form 10)

French IV: **Nicole Detiveaux** (Form 11)

AP French Language and Culture: **Emma Tucker** (Form 11)

Latin I: **Marissa Garza** (Form 9)

Latin II: **Jack Hall** (Form 10)

Latin II Honors: **Anish Beeram** (Form 9)

Latin III: **Jake Rouse** (Form 10)



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Latin III Honors: **Allyson Gibbs** (Form 9)

Latin IV: **Maggie Leavitt** (Form 11)

Latin V: **Elizabeth Fowler** (Form 12)

AP Latin: **Luke Phillips** (Form 11)

2020 Upper School National Latin Exam Results

In addition to the course awards, we have some awards from the National Latin Exam, which Latin students took earlier this spring. Unfortunately, we do not yet have the results from the National French or Spanish Exams, so we will look to celebrate those students over the summer or in the fall.

The National Latin Exam is a test typically given to approximately 150,000 students in all 50 states, and in 20 countries around the world. The test covers a general knowledge of Latin grammar and vocabulary, reading comprehension skills in Latin, mythology, Roman culture and history, and derivatives.

Congratulations to the following Saint Mary's Hall Upper School Latin students who were recognized for their achievement on the National Latin Exam.

First Year Latin:

CUM LAUDE

LAINIEY HOPKINS (Form 11)

JASMINE ADOLPHE (Form 9)

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

MARISSA GARZA (Form 9)

Second Year Latin:

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

AINSLEY HUNTER (Form 9)

TREVOR JORGENSEN (Form 9)

MAXIMA CUM LAUDE -SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

ANSLEY STEELE (Form 10)

SUMMA CUM LAUDE -GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

MILEY HAMILTON (Form 9)

JACKSON WHITE (Form 9)

Third Year Latin:

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

ETHAN DOEHLER (Form 10)

MAXIMA CUM LAUDE -SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

ALLYSON GIBBS (Form 9)

SUMMA CUM LAUDE -GOLD MEDAL WINNERS



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MATTHEW AVERYT (Form 10)

Spanish I: **Luke Thompson** (Form 11)
Spanish II: **Ashley Lozano** (Form 9)
Spanish II Honors: **Lauren Vegas** (Form 9)
Spanish III: **Meredith Vance** (Form 11)
Spanish III Honors: **Valeria Ramos Prado** (Form 10)
Spanish IV: **Michelle Bourland** (Form 10)
Spanish V: Film and Fiction, a Study of Latin America and the Caribbean:
Michael Karkar (Form 11)
Spanish V: Film and Fiction, a Study of Spain: **Lily Miggins** (Form 12)
AP Spanish Language and Culture: **Lauren Strauch** (Form 10)
Spanish AP Literature and Culture: **Lucia Saks** (Form 12)

WORLD LANGUAGE UNDERGRADUATE AWARD:

French: Gian Avalos Delgado (Form 10)

Latin: Matthew Averyt (Form 10)

Spanish: Sophie Jaafar (Form 11)

OTHER AWARDS

The following awards continue to distinguish an exceptional level of individual accomplishment in scholarship and leadership:

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AWARD, which recognizes a student who has demonstrated interest in and awareness of the discipline of economics, and who has exhibited respect and tolerance for socio-economic and socio-political diversity, goes to: **Shane Rybacki** (Form 12)

THE SHERWOOD W. INKLEY AWARD

Given in honor of the late Saint Mary's Hall history teacher and Headmaster, Sherwood Inkley, the following award is presented to a sophomore who has demonstrated strong interest and academic achievement in the study of history, and who has made outstanding contributions to the Saint Mary's Hall community through leadership and participation in community service. This year's award goes to: **Nicholas Campos** (Form 10)

THE BEN MCMURRAY AWARD, which comes with a Saint Mary's Hall keychain and reserved parking spot, goes to a rising junior who consistently demonstrates the attributes of Ben McMurray, Class of 2006. Those attributes are: a strong work ethic, active involvement in school, service to others, generosity, integrity, and good will.
This year's Ben McMurray Award Winner is: **Georgia Kemmett** (Form 10).



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Walrus Dedication: I would like to acknowledge Mrs. **Amy Williams-Eddy** and the 2020 staff of *The Walrus* for their award-winning publication. This year, the magazine received three national critiques for their hard work. They are:

- From the National Council of Teachers of English program Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines, *The Walrus* was awarded a First Class ranking. Only 47 magazines on the national level earned this highest honor.
- From the National Scholastic Press Association, *The Walrus* received First Class Rating with marks of distinction in design.
- From the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, or CSPA, *The Walrus* received two awards.
 - For the individual merit written critique from CSPA, *The Walrus* received a Gold Medal with All-Columbian Honors for Essentials, Verbal, and Visual.
 - At the national competition level, the CSPA honors top student publications chosen from member schools. Crowns are selected for overall excellence in a head-to-head comparison with other publications. During Crown consideration, publications are judged on their excellence as shown by their design, photography, concept, coverage and writing. This year, *The Walrus* was one of 21 magazines awarded a Silver Crown at the national level.

Mrs. Williams-Eddy and the Walrus Staff dedicated the 2019-2020 edition of *The Walrus* to Head of Middle School and Dean of Academics, **Ms. Sam Hamilton**. *The Walrus* editors would like to acknowledge her as an amazing leader who is known for her love of reading and writing and consistently shows genuine care for all members of the Saint Mary's Hall community. Thank you, Ms. Hamilton and happy retirement! You will be missed!