

Award Descriptions for 11/12 Awards Ceremony – May 28, 2024

US Marine Corps Awards: Every year, the Marine Corps takes pride in recognizing outstanding performances in academics, athletics, and music. All three fields exemplify the qualities that are inherent to the Marine Corps – smart, tough, and elite.

US Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award: This student must be a member of a varsity team, be a high school junior or senior, be a leader among their peers, and an outstanding young citizen. This year, the award goes to **Kathryn Bauman. and Owen Simon.**

US Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award: This student must be recognized as an academic scholar, be a high school junior or senior, be a leader among their peers, and an outstanding young citizen. This year, the award goes to **Gianna Jackson.**

US Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence: This student must be in first chair position or recognized as an outstanding musical performer, be a high school junior or senior, be a leader among their peers and an outstanding young citizen. This year, the award goes to **Marin Penner.**

West Irondequoit Alumni Association Scholarship – Generations of Excellence: Every year, the WIAA will award scholarships to students that meet the following requirements: A senior student who will graduate in June. At graduation, has attended Irondequoit High School for four years. A good citizen who worked hard in high school. The student will be attending a two or four-year college or vocational school. The student is a child or grandchild of an Irondequoit Alumni. This year the recipients are:

Allison Austin

Elizabeth Crichton

Beatrix Freeman

Liam Kilminster

Nicole Lamberson

Marin Penner

Maura Taberski

Suzanne Dreher Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship was established in honor of Suzanne K. Dreher, a West Irondequoit School Board member and mother

of 2 West Irondequoit graduates. Suzanne focused her life on her family, friends, and community. Each year, two students are selected based on their morals, work ethic, school spirit, extra-curricular involvement, and humble attitudes. This year, the recipients are **Serah Hall and Nazreath Hagos**.

Irondequoit Lions Club Dr. Robert Santo Memorial Scholarship: Lions serve. It's that simple, and it has been since we first began in 1917. Our clubs are places where individuals join together to give their valuable time and effort to improving their communities, and the world. This year, the recipient is: **Ruby Flanigen**.

Urban-Suburban Monroe One Foundation Scholarship: In 1985, the Urban-Suburban Program commemorated its 20th anniversary by establishing a scholarship award to honor the achievements demonstrated by hundreds of former and future graduates. The Reidman Corporation of Rochester, Monroe County, through the auspices of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, donated \$3,000.00 to cover two award years. At the end of the two-year period, Urban-Suburban parents urged that the scholarship awards be continued. Subsequently, scholarships are awarded each year with monies provided through fundraisers organized and carried out by dedicated parents and program staff. To date, 591 graduating students have received Urban-Suburban scholarships and have applied these monies to start a successful college career.

In the spirit of the Program's annual goals, the Urban-Suburban Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating Urban-Suburban students for their achievements. This year the recipient is **Mi'Asia Rolon**.

National Honor Society Scholarship: When the National Honor Society was established by the National Association for Secondary School Principals (NASSP) in 1921, the principals involved hoped to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. These ideals of *scholarship, service, leadership, and character* remain as relevant today as they were in 1921. Membership in NHS is both an honor and a commitment. It is this commitment that has helped shape the Honor Society's reputation for excellence, making it a valued asset among administrators, faculty members, students, parents, and communities. This student is an active member in good standing of a National Honor Society

chapter, meeting and exceeding all membership requirements and obligations of the local chapter. This year the scholarship goes to **Nicole Lamberson**.

Tyler Putnam Foundation Scholar-Athlete Scholarship: The Tyler Putnam Foundation was created in memory of HIS student Tyler Putnam. Tyler was 16 years old and about to enter his junior year at IHS when he passed away suddenly of a very rare form of Meningitis. Tyler's character, work ethic, and determination in the classroom and as a student-athlete were second to none. He was a great student, a great athlete, and above all, a great friend to all. The Tyler Putnam Foundation Scholarship was created to honor a Irondequoit High School graduating senior who participates in the hockey or lacrosse program who exemplifies the qualities and values that Tyler exhibited. This year, the recipient is **Taylor Filighera**.

E.R.A.S.E. College Scholarship: E.R.A.S.E. of Irondequoit NY, (Eliminating Racism and Seeking Equity) recognizes the importance that education plays in the lives of our youth. The E.R.A.S.E. Scholarship seeks to provide additional financial support to graduating students of color, thereby continuing to diversify colleges, universities, and trade schools. This year, the recipient is **Kayla Jean-Jacques**.

Green Team Scholarship: The Green Team Club meets 2 times a week. We collect recycled bottles, talk about sustainability, and make posters to educate others. This year's recipient is an aspiring student and is passionate about her environmental studies. She is a natural leader that empowers her peers. Her future studies will focus on practical solutions to major problems that our planet is facing. This year, the recipient is **Maura Taberski**.

Rotary Club of Irondequoit "Service Above Self" Award: The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize one student from each high school in Irondequoit for service above and beyond at their school an/or within the community. This year, the recipient is **Marin Penner**.

New York State Triple "C" Award: The triple "C" award recognizes the character, courage, and commitment of NY's hard-working students. These two students have shown dedication to their learning, community, family, and fellow classmates. This year, the recipients are **Nora DeMayo and Cade Vida**.

PTSA Heart of the Eagle Award: The Irondequoit High School HEART OF THE EAGLE AWARD is presented by the PTSA every year to students who have been nominated by teachers. These students are distinguished for their commitment and contributions to our high school. They are bright spots in our classrooms, hallways, and community. They are truly the HEART of the School and the PTSA is proud to recognize them and their contributions tonight. I will read the Juniors first followed by the Seniors.

Ahmed Al Ismail

Nathan Castellon

Olivia Conlon

Gianna Jackson

Paola Miranda-Rodriguez

Julia Ahlquist

Laney Flynn

Julia Jaeger

Kiera Moran

Brianna Wickline

WICPTSA Stanley Marcus Humanitarian Scholarship: This award is presented to a high school junior or senior student who best exemplify the humanitarian principles of Stanley Marcus who died in 1977 while serving as third vice president of the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers. He will always be remembered for his humanitarianism and dedication to youth through zealous volunteer community service. Since PTA is a volunteer organization, we believe that it is only fitting that we should honor such service by our young people through the sponsorship of this award. This year not only has our nominee been selected for our region, but she is the Statewide Winner of this amazing award out of 13 regions. Congratulations to **Emmalynn Francis**.

Dallas Book Award: The purpose of this award is to encourage and inspire a graduating senior toward a lifelong pursuit of nature and environment. The senior selected is one who will be pursuing further study in an environmentally related field. This year's recipient is **Amelia Bigsby**.

Helen Rice Literary Award: this award was created to pay tribute to Helen Rice on her 100th birthday to acknowledge a female graduating senior who plans to major in education or library science. This year, the recipient is **Julia Ahlquist**.

Joe Obbie Memorial Scholarship by the Webster Theater Guild: Joe lived a life that was an outstanding example for all. He and his wife Pat served as foster parents for many years and adopted 3 of his 7 children. He was the recipient of many special honors attributed to someone so outstanding in the support of his church and community. A few examples: Family of the Year in 1979 by the New York State Knights of Columbus, Patriot of the Year in 2005 by the Webster Knights of Columbus, and the renaming of the Webster Farmers' Market in his memory. He participated with the Webster Theatre Guild for over 10 years both on and off the stage, as well as participated with the Neighborhood Acting Company and RAPA. His signature role as Daddy Warbucks, mirrored the man he was in life, a hardworking, caring person. His fight against cancer during his final role as Warbucks in 2005 was an inspiration to all in the Guild, as well as in the community. In Joe Obbie's honor, we are committed to helping students who are involved in community service and who hope to pursue their love of performing arts through higher education. This year, the recipient is **Heidi Zeller**.

University of Pittsburgh Alumni Award: This award is presented to two outstanding juniors, one male, one female, who are in the top 5% of their class, along with top SAT scores. This year's award winners are **Luca Scott and Jane Simon**.

William and Eileen Volk Commitment to Community Scholarship: This scholarship was established in honor of William and Eileen Volk who had a passion for the arts, environment, and community service. This award is intended to honor four graduating Irondequoit High School students who plan to further their education at a 2 or 4-year College, University, or Technical School. The recipients of this scholarship are active in community service, have a passion for the environment, shown an increase in or have maintained a high GPA, and are active in arts, music, or student government. This year's recipients are:

Ellery McClenathan

Marin Penner

Amelia Reidmiller

Allison Zon

West Irondequoit Teachers' Association Scholarship: Each year the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association (WITA) and the West Irondequoit School Retiree Association (WISRA) award three scholarships to promising students who plan to

major in education or a human service-related profession. Three scholarships represent the pride that the faculty and staff of West Irondequoit have in their students. This year the THIRD-place recipient is **Carson Keller**. The SECOND-place recipient is **Ellery McClenathan**. And the FIRST-place winner of the WITA Scholarship is **Maura Taberski**.

Bonnie Gee Scholarship: In memory of beloved IHS Employee Bonnie Gee, this award is given to recognize a student that has overcome adversity and has moved in a positive direction to maximize potential. This year's recipient is **Luis Hernandez**.

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2 Ton Tony's Senior Scholarship: The 2 Ton Tony's Pizza Scholarship was created by owners Tony and Kathy Proietti to give back to our community and to remember their young friend and customer Michael Lynch. They should embody the spirit of giving back to the community along with Michael Lynch's motto: "Live life as best as you can, treating others kindly and enjoying yourself because you've only got one." This year, the recipients are:

Ella Belculfine

Owen Donovan

Samantha Marriott

New York State Comptroller Award: This award is presented each year to a student who has excelled academically and has also shown leadership potential by volunteering their time to serve the school or community. Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli sends his sincere congratulations and best wishes to the class of 2024. This year's recipient is **Meghan Roussie**.

David and Marilyn Walker Scholarship: The recipient of this scholarship should be a minority student who will be graduating from Irondequoit High School and attending college in the fall. The recipient should be of good moral character and should strive for excellence both inside and outside of the classroom. This year, the recipient is **Isaiah Ballard**.

American Legion Post #134 Scholarship: This student must be a child or grandchild of a veteran who has served in the US Military Service. They must show good academic achievement, an interest in community affairs, someone who gets along with their peers and school authorities and displays an eagerness to

achieve high standards in school and life. This year, the recipient is **Gioachino Imburgia**.

Ronald Reagan Medal Award: This prestigious award is presented to high school juniors and/or seniors who best exemplify the following characteristics: Drive, Humility, and Service Before Self. Every high school in America may nominate one junior and/or one senior student for a Ronald Reagan Leadership Medal. This award allows schools to recognize outstanding high school students whose drive, integrity, and citizenship qualities are emblematic of our nation's 40th President. This year, the recipient is **Reid Wygal**.

Class of 2001 Scholarship: While being in the top 10-35% of the class, the recipient of this award has also shown meaningful dedication and service to both IHS and the community. This award is given to a senior student who best exemplifies the character of the class of 2001. This year, the recipient is **Aidan Stewart**.

County Executive Community Award: Each year the County Executive recognizes two seniors with a certificate of commendation. The two seniors need to have been a role model to their peers and demonstrated a significant commitment to helping others. This year we are recognizing **Dinlin Chen and Nicole Lamberson**.

Sons of the American Revolution Alexander Milliner Good Citizenship Award: This award is presented to a student who is in good standing in their class and has shown service to the community, clean speech and habits, honesty, cooperation, and a strong sense of duty. This year's recipient is **Zachary Haight**.

Maragret Price Citizenship Award: This recipient has exhibited concern for others, given freely of their services to school and community, and has demonstrated the qualities of love and compassion, a sense of justice and soft-spoken leadership. This year, the recipient is **Cate Bondi**.

Harvey E. Anderson Award: This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors who have participated in athletics at Section 5 schools. Students must be nominated by their coaches and demonstrate 110% effort in their studies and chosen sport. This year was an unusually competitive year, and although they are not the winners, these two students deserve recognition for their dedication and team spirit: The

nominees are **Serah Hall** and **Kailey Besio**.

Get-It-Straight Scholarship: Every year, Get-It-Straight Orthodontics awards college scholarships to fourteen of our patients in the Greater Rochester, NY area who excel in community service. Any patient in our practice who is currently in treatment or has completed orthodontic treatment with braces or Invisalign in any of our three locations in Pittsford, Gananda or Greece is eligible to apply. We are very proud of our patients, and this is one way we can help them with their future endeavors. This year, the Get-It-Straight Scholarship winner at IHS is **Liam Kilminster**.

Urban League Black Scholars Award – 12th Grade: This award is given to students of African descent who have achieved a cumulative average of 83.5 or higher in the 2022-2023 school year. The recipients are:

Zoe Briggs

Leul Delnesa

Nazreath Hagos

Catherine Robinson

Donovan Robinson

Mika Slotnick-Smith

Heidi Hoenig Memorial Award: This award is given to a graduating senior from Irondequoit High School who demonstrates high potential for a career in architecture or the arts. This year, the recipient is: **Beatrix Freeman**.

Orris and Virginia Hawks Award: This award is in memory of Orris and Virginia Hawks and is intended to honor a student who made an outstanding contribution to the arts and the community in the form of community service. This year's recipient is **Meghan Roussie**.

Joshua Rojas Heart for Art Award: The Joshua P. Rojas "Heart for Art Award" has been annually given since 2005. This award is presented to a graduating senior at Irondequoit High School who shares and displays Joshua's passion for life, art, and community. Josh Rojas was a 5th grader at Iroquois Middle School when he passed away suddenly in a soccer field here in Irondequoit. Though Joshua participated in many sports, his true passions were art and music. His family created this award in his honor to recognize an Irondequoit student that loves art just as much as Joshua did. The recipient received a check, a personal plaque and

their name will be inscribed on a plaque displayed at Irondequoit High School. This year's recipient of the Joshua P. Rojas "Heart for Art" Award is **Julia Ahlquist**.

Theater Performance Awards: This award acknowledges excellence in performance in West Irondequoit productions, extra curriculars, and theater classes. Students have been model cast members and collaborators, and have been frequent and noteworthy participants. Because of the exceptional senior class this year, HIS Performing Arts has selected 3 recipients for this award. They are:

Alexandra Cognata

Meghan Roussie

Heidi Zeller

Theater Technical Awards: This award acknowledges excellence in technical achievement to recognize the many students who work behind the scenes to make our West Irondequoit productions come to life. Students may also participate in theater classes and extracurricular events in the performing arts program. Because of the exceptional senior class this year, HIS Performing Arts has selected 3 recipients for this award. They are:

Derek Bertram

Ellie Di Martino

Cade Vida

Louis Armstrong Award: Louis Armstrong was an American jazz musician and singer. Armstrong's influence extends well beyond jazz music, and by the end of his career in the 1960s, he was widely regarded as a profound influence on popular music in general. Lucille Armstrong, his wife in later years, described his love for people. "Louis's greatest personality traits were humility and generosity. He just loved people, and he always tried to understand them too. He was compassionate, generous, and understanding with everyone. He was loved, not only for his style, but as a person as well." The Louis Armstrong Award is the "top senior jazz award" or highest-level interscholastic award given to students at high schools in the United States. It is given in recognition of "outstanding musical achievement and an incredible dedication to the program". This year, the recipient is **Gioachino Imburgia**.

Tri-M Service Member of the Year: Each year our chapter presents two awards. The first is our Tri-M Service Member of the Year and it is based on overall leadership and participation at Tri-M sponsored activities and projects. Our

Service member of the year this year is senior, **Ella Belculfine**. Thank you for your countless hours, hard work, and selfless attitude.

Tri-M Michael Crumb Excellence in Musicianship Award: The second Award is the Michael Crumb Award for Excellence in Musicianship. Michael Crumb was a beloved music teacher in West Irondequoit who went on into public school administration. He is now enjoying retirement as a former superintendent of schools in Spencerport. In February of 2019, our students got to meet Mr. Crumb at our annual induction ceremony. Each year, our membership votes for a senior that they feel embodies his character and true excellence as a Musician. For the first time since the formation of our Tri-M chapter in 1998, This year the winner of the Michael Crumb Award for Excellence in Musicianship goes to the same recipient as our Service Member of the Year, Congratulations again to **Ella Belculfine**.

Mathematics Senior Book Award: The Senior Book Award in Mathematics goes to our very top math students. These individuals have achieved at the highest level possible in our most challenging math courses. These amazing young mathematicians show great promise in the area of STEM related fields of study. They are true mathematical superstars who consistently displayed above average talent and creativity in math. It is with great pride and honor that I present the prestigious Senior Book Award in Mathematics to the following students:

Alexander Anderson

Allison Austin

Dinlin Chen

Norah DeMayo

Aidan Stewart

Reid Wygal

Allison Zon

Senior Achievement Award in Mathematics: The Senior Achievement Award in Mathematics goes to students who have performed at a very high level in math while taking our most challenging math courses. These students deserve recognition for their exemplary work in math and have been selected by their teachers, from the many great math students here at IHS. It is with great pride and pleasure that I present the Senior Achievement Award in Mathematics to the following students:

Kailey Brooks

Lucas DeSalvo

Nicole Lamberson
Marin Penner

Math League Award: The IHS Math League Award goes to an individual who brought to our competitive math team, the qualities of enthusiasm, leadership, and a talent for solving very difficult math problems. This individual has been a consistent, primary competitor and contributor to the Math League Team this season as well as our most valuable player.

I am proud to present the Math League award to **Cayden Heiermann** and **Connor Monahan**. Congratulations!

Technology Engineering Student of the Year: Robin Weber

Technology Trade/Vocational Student of the Year: Alex Kozak

World Language Awards: French, German, Italian, Spanish: The World Languages Department is recognizing the following students for their continual dedication to, and exceptional work in their respective world language classes over the last four years. These rigorous classes include Regents, AP, and Dual Enrollment. For French, the recipient is **Cade Vida**. For German, the recipient is **Derek Bertram**. For Italian, the recipient is **Reid Wygal**. For Spanish, the recipient is **Allison Zon**.

Marketing Student of the Year: The Marketing Student of the Year Award is to an IHS student who:

- Has completed a 5-unit sequence of Business Education that includes the CTE Business Education seal.
- Participated in DECA
- Earned regional, state, and national achievements in DECA.
- Assumed leadership responsibilities within DECA that included participation in community service and school outreach activities.
- Demonstrates good character reflecting the values of the school

This year, the Marketing Student of the Year is **Jack Bayerl**

John Thompson Award for Excellence: John Thompson - worldly, well-read, and focused- was Irondequoit High School's English Department Chairman for over 20 years. He expected excellence from members of his department and this standard spilled over to his students as well. The curriculum was clearly articulated and

scaffolded for student progress in understanding the English Literary Arts. He believed that students should be constantly engaged in the learning process both inside and outside of school: reflecting on their lives, conscientiously watching the news, and working to help support the local community.

The student who receives the John Thompson Award for Excellence engages other students in meaningful discussions about the subject matter and is consistently engaged in the thought process as it revolves around reading and writing. She goes above and beyond the expectations of the classroom, seeking to extend his/her knowledge through independent research and civic engagement. This year, the recipient is **Sara Schaubroeck**.

Lee Ann Halter Award: The Lee Ann Halter award is designed for the intrinsically motivated student – one who is not necessarily motivated by grades. They have an internal desire to learn and to advance their own awareness. They exhibit an exceptional work ethic and a conscientious attitude. They love to share their learning with those around them and therefore have a direct and positive impact on the surrounding community. This year, the recipient is **Bella Quintero**.

Jani Johe Webster Creative Writing Award: The award goes to a senior who has demonstrated talent and effort in creative writing. webster (her lowercase capitalization) was a published poet and her daughter (Nila J Webster, IHS Class of 1981) also publishes. This year, the award goes to **Aliyah Bozkurt**.

Donna Byers Creative Writing Award: This award recognizes excellence in English Language Arts. This excellence includes, but is not limited to, writing, literary analysis, engagement with ELA and creative expression. This year's recipient is **Mallory Locey**.

English Senior Award: AP Senior: Given to a senior who exemplifies a passion for literature, writing, and learning; someone who has excelled in English classes, and truly appreciates the beauty of language. This year, the recipient is **Julia Ahlquist**.

Dexter Perkins Book Award: This year the Dexter Perkins Committee of the University of Rochester Department of History will once again honor the outstanding senior student in history at your school. We hope this award will be a valued reminder of the rich possibilities of historical inquiry and will encourage

the prize winner to explore history among other disciplines during the student's college career. The prize is a book written by one of our faculty members. This year's book is *Mexico, Slavery, Freedom: A Bilingual Documentary History, 1520–1829* by Professor Pablo Sierra Silva. This year, the recipient is: **Marin Penner**.

Adam Milne Memorial Scholarship: Adam Milne was a Social Studies teacher at IHS for 3 years and during that time he distinguished himself with his dedication to the art and craft of teaching, love of history, and deep caring for his students. He was a man of character and strong courage. This scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate this same character, respect for others, tremendous effort in their study of social studies and a love of history. Our recipient this year is **Cate Bondi** who exemplifies to the highest degree these qualities and whom we believe will continue to carry out Adam's legacy to "go forth and spread joy."

Hazel LaLonde Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship was established through contributions given in memory of Hazel Lalonde, a District teacher and administrator, for the purpose of recognizing a worthy Irondequoit High School senior who is planning to major in social studies in college. This year, the recipient is: **Nicole Lamberson**.

Urban League Black Scholars Award – 11th Grade: This award is given to students of African descent who have achieved a cumulative average of 83.5 or higher in the 2022-2023 school year. The recipients are:

August Anderson

Isaiah Aponte

Nasire Barr

Torrence Burton, Jr.

Jaiana Byrd

Cienna Cocilova

Bailey Connor

Joy Elder

Drajeah Gaston

Gianna Jackson

Wayne June

Zyaire Killings

Ava Lambert

Taiden Makubire

Shanell Miller

Rihanna Montroy

Aa'liyah Roberts
Alana Sanders
Destynie Saunders
Immanuel Trawick
Georgia Warren
Joshua White
Nikolas Yudin

Clarkson Leadership Award: Clarkson University offers two awards to high school juniors every year. The students must demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities, have an academic interest in engineering, business, science, or liberal arts, be recognized by students and faculty as having been a positive contributor to your school and community, and achieve an academic class rank in the top 15%. The Leadership Award includes a \$100,000 scholarship to Clarkson University if they choose to attend. This year the Leadership Award goes to **Owen McCammon**. The Achievement Award includes a \$80,000 scholarship to Clarkson University if they choose to attend. This Year the Achievement Award goes to **William Wood**.

Elmira College Key Award: This award of merit is awarded to one male and one female in the junior class. The recipients should have a minimum 90 GPA and have demonstrated outstanding school and community leadership. They are eligible for a scholarship of \$80,000 over a four-year period upon entering Elmira College. The recipients are **Ethan Rhodes and Casey Keller**.

RIT Awards: The Rochester Institute of Technology awards these to a high school junior who is pursuing a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, has a cumulative grade point average of 94 or higher, and has demonstrated an interest and ability in specific areas of study. An annual scholarship of \$19,000 is granted for all the awards.

RIT Business and Leadership Award: This student has demonstrated interest and ability in business, leadership, and entrepreneurship. Evidence of an interest and ability in business may include superior grades in business and leadership-related classes, completion of a school or community project that demonstrates a high level of developing innovative solutions to problems such as starting their own business, community service, or extensive involvement in leadership activities. This year, the recipient is **Luke Simon**.

RIT Science and Math Award: This student has demonstrated an interest and ability in science and math. Evidence of an interest and ability in science and math may include superior grades in science and/or math-related classes, interest in pursuing college-level course work in science and/or math, or interest in using science and/or math in other areas such as business, engineering, health sciences, technology, or computing. This year, the recipient is **Natalie Ignizio**.

RIT Computing Award: This student has demonstrated an interest and ability in computing. Evidence of an interest and ability in computing may include superior grades in computing-related classes, completion of a school or community project that demonstrates high-level knowledge or experience in computing, and high-level use of computing in other areas such as business, science, math, art, design, film, animation, or photography. This year, the recipient is **Jack Debes**.

RIT Humanities and Social Sciences Award: This student has demonstrated an interest and ability in Humanities and Social Sciences. Evidence of this may include superior grades in humanities and social sciences-related classes, such as economics, psychology, history, foreign language, and global education, or completion of a school or community project that demonstrates commitment and understanding of our political, cultural, economic, and social world. This year, the recipient is **Sydney Greco**.

RIT Women in STEM Award: This is a female student who has demonstrated high achievement, ability, and interest in science, computing, robotics, and/or math. This may include superior grades in science, computing, and math-related classes or interest in pursuing college-level course work in areas such as science, math, computing, engineering, technology, and health sciences. This year, the recipient is **Gracie Budd**.

St. Bonaventure University Bonnie Scholarship: At St. Bonaventure, our Franciscan values of community and service are cornerstones of our identity, mission, and culture. This scholarship rewards students based on qualities that reflect the core values of our university, including academic excellence, community, integrity, wisdom, leadership, social responsibility, compassion, and an appreciation for diversity. This year, the recipients are:

Nina Campbell
Trinity Alescio
Sedona Bell

Sydney Greco

Notre Dame Club of Rochester Junior of the Year Award: The Notre Dame Club of Rochester is pleased to offer the Junior of the Year Award. Celebrating its 53rd year in 2024, the Junior of the Year Award is one of the many ways the Notre Dame Club of Rochester supports the University of Notre Dame's unending mission of faith, learning, and service to students, alumni, family, and friends of Notre Dame in the Rochester, NY community. With the Junior of the Year Award, the Club can recognize and honor the accomplishments of an outstanding high school junior. Nominees for the Junior of the Year Award come from schools within the ND Club of Rochester's territory, as defined by the Notre Dame Alumni Association. We are so thankful to the schools in the greater Rochester area for making this award a unique and long-standing recognition. This year, our nominee was a finalist amongst the cream of the crop. The recipient is **Aliyah Bozkurt**.

Russell Sage College Student Sage Award: The Student Sage Scholarship is for two young, outstanding students in the junior class who embody the Russell Sage College Motto: "To Be, To Know, To Do." The candidates should be social and academic leaders who make the classroom exciting and industrious and possess powerful communication skills. This year, the recipients are **Emma Jane Chalone and Ceylin Maden**.

Le Moyne College Heights Award: This award is to recognize high school juniors who are "Reaching for the Heights" in the classroom and in service to their school and community. The award is intended for a student ranked in the top 10% of their class. This scholarship is for \$16,000 a year for four years, totally \$64,000 if the student decides to go to Russell Sage College. This year, the recipient is **Aliyah Bozkurt**.

Rensselaer Medal Award: The Rensselaer Medal is a scholarship opportunity worth \$160,000 for outstanding math and science students. For more than 100 years, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in conjunction with high schools around the world, has awarded the Rensselaer Medal to promising secondary school students who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. 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. This merit scholarship, with a value of \$40,000 per year, is guaranteed for four years (five years for the B. Architecture

program) for each Medalist who is accepted and enrolls at Rensselaer. This year, the recipient is **Ryan Avery**.

Bryn Mawr Book Award: This award recognizes students who demonstrate an intense intellectual commitment, a purposeful vision for their lives, and a desire to make meaningful contributions to the world. This is the final year for this award which is a journal to help the recipient reflect during the college selection process. This year, the recipient is **Leah Carman**.

St. Michael's Book Award: This Book Award represents just one way in which Saint Michael's College fulfills its mission to better the human condition by honoring those who have demonstrated the true spirit of volunteerism. The top award recipients will be considered for a St. Michael's Book Award *Scholarship* if admitted. This year, the recipients are **Abigail Bowen and Jacob Gauthier**

U of R Awards: The University of Rochester is pleased to sponsor four prestigious awards that recognize high school juniors' outstanding achievements in leadership and academics. Each year, counselors, teachers, and administrators from high schools around the world may nominate up to four qualified juniors, one student for each award. Participation is open to all secondary schools. All nominees will have their application fee waived and will be eligible to be considered for merit scholarships worth *at least* \$5,000 per year.

U of R Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award: This award recognizes a student who demonstrates high achievement and rigor in science and math classes and positive contributions to their school and within the larger community. This year, the recipient is **Evelyn Dean**.

U of R Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology: This award recognizes a student who demonstrates strong interest in innovation and/or information technology and a high level of achievement in this area, exposure to new technologies outside of school, such as pursuing serious work opportunities in local laboratories or industry, and leading other students to new approaches to old problems (e.g., business plans for fundraising, innovative community service, after-school activities, and best uses of internal communications tools such as chat and blogs). This year, the award goes to **Leo Fortunato**.

U of R Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award: This award recognizes a student that has demonstrated commitment to understanding and addressing difficult social issues, leadership and dedication to community action, and strong grades and rigorous courses taken in the humanities and social sciences. This year, the recipient is **Bella Quintero**.

U of R George Eastman Young Leaders Award: This award recognizes a student who demonstrates strong leadership experience at school and in the community, high grades and challenging courses, and extensive involvement in extracurricular activities. This award goes to **Sara Schaubroeck**.

Alfred University CANY Award: This award is given by The Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering and the Ceramic Association of New York (CANY). Science and engineering requires mathematical abilities and scientific knowledge as well as strong communication skills. Therefore, this award is given to recognize a student who demonstrates a solid mathematical and scientific background while also excelling in English. This year, the recipient of this award is **Robin Weber**.

Alfred University Scholars Award: This award recognizes a senior student that has been *Outside of Ordinary*. Someone who has lent a helping hand to those that need it most; had to work to help support their family; made a difficult decision to give up something so they could complete their coursework or add something to their resume; been the star athlete and part of theatre and/or chorus; demonstrated who they are as an individual and will bring that same inspiration to the Alfred University community. The selected recipient will receive \$30,000 per year or, for New York State students only, \$18,000 per year if enrolling in our School of Art and Design, Biomaterials Engineering, Ceramic Engineering, Glass Engineering Science or Materials Science and Engineering programs. The recipient of this award is **Naomi Van Heukelum**.

George H. Ball Community Achievement Awards: Keuka College is proud to present the George H. Ball Community Achievement Award for high school juniors. The scholarship is named after our founder, Rev. Dr. George Harvey Ball, whose vision is continued at Keuka College by educating young students and adult learners who "bring strength to our nation and to help humanity" through combined classroom and experiential learning. The Ball Award rewards students based on qualities that embody the values of Keuka College, including integrity, academic excellence, diversity, leadership, service, and social responsibility. Award recipients

will receive a conditional acceptance to Keuka College, pending submission of an official application to Keuka College in the Fall. Award recipients will receive at least \$88,000 in merit scholarships over four years of undergraduate study at Keuka College. This scholarship will be applied towards the student's bill, should the student choose to enroll at Keuka College. This year, the recipients are:

Alley Armitage

Alexandra Friedel

Cayden Payne

Abby Ras

Grace Taberski

Superintendent's Outstanding Senior Award: This award is presented to one senior from each high school in the Monroe County Council of School Superintendents and is based on Outstanding Performance throughout the student's high school career. This year, the recipient is: **TeJon Tejada.**

Principal's leadership Award: Julia Jaeger