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Honors Convocation Program

Opening Remarks

Dr. Greg Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

Rhiannon Singer, Student Council President

Awards & Scholarships Overview

Dr. Jen Hester

Presentation of All Awards & Scholarships

Ms. Amy Hill & Ms. Janel Bishop

Presentation of the 2026 Fritzsche Award

Ms. Lynda Parker

2026 Cum Laude Society Induction

Dr. Jen Hester

Presentation of 2026 Scholarship Cups

Dr. Greg Johnson, Ms. Lynda Parker, & Ms. Janel Bishop

Closing Remarks

Dr. Greg Johnson

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Abouelfotouh, Arwa

Cum Laude Society

Adams, Vivian

Outstanding Sophomore in Chinese

Aftab, Aimanih Khurram

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Agema, Wesley

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Ago, Abigela

Muehrcke Family Foundation Scholar Athletic Award

Ahmed, Safiya

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Ahring, Benjamin

Cum Laude Society

Aitelhadj, Aliya

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Ajith, Fiona

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Al Zahabi, Abd Rahman

Roberta L Raymond Mathematics Scholarship

Seabury Foundation Scholarship

Al Zahabi, Yasmin

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Albrecht, Lucas

Cum Laude Society

Albury, Addison

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Almy, Stella

Outstanding Sophomore in Spanish

Amey, Fiona

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Andersen, B

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Anderson, Olaf

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Kate Long Marchetti Memorial Scholarship

Ardell, Levi

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Armstrong, Maxwell

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Ash, Cheslynn

Cum Laude Society

Ash, Matthew

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Askham, Anne

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Avrushin, Isabel

Outstanding Sophomore in Spanish

Axelrad, Naima

Scholarship Cup

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Bade, Anna

Outstanding Junior in Italian

Bailitz, Luke

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Baker, Jackson

Catherine Deam Memorial Scholarship

Bamujje, Alphonse

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Bane, Elizabeth

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Banks, Kaiden

Tuesday Night Hoops-Stephen A. Henry Scholarship

Oak Park Residence Corp Scholarship

Barkidjija, George

Scholarship Cup

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Barnes, Anna

Scholarship Cup

Louise Hay Math Scholarship

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Beaver, Lucas

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Beaver, Maximus

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Beck, Eleanor

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Behensky, Kalissa

Outstanding Sophomore Achievement in Family & Consumer Sciences

Bell, Audrey

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Bell, Edward

Cum Laude Society

Bell, Elizabeth

Cum Laude Society

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Bell, Elliot

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Bellmar, Lily

Scholarship Cup

Belton, Johnathan

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Berg, Elsa

Counselor Award for Excellence

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Donald and Mary Vogel Scholarship

Louise Hay Memorial Scholarship

Robert Follett Memorial Scholarship

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Berg, Sofia

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Bernabe, William

Counselor Award for Excellence

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Beutler, Levi

Cum Laude Society

Beutler, Miriam

Cum Laude Society

Bevan, Samuel

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Gauss Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Bhathena, Anisa

Outstanding Sophomore in Italian

Bhattacharya, Chitra

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Biag, Dean

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Bogzevitz, Edwin

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Boland, Hailey

Cum Laude Society

Bondartsov, Adrian

Cum Laude Society

Bondartsov, Peter

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Bonney, Ari

OPRFHS Retirees – ‘DOOPER’ Scholarship

Bonomo, Benjamin

Math Team Freshman/Sophomore

Borel, Andrew

Cum Laude Society

Brankin, Kiera

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Brewer-Davis, Rune

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Brezeanu, Maya

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Bricker, Kara

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Brimeyer, Grey

Outstanding Junior in Japanese

Bromet, Max

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Browder, Morgan

Cum Laude Society

Brown, Amit

Outstanding Freshman in Latin

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Bryant, Aliyah

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Buchner, Elliot

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Buesser, Frederick

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Builes, Sebastian

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Buoscio, Isabella

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Burton, Brianna

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Burwell, Loie

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Bussiere, Famke

Willa Schaffer Memorial Scholarship

Buy, Francesco

Outstanding Senior in Italian

Byer, Calestous

Cum Laude Society

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Byer, Elora

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Cabana-Blanco, Lucia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Callicoat, Sophie

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Calvert, Liam

Cum Laude Society

Campbell, Duncan

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Campbell, William

Cum Laude Society

Outstanding Senior in Japanese

Black Lives Matter "Spoken Word" Scholarship

Donohue Memorial Scholarship

Canzona, Francesco

Scholarship Cup

Multilingual Senior Award

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Carmichael, Meredith

Cum Laude Society

Carroll, Alexander

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Carroll, Edith

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Cass, Audrey

William and Joyce Wartmann Scholarship

Cassinelli, Oliver

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Castillo, Ana

Scholarship Cup

Castillo, Celia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Castro, Samuel

Kiwanis Club of RFOP Scholarship

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Cervantes, Noelle

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Chalmers, Benjamin

Cum Laude Society

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Champaneri, Maison

Cum Laude Society

Champaneri, Rohan

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Chandler, Margot

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Chavez, Sophia

Carl Krafft Memorial Art Scholarship

Cherikos, Delaney

Scholarship Cup

Douglas Memorial Scholarship

Catherine Devereux Brandstrader Scholarship

OPRF Rotary Club Community Service Award

Chesney, Gabriella

Scholarship Cup

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Chi, Lila

Outstanding Freshman in Chinese

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Chien, Connor

Cum Laude Society

Dr. Percy Julian Award

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Childress, Ivy

Alison E. O'Hara, JD, OPRF '81 "Take the First Step" Scholarship - Promising Scholar

Chiprich, Veronika

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Chrisman, Megan

Cum Laude Society

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Clary, Maddyn

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Clayton, Cassandra

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Coelho, CJ

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Coffaro, Gwenyth

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Cohen, Kathleen

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Condes, Caleb

Counselor Award for Excellence

Cooper, Ethan

Robert Gauger Memorial Scholarship

Coppelman, Charles

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Courtois, Brenna

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Crabb, Tyler

Scholarship Cup

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Creehan-Severino, Charlotte

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Creel, Brady

Cum Laude Society

Crowe, Isabella

Cum Laude Society

Cultra, Evelyn

Scholarship Cup

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Curtis, Lilian

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Cutler, Samuel

Cum Laude Society

Czerniawski, Lyla

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Czerwinski, Michael

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Dairyko, Justin

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Daly, James

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Daly, Zoe

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Dannenberg, Gwyneth

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Dardon, Abigail

Cum Laude Society

Dauphinee, Megan

Cum Laude Society

Davis, Henry

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Davis, Jocelyn

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Davis, Matthew

Cum Laude Society

Davis, Ryna-Sha

Thomas O. Miyata Memorial Scholarship

De Fraga, Gabriel

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

De Santiago, Cecilia

Cum Laude Society

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Dean, Elanor

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Degroot, Julia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Desmarais, Vivian

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Dillard, Kaleb

Alison E. O'Hara, JD, OPRF '81 "Take the First Step" Scholarship - Promising Scholar

Doherty, Simon

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Donoho, Helen

Cum Laude Society

Doobay, Luke

Cum Laude Society

Dorsey, Naima

Cum Laude Society

Dosunmu, Ajani

Counselor Award for Excellence

Doucky, Sophie

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Drew, Finn

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Dribin, Zachary

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Drucker, Benjamin

Cum Laude Society

Dunphey, Adalyn

Scholarship Cup

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Dysart, Elias

Cum Laude Society

Edenfield, Elise

Cum Laude Society

Ehart, Violet

Outstanding Sophomore in German

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Ellis, Leila

Cum Laude Society

Emano-Garcia, Consuelo

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Faust, William

Cum Laude Society

Fejes, Harrison

Cum Laude Society

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Field, Alden

Russell C. Lissuzzo Memorial Scholarship

Fielding, Lyla

Cum Laude Society

Fiester, Gabriel

Outstanding Senior Achievement in Family & Consumer Sciences

Fishburne, Colin

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Fishburne, Maeve

Cum Laude Society

Fitzgerald, Sofia

Scholarship Cup

Charles N. "Laddie" Follett Memorial Scholarship

Oak Park Bank Scholarship

Fleisch, Natalie

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Forshtay, Anna

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Foy, Vivienne

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

France, Thomas

Cum Laude Society

Frederick, Harrison

Excellence in Television Award

Freireich, Rei

Cum Laude Society

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Fuller, Alex

Counselor Award for Excellence

Furrow, Gavin

Cum Laude Society

Gadhvi, Gayatri

Harvard Book Prize

Gandhi, Milan

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Garcia-Gonzales, Camilo

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Gayton, Saadia

Oak Park Area Arts Council Fine Arts Scholarship

Gerstenmaier, Hattie

Cum Laude Society

Gibson, Rayvon

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Giorango, Anthony

OPRFHS Scholarship Foundation Directors Scholarship

Glennie, Zachary

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Godellas, Georgia

Cum Laude Society

Godwin, Sophia

Excellence in Television Award

Goldberg, Sadie

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Gauss Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Goldberg, Zachary

Cum Laude Society

Goldstein, Sarah

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Gonzalez, Sophia

Seabury Foundation First Generation to College Scholarship

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Good, Amelia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Goodfriend, Sam

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Grant, Bodhi

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Greaney, Nora

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Greedyke, Grant

Kiwanis Club of RFOP Scholarship

Guerra, Emma

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Guerrero, Nicco

Fritzemeier Award Winner

Guevara, Melia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Guo, Chen

Outstanding Freshman in ELL

Gwinn, William

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Halicki, Kornelia

Lt. Patrick Luby Memorial Scholarship

Hall, Anaiah

Kate Long Marchetti Memorial Scholarship

Hall, Gust

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Halt, Ava

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Hamilton, Cameron

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Hammerschmidt, Leia

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Hanson-Taruc, Ryan

Cum Laude Society

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Haro, Daliah

Fritzemeier Award Nominee
Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Harsch, Isaac

Fritzemeier Award Nominee
Gauss Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Hart, Mason

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Hartman, Emma

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Harvath, Adela

Cum Laude Society

Harvey, Aidan

Thomas O. Miyata Memorial Scholarship

Hasenbalg, Evelyn

Cum Laude Society
Outstanding Senior in Spanish
Nell Behr Aquatics Scholarship

Henkes, Luke

Scholarship Cup

Henry, Iris

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English
Offermann Excellence in English Scholarship

Herman, Margaret

Cum Laude Society
Counselor Award for Excellence
Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Hernandez, Jeremiah

Carbery Family Scholarship Fund
LLKA Scholarship in Honor of Andrew Cheeks

Hernandez, Matias

Fritzemeier Award Nominee
Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Herrington, Alana

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Hirsch, Olivia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee
Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Hitpas, June

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Hoerster, Maisie

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Houghton, Nick

Cum Laude Society

House, Julian

Multilingual Senior Award

Hoyt, Ash

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Huber, Otto

Gary F. Olson Memorial Scholarship
R. J. Mike Nielsen Award

Hudson, Chayla

Counselor Award for Excellence

Hunkele, Garrett

Terri Race Educational Technology Scholarship
Kiwanis Club of RFOP Scholarship

Isenberg, Julia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee
Gauss Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Isenberg, Nora

Cum Laude Society

Iverson, Emily

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Iverson, Grace

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Jacoby, Joseph

Cum Laude Society
Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Jara, Nicholas

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Javed, Menahil

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Jefferson, Josie

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Jones, Carson

Outstanding Sophomore Japan

Jones, Emily

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Jones, Jahzara

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Jordan, Ava

William and Joyce Wartmann Scholarship

Jordan, London

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Kaegi, Anna

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Kaftanowicz, Mira

Outstanding Sophomore in Latin

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Kazyak, Nora

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Kell, Elina

Cum Laude Society

Keller, Andy

Garden Club of OP/RF Scholarship

Kellogg, Christian

Cum Laude Society

Kessel, Amelia

Cum Laude Society

Dwight Follett Memorial Scholarship

Georg Ann Zussman-Amato Memorial Scholarship

Seabury Foundation Scholarship

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Kessel, Isabella

Cum Laude Society

Dr. Bert Beverly Memorial Award

Garth Follett Memorial Scholarship

Josh Davis Memorial Scholarship

19th Century Charitable Association Founders Memorial Scholarship

Maienza Family Legacy in Learning Scholarship

Killian, Robert

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Kim, Matthew

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Kim, Sophia

Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship

Kim, Yeojun

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

King, Elliot

Cum Laude Society

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Kjarsgaard, Kathryn

Lt. Patrick Luby Memorial Scholarship

Klette, Lydia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Kochendorfer, Wesley

Cum Laude Society

Koerner, Roy

Ann R. Monaco Music Scholarship

Carl Krafft Memorial Music Scholarship

Koertge, Kyra

Cum Laude Society

Kojak, Emilja

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Koransky, Zev

Scholarship Cup

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Koschmann, Lucy

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Kozicki, Chloe

Gerald L. Greer Memorial Scholarship

Robert Follett Memorial Scholarship

Kralik, Nathan

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Kramer, Dominic

Scholarship Cup

Kramer, Stella

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Kreiter, Maxine

Cum Laude Society

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Krumrei, Connor

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Kuenster, Ava

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Kumar, Saanvi

Lois Goldstein Memorial Scholarship

Kumela, Kidus

Gauss Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Kunkle, Anna

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Lampert, Jobin

Cum Laude Society

Lampert, Kian

Cum Laude Society

Lane, Jeremy

Cum Laude Society

Langefeld, Anderson

Cum Laude Society

Langefeld, Madeleine

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Latham, Audrey
Cum Laude Society

Lau, Maria Clara
Cum Laude Society
Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Lebovitz, Ava
Cum Laude Society
Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Lee, Alexander
Scholarship Cup

Lefevour, Zoe
Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Leman, August
Cum Laude Society

Levine, Benard
Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Levy, Taniyla
Ariel Follett O'Hara '55 Family Scholarship
James and Yvonne Wood Scholarship

Lewis, Eve
Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Lingenfelter, Brook
Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Liskiewitz, Lucy
Scholarship Cup
Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Liu, Nora
Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Lizarazo, Kevin
Outstanding Senior in ELL

Locke, Penelope
Cum Laude Society

Lombardo, Lily
Fritzemeier Award Nominee

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Lopez, Donovan

Counselor Award for Excellence

Lopez-Cano, Hector

Counselor Award for Excellence

Lopez, Nathaniel

Cum Laude Society

Louie, Jillian

Cum Laude Society

Love, Jharelle

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Ludwig, Stella

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Lundak, Lincoln

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Lutz, Finnegan

Cum Laude Society

Lyle, Greta

Cum Laude Society

Lynch, Gabriel

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Macek, Ethan

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Mahic, Aideen

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Mahic, Aoife

OPRFHS Retirees - 'DOOPER' Scholarship

Majewski, Michael

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Maldonado-Cruz, Liam

Lofgren Family Orchestra Scholarship

Marks, Michayla

Cum Laude Society

Marquina, Kevin

Cum Laude Society

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Martinez-Cordoba, Nicolas

Outstanding Senior in ELL

Martin Allen, Tavia

Thomas O. Miyata Memorial Scholarship

Tony Trofimuk Scholarship

Mason, Addison

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Maxfield, Jane

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

May, Vivien

Cum Laude Society

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Mazarakos, Bennett

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

McCaffrey, Kenneth

Cum Laude Society

McCarthy, Grae

Counselor Award for Excellence

McClendon, Isa

Cum Laude Society

McFadden, Owen

Scholarship Cup

Terri Race Educational Technology Scholarship

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

McNeilly, Cyrus

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Meier, Jeremy

Outstanding Junior in German

Meir, Ayelet

Cum Laude Society

Melendez Zuniga, Alexa

Outstanding Senior in ELL

Melis, Callista

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Melis, Penelope

Cum Laude Society

Mellman, Benjamin

Cum Laude Society

Menconi, Sarah

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Mendoza-Macias, Joffre

Outstanding Senior in ELL

Meraz, Nina

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Merrill, Maia

Outstanding Sophomore in French

Messineo, Pietro

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Messineo, Santino

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Milinovich, Thomas

Cum Laude Society

Miller, Harrison

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Miller, Jude

Scholarship Cup

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Mirmira, Preeti

Scholarship Cup

Mitchell-Chablani, Ravi

Cum Laude Society

Monroe, Eleanor

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Moore, Chloe

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Moore, Tyler

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Morgan, Madeline

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Moroney, Clare

Cum Laude Society

Moroney, Grace

Cum Laude Society

Morton, Penelope

Outstanding Freshman in French

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Mossell, Mark

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Mrotzek, Ana Sofia

Cum Laude Society

Muhammad, Shalimar

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Nagis, Evelyn

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Nelson, Pierre

Dr. Robert & Dorothy Brewer Scholarship

Nelson, Zoe

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Neville, Rowan

Miller/Cooke/Wood Scholarship

Nitta, Claire

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Norling-Christensen, Max

Cum Laude Society

Novak, Alice

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Novotny, Dakin

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Novotny, Valen

Cum Laude Society

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Nuntarach, Jiaranai

Fritzemeier Award Nominee
Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Nwafo, Neneifeoma

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English
Gauss Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

O'Connor, Ayanna

Cum Laude Society
Garth Follett Memorial Scholarship
Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship
19th Century Charitable Association Founders Memorial Scholarship

O'Connor, Laila

Thomas O. Miyata Memorial Scholarship

Ogunsanya, David

Scholarship Cup
Roberta L Raymond Mathematics Scholarship
Seabury Foundation Scholarship
Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Ohlhoff, Frances

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Oliver, Ava

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Ollins, Mena

Carl Krafft Memorial Speech/Dance/TV Scholarship

Oltman, Evelyn

Cum Laude Society

Olympio, Jazz

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Ortiz-Ferrer, Abigail

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Ortuno, Amalia

Michael J. Berg Memorial Scholarship

O'Shaughnessey, Gavin

Cum Laude Society

Osta, Ian

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Ott, Sophia

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Pantazopoulos, Konstantin (Dino)

Scholarship Cup

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Paskar, Alaina

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Patel, Ailey

Scholarship Cup

Louise Hay Memorial Scholarship

Kiwanis Club of RFOP Scholarship

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Math Team Junior/Senior

Patwari, Lakshmi

Cum Laude Society

Pawlak-Daracz, Maria

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Paxton, Marley

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Peterson, Charles

Richard Daniel Orchestra Scholarship

Petty, Elizabeth

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Phelan, Sam

Cum Laude Society

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Pimsarn, Thanathorn

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Pineda-Rothstein, Reyes

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Roberta L Raymond Mathematics Scholarship

Piper, Cecilia

Cum Laude Society

Pohl, Lucia

Cum Laude Society

Polan, Zadie

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Pomerenk, Grace

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English
Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Poplis-Feigle, Odinn

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Powell, Nicholas

Cum Laude Society
Thomas Ferguson Memorial Scholarship
Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics
Math Team Junior/Senior

Prestes, Ella

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Prestes, Eve

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Preston, Julia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee
Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Prestes, Sarah

Scholarship Cup
Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Puckett-Reeder, Micah

Counselor Award for Excellence

Puntillo, Oliver

Cum Laude Society
OPRF Hockey Scholarship

Qi, Erica

Cum Laude Society

Rahman, Sabrina

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English
Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Rainey, Carolyn

Cum Laude Society
Louise Hay Memorial Scholarship

Ramos, Lyla

Virginia Moe Environmental Studies Award

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Ramos, Sofia

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English
Excellence in Television Award

Redmond, Liam

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Reed, Naomi

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Reyes, Augie

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Reyes, Gianna

Seabury Foundation First Generation to College Scholarship

Rice, Angelica

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Riles, Khloe

Cum Laude Society
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Ritchie, Lex

Outstanding Freshman in German
Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Roberts, Keaton

Cum Laude Society
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Roche, Liam

Cum Laude Society

Rodriguez-Bovio, Corina

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Rogachev, Yuriy

Dwight Follett Memorial Scholarship
Bernard "Duke" Gawne Scholarship

Rohlfing, Ellery

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Roman, Johnathon

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Rosado Del Rios, Salvador

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Ross, Victoria

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Ruehle-May, Isaiah

Cum Laude Society

Ruess, Caden

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Ruffer, Avaa

Scholarship Cup

John R. Gerhardt Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Physics

Class of 1940 History Writing

Seabury Foundation Scholarship

19th Century Charitable Association Founders Memorial Scholarship

Kathleen Marian Garrigan Memorial Scholarship

Rupp, Luka

Jack Tavolacci Memorial Scholarship

Rutkowski, Sydney

OPRFHS Scholarship Foundation Directors Scholarship

Saam, Emilia

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Sade, Dante

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Sanchez-Parra, Angel

Counselor Award for Excellence

Sarpey, Naana Akuba

Thomas O. Miyata Memorial Scholarship

Saydah, Ryan

Cum Laude Society

Saylor, Isabella

Don Deia "Heart of the Plate" Scholarship

Schiff, Natalie

Cum Laude Society

Schigelone, Mora

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Schmidt, Dune

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Schneider, Ellie

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Schnizlein, Violet

Scholarship Cup

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Louise Hay Memorial Scholarship

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Schoeffel, Ava

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Schulman, Charlotte

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Segawa, Miya

Outstanding Senior in Chinese

Sekhar, Arthur Raman

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Sekulich, Vaughn

Carl Krafft Memorial Art Scholarship

Oak Park Area Arts Council Fine Arts Scholarship

Sell, Jacob

Outstanding Junior in Spanish

Shah-Hempel, Chaya

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Shannon, Walter

OPUS: Alumni Association Scholarship

Shaw, Sanaa

Cum Laude Society

Shaye-Almanzar, Gabriel

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Shea, Eleanor

Scholarship Cup

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Dr. Alexander Schmidt Memorial Scholarship

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Shea, Graham

Outstanding Senior in French

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Smith/Gorman-Smith Model UN Scholarship

19th Century Charitable Association Founders Memorial Scholarship

Shepley, Eleanor

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Sherman, Anika

Alison E. O'Hara, JD, OPRF '81 "Take the First Step" Scholarship - Promising Scholar

Shindeldecker, Charlie

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Shivpuri, Anya

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Sibley-Diggs, Jonathan

Ann P. Bekemeier Scholarship

Seabury Foundation First Generation to College Scholarship

Silos, Camryn

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Slade, Caroline

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Slezak, Oliwia

Charles N. "Laddie" Follett Memorial Scholarship

Michael A. Campbell Scholarship

Smith, Claudia

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Smith, Izaiah

Dr. Gerald L. Clay Memorial Scholarship

Michael S. Campbell Memorial Scholarship

Smith, Olivia

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Smith, Tegan

Cum Laude Society

Rensselaer Medal Award

Smyth, Emily

Gerald L. Greer Memorial Scholarship

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Smyth, Margaret

Garden Club of OP/RF Scholarship

Solberg, Ryan

Cum Laude Society

Sorby, Alyssa

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Sowers, Veronica

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Counselor Award for Excellence

Spencer, Paris

Alison E. O'Hara, JD, OPRF '81 "Take the First Step" Scholarship - Vocational Studies

Staszak, Siena

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Gauss Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Steffen, Ella

Garden Club of OP/RF Scholarship

Stein, Lucy

Cum Laude Society

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Stevens, Liza

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Stewart, Cole

Outstanding Senior in Latin

Stierwalt, AJ

Cum Laude Society

Stierwalt, William

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Sufi, Nyla

Gauss Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Sufi, Zane

Math Team Freshman/Sophomore

Sugita, Ally

Carl Krafft Memorial Art Scholarship

Kiwanis Club of RFOP Scholarship

Bobbie Raymond Memorial Arts Scholarship

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Swift, Lucinda

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Taylor, Erica

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Teclaw, Lilette

Cum Laude Society

Templeton, Graham

Cum Laude Society

University of Chicago Book Award

Pascal Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Tepfer, Olive

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Thambi, Sienna

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Thrasher, Yvette

Roberta L. Raymond Scholarship

Torres, Camilo

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Towne, Nyah

Cum Laude Society

Towne, Owen

Counselor Award for Excellence

Euclid Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Townsend, Lilah

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Tristano, Sabrina

Scholarship Cup

Trotta, Anthony

St. Michael's Book Award

Van Duinen, Tate

APPLAUSE: Performing Arts Scholarship

Vanderschie, Henry

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Vannopas, Max

Carol Shields (Class of '53) Memorial Scholarship

Vanscoyoc, Lyla

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Gauss Scholar for Achievement in Mathematics

Vazquez, Ascencion

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Vega, Tatiana

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English

Villalobos Navarro, Paula

Outstanding Freshman in Italian

Vivas, Carlo

Outstanding Junior in Chinese

Von Fischer, Nyah

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Wade, Kiran

Outstanding Freshman in Japan

Walicki, Cael

Outstanding Senior in German

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Walke, Elena

Outstanding Freshman in Spanish

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Walker, Teresa

Outstanding Junior in Latin

Walsh, Ellie

Outstanding Junior in French

Wang, Alice

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Ware, Alani

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Warner, Amaya

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Watson, Katara

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Weber, Katherine

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Wells, Ryan

Charles M. Austin Scholar for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

Whalen, Graham

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Whitehead, Caiden

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Widd, Cecilia

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Willhoite, Aria

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Williams, Ray

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Williams, Kali

Ishma Stewart Memorial Scholarship

Winsett, Arabella

Cum Laude Society

Wise, Iseul

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Wojtowicz, Lucy

Cum Laude Society

Wollert, Noelle

Counselor Award for Excellence

Wong, Edith

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Wright, Krissette

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Yates, Quinn

Cum Laude Society

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

2025 - 2026 Honorees

Yera, Lilianne

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Young, Ada

Alison E. O'Hara, JD, OPRF '81 "Take the First Step" Scholarship - Vocational Studies

Young, Matthew

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship

Grayson Adelstein Scholarship

Young, Mercy

Freshman Emerging Scholar in English

Yu, Isabel Sho-Wen

Cum Laude Society

Yutzy, Odis

Sophomore Emerging Scholar in English

Zawadowski, Aurelius

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English

Brenda Schnede Grusecki Scholarship

Michael A. Campbell Scholarship

Oak Park Residence Corp Scholarship

Zeigler, Margaret

Cum Laude Society

Zhang, Dana

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Zobel, Samantha

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Zort, Jeanette

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Zort, Lily

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

Fritzemeier Award

The Fritzemeier Award is the highest academic award for Freshman. The English, Mathematics, History, Science, and World Languages Divisions nominate freshman for the award. The student receiving the most nominations is the Fritzemeier Award recipient.

Oak Park and River Forest High School administration presents the Fritzemeier Award to the student who has achieved high academic standing, has provided service to the community and school, and has actively participated in co-curricular activities. This award honors Louis Fritzemeier, a teacher, dean, administrator, and interim superintendent, who served the students of Oak Park and River Forest High School for 35 years prior to his retirement in 1969. During this time, no other person had as great an impact on Oak Park and River Forest High School as Mr. Fritzemeier. For most of this period, he developed and directed the curriculum, recruited and hired the teachers, and created the master schedule of the school. He pioneered positive relationships between high school counselors and college admissions personnel. It is in his honor that we recognize students for this award.

2025 - 2026 Nominees

Winner

Wesley Agema	Zoe Daly	Lucy Koschmann	Augie Reyes
Aliya Aitelhadj	James Daly	Ava Kuenster	Lex Ritchie
Yasmin Al Zahabi	Jocelyn Davis	Madeleine Langefeld	Corina Rodriguez-Bovio
Addison Albury	Elanor Dean	Nora Liu	Ellery Rohlfing
B Andersen	Julia Degroot	Lily Lombardo	Johnathon Roman
Matthew Ash	Simon Doherty	Gabriel Lynch	Caden Ruess
Luke Bailitz	Zachary Dribin	Ethan Macek	Emilia Saam
Elizabeth Bane	Colin Fishburne	Michael Majewski	Ellie Schneider
Lucas Beaver	Natalie Fleisch	Addison Mason	Ava Schoeffel
Maximus Beaver	Anna Forshtay	Jane Maxfield	Charlotte Schulman
Eleanor Beck	Milan Gandhi	Cyrus McNeilly	Arthur Raman Sekhar
Samuel Bevan	Sadie Goldberg	Nina Meraz	Eleanor Shepley
Chitra Bhattacharya	Sarah Goldstein	Pietro Messineo	Anya Shivpuri
Edwin Bogzevitz	Amelia Good	Harrison Miller	Veronica Sowers
Kara Bricker	Sam Goodfriend	Eleanor Monroe	Siena Staszak
Amit Brown	Bodhi Grant	Chloe Moore	William Stierwalt
Elliot Buchner	Nora Greaney	Penelope Morton	Lucinda Swift
Frederick Buesser	*Nicco Guerrero*	Mark Mossell	Erica Taylor
Loie Burwell	Melia Guevara	Evelyn Nagis	Lilah Townsend
Elora Byer	William Gwinn	Zoe Nelson	Henry Vanderschie
Lucia Cabana-Blanco	Ava Halt	Claire Nitta	Lyla Vanscoyoc
Duncan Campbell	Daliah Haro	Alice Novak	Ascencion Vazquez
Oliver Cassinelli	Isaac Harsch	Dakin Novotny	Graham Whalen
Celia Castillo	Matias Hernandez	Jiaranai Nuntarach	Aria Willhoite
Noelle Cervantes	Olivia Hirsch	Frances Ohlhoff	RayWilliams
Margot Chandler	Julia Isenberg	Abigail Ortiz-Ferrer	Iseul Wise
Lila Chi	Emily Iverson	Ian Osta	Edith Wong
Veronika Chiprich	Nicholas Jara	Alaina Paskar	Lilianne Yera
Cassandra Clayton	Josie Jefferson	Maria Pawlak-Daracz	Dana Zhang
CJCoelho	London Jordan	Elizabeth Petty	Samantha Zobel
Kathleen Cohen	Anna Kaegi	Ella Prestes	Jeanette Zort
Lilian Curtis	Matthew Kim	Eve Prestes	Lily Zort
Lyla Czerniawski	Lydia Klette	Julia Preston	
Michael Czerwinski	Emilja Kojak	Naomi Reed	

Scholarship Cup

First awarded in 1915 to the top scholar(s) of each graduating class, the Scholarship cup is awarded to seniors who have the highest cumulative weighted grade point average at the end of seven semesters.

2025 - 2026 Recipients

Naima Axelrad
George Barkidjija
Anna Barnes
Lily Bellmar
Francesco Canzona
Ana Castillo
Delaney Cherikos
Gabriella Chesney
Tyler Crabb
Evelyn Cultra
Adalyn Dunphey
Sofia Fitzgerald
Luke Henkes
Zev Koransky
Dominic Kramer
Alexander Lee
Lucy Liskiewitz
Owen McFadden
Jude Miller
Preeti Mirmira
David Ogunsanya
Ailey Patel
Sarah Prestes
Ava Ruffer
Violet Schnizlein
Eleanor Shea
Sabrina Tristano

Cum Laude Honor Society

Founded in 1906, the Cum Laude Society is dedicated to honoring scholastic achievement in secondary schools. This prestigious honor is awarded to the top scholars of both the Junior and Senior class based on the student's grade point average at the end of a junior's fifth or senior's seventh semester. The top five percent of the Junior Class and the top fifteen percent of the Senior Class who meet membership criteria are invited to join the Society.

2025 - 2026 Inductees

Arwa Abouelfotouh	Thomas France	Thomas Milinovich
Benjamin Ahring	Gavin Furrow	Ravi Mitchell-Chablani
Lucas Albrecht	Hattie Gerstenmaier	Clare Moroney
Olaf Anderson	Georgia Godellas	Grace Moroney
Cheslynn Ash	Zachary Goldberg	Ana Sofia Mrotzek
Edward Bell	Ryan Hanson-Taruc	Max Norling-Christensen
Elizabeth Bell	Adela Harvath	Valen Novotny
Levi Beutler	Evelyn Hasenbalg	Ayanna O'Connor
Miriam Beutler	Margaret Herman	Gavin O'Shaughnessey
Hailey Boland	Nick Houghton	Evelyn Oltman
Adrian Bondartsov	Nora Isenberg	Lakshmi Patwari
Peter Bondartsov	Joseph Jacoby	Sam- Phelan
Andrew Borel	Nora Kazyak	Cecilia Piper
Rune Brewer-Davis	Elina Kell	Lucia Pohl
Maya Brezeanu	Christian Kellogg	Nicholas Powell
Morgan Browder	Amelia Kessel	Oliver Puntillo
Calestous Byer	Isabella Kessel	Erica Qi
Liam Calvert	Yejun Kim	Carolyn Rainey
William Campbell	Elliot King	Khloe Riles
Meredith Carmichael	Wesley Kochendorfer	Keaton Roberts
Benjamin Chalmers	Kyra Koertge	Liam Roche
Maison Champaneri	Maxine Kreiter	Isaiah Ruehle-May
Connor Chien	Jobin Lampert	Ryan Saydah
Megan Chrisman	Kian Lampert	Natalie Schiff
Charles Coppelman	Jeremy Lane	Mora Schigelone
Brenna Courtois	Anderson Langefeld	Sanaa Shaw
Brady Creel	Audrey Latham	Claudia Smith
Isabella Crowe	Maria Clara Lau	Tegan Smith
Samuel Cutler	Ava Lebovitz	Ryan Solberg
Justin Dairyko	August Lemam	Lucy Stein
Abigail Dardon	Penelope Locke	AJ Stierwalt
Megan Dauphinee	Nathaniel Lopez	Lilette Teclaw
Matthew Davis	Jillian Louie	Graham Templeton
Cecilia De Santiago	Stella Ludwig	Olive Tepfer
Helen Donoho	Finnegan Lutz	Nyah Towne
Luke Doobay	Greta Lyle	Nyah Von Fischer
Naima Dorsey	Michayla Marks	Alice Wang
Benjamin Drucker	Kevin Marquina	Amaya Warner
Elias Dysart	Vivien May	Arabella Winsett
Elise Edenfield	Kenneth McCaffrey	Lucy Wojtowicz
Leila Ellis	Isa McClendon	Quinn Yates
William Faust	Ayelet Meir	Isabel Sho-Wen Yu
Harrison Fejes	Callista Melis	Margaret Zeigler
Lyla Fielding	Penelope Melis	
Maeve Fishburne	Benjamin Mellman	

Division Awards

Counselor Division

Counselor Award for Excellence

Recognition is given to encourage recipients to continue their exceptional levels of success in the following areas: leadership, citizenship, and personal growth.

Harvard Book Prize

As defined by the Harvard Alumni Association, the Harvard Book Prize is awarded to an outstanding student in the Junior Class who “displays excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields.” The winners of this award, through their intelligence and variety achievement, exemplify Harvard’s concern for excellence.

Rensselaer Medal Award

The Mathematics Department presents the Rensselaer Award to the most accomplished mathematician in the Junior Class. The purpose of this honor is to recognize the superlative academic achievement of young men and women, and to motivate students towards careers in science, engineering, and technology.

St. Michael’s College Book Award for Academic Achievement & Social Conscience

The Book Award is awarded each year to high school juniors throughout the U.S. as well as internationally. The Book Award recognizes students’ academic success and exemplary community service involvement. Their accomplishments embody St. Mike’s commitment to intellectual achievement, social justice, and concern for others. These values began with our founding order, the Society of Saint Edmund, and continue to be a guiding principle for our students.

University of Chicago Book Award

This award is presented to a student in the Junior Class who has undertaken the most rigorous coursework across the academic spectrum and whose first-rate scholarship makes the nominee among the strongest in the graduating class. The selected student demonstrates intellectual engagement in and out of the classroom, asks challenging questions, and draws insightful connections across academic disciplines. The recipient’s contributions and commitment to the OPRFHS school community serve as a model for other students.

Division Awards

English Division

Freshman Emerging Scholar Award in English

This award recognizes freshmen who show an exceptional enthusiasm and true intellectual curiosity toward literary study, personal and social exploration, and skill development as readers and writers. The English Division is confident that students who continue to progress in these areas will emerge as true scholars in the future.

Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

This award recognizes sophomores who show an exceptional enthusiasm and true intellectual curiosity toward literary study, personal and social exploration, and skill development as readers and writers. The English Division is confident that students who continue to progress in these areas will emerge as true scholars in the future.

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

The Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award recognizes wonderfully accomplished juniors who have consistently and impressively distinguished themselves in English class through penetrating literary insight, compelling and graceful writing, and contagious enthusiasm for the subject.

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English Award

The Distinguished Scholar in Senior English Award recognizes wonderfully accomplished juniors who have consistently and impressively distinguished themselves in English class through penetrating literary insight, compelling and graceful writing, and contagious enthusiasm for the subject.

Career & Technical Education Division

Outstanding Sophomore Achievement in Family & Consumer Sciences Award

This award recognizes a sophomore who consistently demonstrates exemplary effort and commendable achievement within academic standards of family and consumer sciences and also has a positive and enthusiastic attitude.

Outstanding Senior Achievement in Family & Consumer Sciences Award

This award is given to a senior in recognition of exemplary effort and commendable achievement within the academic standards of family and consumer sciences, as well as demonstrating a positive and enthusiastic attitude.

Fine & Performing Arts Division

Excellence in Television Award

This award honors a senior for excellence as a producer of OPRFHS television productions.

Division Awards

History Division

Class of 1940 History Writing Award

This award recognizes a senior student whose writing: consistently demonstrates excellence in developing a well-evidenced argument; thoughtfully interrogates a debatable question; demonstrates mastery as assessed by the History Division's Level Two Writing Rubric. Must have completed a minimum of six semesters of coursework in history.

Mathematics Division

Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

This is awarded to seniors who have excelled in mathematics, have received A's in mathematics for seven semesters, and have been enrolled in Calculus BC or higher. It is given in honor of Charles M. Austin, former faculty member and Mathematics Division Head.

Euclid Scholar Award for Achievement in Mathematics

This is given to sophomore students who have exhibited outstanding achievement in mathematics.

Gauss Scholar Award for Achievement in Mathematics

This is given to freshman students who have exhibited outstanding achievement in mathematics.

Math Team Integral Award

This is given to the top OPRFHS Math Team members (of each junior/senior team and each freshman/sophomore team) in recognition of these students' high level of participation and involvement to help lead the team to a successful year.

Pascal Scholar Award for Achievement in Mathematics

This is given to juniors who have exhibited outstanding achievement in mathematics.

Division Awards

Science Division

Dr. Percy Julian Award

This award recognizes a junior or senior with the highest achievement in the field of chemistry. This student demonstrates a keen interest in science with a clear aptitude for chemistry, a strong interest in empirical studies of inductive learning, and a commitment to the well-being of others. This award is given in honor of Dr. Percy Julian, a resident of Oak Park, who achieved international acclaim for his exceptional research in chemistry and for his demonstrated concern regarding the dignity accorded every human being.

John R. Gerhardt Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Physics

This is presented to the student who has attained outstanding academic achievement in AP Physics. The award is given in memory of John R. Gerhardt, Class of 1936, who spent his life in the study of physics.

Virginia Moe Environmental Studies Award

The Virginia Moe Environmental Studies Award was established by Jane Morocco of River Forest in memory of longtime Trailside Museum Director Virginia Moe. Moe was a pioneer in the rehabilitation of wild animals and a strong advocate for the environment. This award is presented to an outstanding senior in Environmental Studies.

World Languages Division

Outstanding Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Students Enrolled in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, and Spanish

These students achieved outstanding grades and proficiency in the language. Shown exceptional enthusiasm for the language and culture through participation in extracurricular activities, clubs, national exams, or projects relating to the language.

Multilingual Senior Award

The Multilingual Senior Award recognizes a graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to language learning. The recipient has studied at least two world languages at OPRFHS for a minimum of two years each and has achieved outstanding academic performance and proficiency in both. This student also shows a deep enthusiasm for languages and the cultures they represent, reflecting a strong commitment to global understanding.

Locally Supported Scholarships

Applause! Performing Arts Scholarship

This scholarship is presented by the APPLAUSE! Fine Arts Booster organization to a senior who has participated in the Fine Arts program of the high school and plans to major or minor in a performing art or closely related field in college.

Anne P. Bekermeier Scholarship

Anne P. Bekermeier; Class of 1946, was very proud of this high school and its extraordinary faculty and staff. Her husband established this scholarship in her memory to be awarded to a student who has earned a varsity letter in track or basketball and has maintained a 2.0 or better grade point average.

Dr. Bert Beverly Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Bert Beverly, a pediatrician in Oak Park for over 25 years and actively involved at West Suburban Hospital. The scholarship was established by the hospital and is given to an AP biology student who has demonstrated high academic achievement and enthusiasm for future work in the biological sciences.

Michael A. Campbell Memorial Scholarship

Michael Campbell served OPRFHS for over 20 years as a member of the English faculty, Dean Counselor, and summer school director. He established this renewable scholarship which is presented to two seniors who demonstrated financial need, academic merit and leadership.

Oak Park Residence Corporation

This scholarship was established for the benefit of high school graduates that reside, or have resided, in Oak Park Residence Corporation properties, to support their postsecondary educational plans which may include colleges, universities, trade or vocational schools. It is renewable for an additional three years of school.

Kathy McMahan Adams

Established in memory of Kathy McMahan Adams who was an English teacher at Ascension School in Oak Park, this scholarship assists graduates of Ascension School or parishioners of Ascension Church. Special consideration is given to students considering the teaching profession.

Kiwanis Club of River Forest/Oak Park

The Kiwanis Club of River Forest/Oak Park awards several scholarships each year to assist local area high school seniors who have demonstrated exemplary efforts in community service to others, achievements in scholastics, and extra-curricular activities to attend the college of their choice.

Catherine Devereux Brandstrader

Mrs. Brandstrader's grandchildren established this scholarship to honor their grandmother who raised eight children with her husband Frederick in Oak Park. All three sons attended college, but the family did not have the funds to send their daughters. It is awarded annually to a student who is from Oak Park and River Forest, Fenwick or Trinity High Schools, who is also from a large family.

Oak Park Bank Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student, who demonstrates academic achievement (maintained a B average, or better for 7 semesters), who has been involved in extracurricular activities and the community, and must be seeking a two- or four-year college degree.

Locally Supported Scholarships

Kate Long Marchetti Scholarship

This is a financial need-based scholarship awarded to two OPRFHS graduating seniors who have experienced the loss of a sibling or parent and/or been raised in a single parent home and have the qualities of kindness, integrity, and empathy.

Dr. Gerald L. Clay Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2013 by the family of Oak Park resident Dr. Gerald Clay, founder of A.P.P.L.E. to honor his ongoing support of education in our communities and his commitment to mentoring young African American males.

Carbery Family Scholarship Fund

Established by Paul and Sherry Carbery, it is a financial need based scholarship and is renewable for four years. Preference is given to a Black or Hispanic student who is the first-generation in their family to attend college. The awardee must be involved in extracurricular, volunteer or work activities, possibly in a leadership role.

Josh Davis Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Joan Davis, Josh's mother, established this scholarship in honor of her son. It is awarded to a student who demonstrates a love for the environment and plans to pursue environmental studies in college.

Catherine Deam Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Catherine Deam, a long-time Oak Park resident who exemplified the spirit of community volunteerism.

Don Deia "Heart of the Plate" Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Don Deia, softball pitching coach, devoted Booster Club member/officer, and Huskie fan, to honor a senior softball player who best represents Mr. Deia's approach to life both on and off a softball field. "Unafraid. Full Speed. All Out. All the Time". Those words exemplify the way that Mr. Deia lived his life and reflected the fundamental values of commitment, loyalty, and integrity that these scholarship winners have exhibited.

Carol Shields Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship, established by the Class of 1953, honors fellow alumnus and Pulitzer Prize winning author Carol Warner Shields, and is given to a senior with initiative, leadership, academic achievement, and financial need.

OPRFHS Scholarship Foundation Directors Scholarship

The Scholarship Foundation was established in 1924 to provide financial assistance to students planning to attend college. Scholarship contributions are received annually from community members, OPRFHS alumni, parents, and those who wish to honor former staff members and students, as well as loved ones who have passed away. Two scholarships are awarded to students who have shown initiative, leadership, and academic achievement. The scholarships are renewable for four years.

Barbara Amsden Braun Donohue Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to the student who has taken six semesters of courses in the History Division, has exhibited exemplary academic performance, and has demonstrated a deep appreciation for and commitment to history and related subjects. The award, established by her husband, honors Barbara Amsden Braun Donohue, Class of 1929, who maintained a lifelong interest in history.

Locally Supported Scholarships

Douglas Business Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Mr. Kenneth Douglas, Class of 1940, former Chairman and CEO of Dean Foods Corporation, to recognize an outstanding senior in business education.

Offerman Excellence in English Scholarship

Established in 2015, this scholarship recognizes the outstanding senior in English who has demonstrated excellence in English classes and who, through their work, best exemplifies the mission and vision of the English Division.

Gary F. Olson Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Gary Olson, a former faculty member and coach. The scholarship fund was established by Mr. Olson's family and friends following his untimely death. Reflecting the inspirational qualities that Mr. Olson demonstrated throughout his life as a teacher, coach, parent and friend, this scholarship is awarded to a dedicated student who has shown dependability, strong character, and commendable academic standing.

OPUS Alumni Association Scholarship

Established by the OPRFHS Alumni Association in 2001 to honor beloved performing arts faculty Jim Eitrheim, Bob Fuller, and Jack Wirtz. That year, over 200 alumni reunited to perform the OPUS concert, celebrating their teachers' lasting impact. Subsequent tributes, including a book honoring Mr. Eitrheim (2011) and a Choral Reunion Concert for Mr. Fuller (2012), further highlighted their legacy. In addition to these mentors, alumni recognize the contributions of other key performing arts educators, including Ronald Holleman, Diana Ivas, Patricia Cheney, Michael Nielsen, Joyce Pauley, Norma Rabin, and Susan Englehardt.

Richard Daniel Memorial Scholarship (Orchestra)

Mr. Daniel's family established this scholarship which is presented to a member of the OPRFHS orchestra who plays a string instrument, demonstrates financial need, and plans to major or minor in music or a related field or continue to play in an orchestra in college.

Don and Mary Vogel Scholarship

This scholarship was established by faculty members Donald and Mary Vogel upon their retirements from OPRFHS after 58 years of combined service to the high school community. This scholarship recognizes academic merit and participation in a wide range of high school activities. The scholarship is renewable for three additional years.

Terri Race Educational Technology Scholarship

Terri Race's family established this scholarship in gratitude to the OPRF community. Terri expressed a genuine love for technology and education. She was a dedicated, dependable and ethical professional, always exhibiting integrity while a technology aide at District 90 schools in River Forest.

Roberta L. Raymond Mathematics Scholarship

Established by the family of Roberta Raymond, this scholarship supports two seniors who have demonstrated high academic achievement in mathematics. Created to assist students, it honors Ms. Raymond's legacy as a community leader, founder of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, and a dedicated advocate for the OPRFHS Alumni Association and Scholarship Foundation. A proud OPRFHS graduate, she was committed to expanding opportunities for future generations in need of financial assistance.

Locally Supported Scholarships

Roberta L. Raymond Scholarship

The Roberta L. Raymond Scholarship was established by OPRFHS Class of '55 alum Roberta Raymond and her family to support a student at OPRFHS. Ms. Raymond was a pioneering activist who advocated for underrepresented minorities, played a key role in integrating Oak Park, and helped establish and run the OPRFHS Alumni Association.

OPRFHS Hockey Club Scholarship

The OPRF Hockey Club established this scholarship to honor a graduating senior who has been active in OPRF Hockey and has demonstrated leadership on and off the ice.

Muehrcke Family Foundation Scholar Athlete Award

This award is in memory of Dr. Robert Muehrcke, who established a medical team for athletes within the West Suburban Conference and served as the athletic team physician for Oak Park and River Forest High School. This scholarship recognizes a senior athlete who has achieved dean's list status and who intends to pursue a career in medicine or in health sciences. This student has demonstrated school and community leadership and has shown promise in future achievements.

R.J. Mike Nielsen Scholarship

This scholarship is given in honor of Mike Nielsen, a former technical director at Oak Park and River Forest High School. Established by a former Stage Crew member who worked with Mr. Nielsen on numerous theatrical productions, this award goes to a member of stage crew who has demonstrated significant accomplishment in technical theatre and who plans to pursue higher education.

Nineteenth Century Charitable Association Founders Memorial Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded by this nonprofit Oak Park charitable organization that is dedicated to supporting the community through learning, giving and sharing its landmark building. It awards four-year scholarships to outstanding seniors based on their academic achievement, community service and financial need.

Oak Park Area Arts Council Scholarship

Since 1997, in response to a community task force on arts education, the Oak Park Area Arts Council has been expanding its local scholarship program to help support and cultivate our students' appreciation of and opportunities in the arts. Fine Arts scholarships are presented to seniors who will pursue college studies in an arts-related discipline, including the visual, performing, musical and literary arts.

Under the umbrella of the Oak Park Area Arts Council, there are two scholarships: the Russell C. Lissuzzo Scholarship, and the Bobbie Raymond Memorial Scholarship.

Russell C. Lissuzzo Scholarship

Russell C. Lissuzzo was a long-time resident of the Village of Oak Park. Russ was a well-known architect, a jazz musician, and as he used to say, a "drawer". When he passed away in the fall of 2007, his family established funds to honor him through a scholarship program. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student who will major in architecture or jazz studies/performance.

Bobbie Raymond Memorial Scholarship

Bobbie Raymond was a prolific and talented painter who truly enjoyed using watercolors to paint wild orchids and flowers. This \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who will major in painting.

Locally Supported Scholarships

OPRFHS Retirees - Dooper Scholarship

An endowed scholarship established by the retirees of the high school, this scholarship is based on academic achievement and financial need.

Louise Hay Math Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Louise Hay, an Oak Park resident whose three sons attended OPRFHS. Professor Hay was the Head of the Department of Math, Statistics, and Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Chicago. A strong advocate for women in academia, she dedicated her life to supporting and empowering women in the field of mathematics. This scholarship is awarded to four students in recognition of their achievement and interest in mathematics, with the goal of furthering their education in the field or in a supplemental enrichment program.

Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship

Established by River Forest resident Mrs. Miriam Hotchkiss, this endowed scholarship is presented to three seniors with demonstrated financial need, academic merit, and leadership. The scholarship is renewable for four years.

Carl R. Krafft Fine Arts Scholarships

The Carl R. Krafft Fine Arts Scholarships - created through an auction of American Impressionist paintings from the high school's art collection - are named after American Impressionist Carl R. Krafft, an Oak Park native and founder of the Oak Park Art League. Mr. Krafft, who died in 1938, became a prolific landscape and genre painter who studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Fine Arts Academy and exhibited at the National Academy of Design, the Corcoran Museum, and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Five scholarships are awarded: three in art, one in music, and one in Speech/ Dance/ TV.

"LLKA" Scholarship in Honor of Andrew Cheeks

The "Long Live King Andrew" Scholarship in Memory of Andrew Cheeks was established by family friends to honor Andrew, an African American student who passed away while a sophomore at OPRFHS. This scholarship recognizes students who exemplify Andrew's generous, friendly, and kind nature.

Miller, Cooke, Wood Theatre Scholarship

This scholarship began through the efforts of Tradition of Excellence recipient William Adelman and the Oak Park and River Forest Alumni Association. It honors three of our outstanding former teachers: Dorothy C. Miller, who taught French from 1928 to 1966 and directed many theatrical productions; L. Knowles Cooke, an English teacher from 1944 to 1962 who also directed Stage Crew and designed all theatrical sets at the high school for 17 years; and Edna Ruth Wood of the Music Department who was in charge of musical productions from 1944 to 1972.

Nell Behr Aquatics Scholarship

The Nell Behr Aquatics Scholarship honors the memory of Nell Behr, a talented OPRFHS swimmer tragically killed by a drunk driver in 2023. This scholarship is awarded to a student who has participated in at least two years of swimming and water polo, with special consideration for those who have competed for four years or plan to continue in these sports in college.

Locally Supported Scholarships

Ann R. Monaco Music Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Ann R. Monaco, a gifted pianist and teacher. She is remembered by those who loved her as "an inspiration, a confidante, and an extraordinarily sensitive mentor" to the many students from Oak Park and River Forest who studied privately with her over the years, as well as to her students at the Merit School of Music where she served as Artistic Director. This scholarship is awarded to a music student who intends to pursue further musical studies and who exemplifies Ms. Monaco's high standards and dedication.

Thomas O. Miyata Scholarship

The Thomas O. Miyata Scholarship honors the memory of Thomas O. Miyata, who believed in the transformative power of education. Raised in poverty on the island of Oahu, Tom's parents worked tirelessly to send him and his siblings to college. His debt-free education allowed him to become a surgeon, and now this scholarship continues his belief in how education can impact individuals and their communities. This scholarship is awarded to students in financial need, with special consideration given to those who demonstrate resilience and a commitment to their education.

Thomas Ferguson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship celebrates the memory of Thomas D. Ferguson, who joined the OPRFHS History Division in 1967 and taught here until his retirement in 1994. A popular, charismatic teacher and colleague, Mr. Ferguson was chairman of the History Division from 1986 to 1994. He led field trips all over the city of Chicago and brought the world into his classroom, 411, by covering the walls with Time and Newsweek magazine covers and campaign posters. He taught his students to "see through time", as he put it, by assigning oral history reports on their neighborhoods and families that helped them understand how they themselves were a part of history. Mr. Ferguson was always delighted to hear from former students who would stop him on the street decades later to tell him how much they had learned in his class.

Kathleen Marian Garrigan Scholarship

Established to commemorate the life of Kathleen Garrigan who was an alumnus of Oak Park and River Forest High School and three-sport athlete, this leadership award is given to a graduating senior at Oak Park and River Forest High School who has participated in sports and demonstrated leadership on and off the field.

Robert Gauger Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of long-time OPRFHS Applied Arts teacher Robert Gauger. Established by his mother, the scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding mechanical/technical skills and an intellectual curiosity in technology, physics and/or science.

Bernard "Duke" Gawne Memorial Scholarship

Established in loving memory of their father by his children, this scholarship honors Bernard "Duke" Gawne, a lifelong Oak Parker who served a distinguished career in the military during World War II, worked for and eventually ran the family plumbing business, and with his wife Mariruth raised nine children, four of whom were OPRFHS graduates. Although he did not graduate from college, Mr. Gawne made sure all of his children earned college degrees. This scholarship honors his memory by providing assistance to a high school senior pursuing a college education.

Locally Supported Scholarships

Gerald L. Greer History Scholarship

This scholarship, established by the late Gerald Greer, former chair of the History Division and distinguished member of the faculty from 1952 until his retirement in 1978, honors students who have shown a high degree of scholarship in the field of history and are considering a career in teaching.

Brenda Schnede Grusecki Scholarship for Outstanding Student in English

This scholarship is given to a student who possesses a love of literature and an academic record in English that provides evidence of both talent and achievement in writing and speaking. The recipient plans to major in English in college. This is renewable for four years.

Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest Community Service Scholarships

This scholarship is presented to three students from the community each year who have engaged in and shown commitment to community service, the hallmark of Rotarians everywhere. These students' actions and behaviors have reflected the motto of Rotarian International, "Service Above Self."

Grayson Adelstein Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded to a student with a 3.0+ unweighted GPA; who has demonstrated interest in business coursework, activities, or professional experience; and embodies the spirit of curiosity and innovation; seeking a Business major/minor in college.

Willa Schaffer Memorial Scholarship

The family of Willa Schaffer founded this scholarship to honor the memory of Ms. Schaffer, a dean/counselor and educator who loved and learned from the diversity of OPRFHS students. A caring mother, wife, and friend beloved by many, Ms. Schaffer is described by her husband as a woman who "had a gift for being able to bring out the best in people. By funding an endowment scholarship at the school, it is our hope that we can touch students' lives and help them in much the same way that she did during her life. If we accomplish that, then the scholarship will be a fitting tribute to her memory and life."

Dr. Alexander M. Schmidt Outstanding Senior Student in English Scholarship

This scholarship is given to a student who possesses a love of literature and an appreciation for scholarship. His or her superior academic record in English during four years of high school provides evidence of both talent and achievement in writing. The award is given in memory of Dr. Alexander Mackay Schmidt, former Board of Education President for District 200.

Seabury Foundation First Generation to College Scholarship

Established by the Seabury Foundation in 2025, this scholarship supports outstanding students who will be the first in their family to attend college.

Seabury Foundation Scholarships

Charles and Louise Seabury, former Oak Park residents for more than 50 years, established the Seabury Foundation in 1952 because they were concerned about the difficulty young women faced in financing their college expenses. Their daughter, Deborah Seabury Holloway, has continued the scholarships to honor her family's commitment to the community and to share its legacy with our students. The scholarships now support four students who have demonstrated initiative, leadership, and academic achievement.

Locally Supported Scholarships

Garden Club of Oak Park and River Forest Scholarship

This award seeks to honor students who plan to pursue environmental studies or related sciences in college.

Ishma Stewart Memorial Scholarship

Established by her family, this scholarship honors Ishma Stewart—a gifted 2005 OPRFHS graduate and Spoken Word Club member whose life was tragically cut short in 2008. It supports a club member who shares her passion and dreams of college success.

Jack Tivolacci Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship celebrates the memory of Jack Tivolacci, an OPRFHS graduate whose legacy embodies the qualities of love, acceptance, and inclusivity. Jack approached everyone with love first. He made people feel at ease and welcomed. He celebrated all people, and he recognized that our differences are just as valuable to humanity as our shared qualities. Applicants for this scholarship should have demonstrated these same values in their career here. Applicants should have made sizable efforts to promote love and understanding, and they should be seen as a friend to all in the OPRFHS community.

TNH - Stephen A. Henry Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 2016 by the Tuesday Night Hoops ("TNH") weekly basketball team in memory of Stephen, son of Jordan and Erica Henry, who passed away in 2015 at just three months of age. This group wanted to honor Stephen's memory with a scholarship and thought that providing financial assistance to an OPRFHS athlete, team manager or student trainer who has demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship, leadership and team spirit was a wonderful way to do that.

Tony Trofimuk Scholarship

Girls basketball coach, Tony Trofimuk, never let cystic fibrosis or a double lung transplant hold him back. When he passed away in 1999, the Tony Trofimuk Scholarship was instituted to recognize the senior girls basketball player who exemplifies the determination, perseverance, humility, and leadership synonymous with Coach Trofimuk.

William and Joyce Wartmann Scholarship

William Wartmann established this scholarship in his and his wife's name to show appreciation to the OPRFHS Fine and Performing Arts Division, whose teachers inspired and motivated him when he was a student here. The scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors who have been involved in art and music while at OPRFHS and who intend to pursue those studies in college.

Brale Family/ Wood Scholarship

Named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James and Yvonne Wood, the memorial scholarship honors these longtime community leaders who were firm believers in the value of education for today's students. The award is given to a senior who has achieved honor roll or dean's list status and who has demonstrated participation in extracurricular activities throughout high school, particularly in community service work.

Smith and Gordan Smith Model UN Scholarships

This is an annual scholarship recognizing the value that participating in the high school's Model UN Club can provide to a student. The recipient must have been a member of Model UN for at least two years.

Locally Supported Scholarships

Georg Ann Zussman-Amato Memorial Scholarship for Women in Science

This scholarship, established by Mr. Thomas Amato and his daughter Rebecca, honors Georg Ann Zussman-Amato, who had a genuine love of students and was a passionate advocate for women's involvement in education. She served the school community in numerous ways, including as President of the PTO and Chairperson of the PTO Slating Committee for District 200 Board of Education candidates. This scholarship supports a student pursuing a degree in one of the natural sciences.

Lt. Patrick J. Luby Memorial Scholarship

Patrick J. Luby was a lieutenant in the Oak Park Fire Department who died in the line of duty on July 29, 1992 while serving his community during a house fire. Lt. Luby was a dedicated husband, father, firefighter, and educator. Before starting his career in firefighting, he was a high school Spanish teacher. This scholarship is established to honor his memory and to support an OPRFHS graduate who shares his devotion to service, community and education. The funds are provided by the Oak Park Firefighters Association.

Charles N. "Laddie" Follett Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Follett Educational Foundation in honor and memory of Charles N. "Laddie" Follett as a financial need based scholarship. Awarded to an OPRFHS graduating senior who demonstrates leadership and initiative. It is renewable for an additional three years.

Dwight Follett Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Follett Educational Foundation in honor and memory of Dwight Follett as a financial need based scholarship. Awarded to an OPRFHS graduating senior who demonstrates leadership and initiative. It is renewable for an additional three years.

Garth Follett Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Follett Educational Foundation in honor and memory of Garth Follett as a financial need-based scholarship. Awarded to an OPRFHS graduating senior who demonstrates leadership and initiative. It is renewable for an additional three years.

Robert Follett Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Follett Educational Foundation in honor and memory of Robert Follett as a financial need based scholarship. Awarded to an OPRFHS graduating senior who demonstrates leadership and initiative. It is renewable for an additional three years.

Ariel Follett O'Hara '55 Family Scholarship

Established in honor of Ariel Follett O'Hara, Class of 1955, this financial need-based scholarship is awarded to an OPRFHS graduating senior who is the first in their family to attend college and has shown a strong commitment to community service, activism, and social justice.

Alison E. O'Hara, JD, OPRF '81 "Take the First Step" Scholarship Vocational Studies

Established by the Follett Educational Foundation, to honor the memory of Alison E. O'Hara. This scholarship is awarded to students planning to pursue a certificate, licensure, or associate degree; and not planning to attend a traditional four-year college or university.

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Alison E. O'Hara, JD, OPRF '81 "Take the First Step" Scholarship Promising Scholar

Established by the Follett Educational Foundation, to honor the memory of Alison E. O'Hara. The scholarship is awarded to students demonstrating great promise and seeking a two or four-year college degree.

Lois Goldstein Memorial Scholarship Fund

Honors longtime OPRFHS mathematics teacher Lois Goldstein, who dedicated her career to District 200 students beginning in 1970. Established in gratitude to the school community, this renewable scholarship continues her legacy following her passing in 2024.

Dr. Robert and Dorothy Brewer Scholarship

This scholarship honors the Brewer family's tradition of fostering friendship and belonging at OPRFHS. It celebrates a graduate who brings joy to the school community, demonstrates respect, and contributes to a positive atmosphere, with a strong work ethic and dedication in the classroom.

Michael J. Berg Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Michael J. Berg, who was the parent of two daughters at OPRF High School, this scholarship honors an outstanding student identifying as female who has demonstrated a strong interest and ability in a STEM-related field and has achieved high academic performance as well as a commitment to extracurricular activities.

Michael S. Campbell Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors the life and legacy of Michael S. Campbell, who achieved his degree in Electrical Engineering from Kettering University through unwavering hard work, dedication, and the support of scholarship opportunities. It supports students of color with financial need who are pursuing career dreams in STEM fields, preferably in engineering, and who embody the same determination and passion for creating a meaningful legacy through education, excellence, and benevolence.

Lofgren Family Orchestra Scholarship

OPRF Orchestra gave Mrs Lofgren's daughter both a supportive community and a much-needed balance to her academic workload. The opportunity to learn from Mr. Pearson, whose encouragement and leadership shaped her love of music, was a gift that continues to influence her as she plays viola in college and in her community orchestra. This scholarship is awarded to a senior who felt a sense of community within the OPRF Orchestra.

Maienza Family Legacy in Learning Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in memoriam of Dr. Janice Grow-Maienza, a dedicated professor of education, who devoted her life to the study and advancement of elementary school curriculum, to benefit students of OPRF High School. This renewable scholarship honors a student who demonstrates academic excellence, a passion for learning, and an aspirational outlook.

Black Lives Matter "Spoken Word" Scholarship

This scholarship is given to a student who has participated in a minimum of three Spoken Word showcases (not including the final showcase of the current year). An essay (limited to 300 words) on any topic related to Spoken Word must be completed.

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