THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY
HONORS CHAPEL
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NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS
Ellen Casey, Natalie Jiang, Arjun Kulkarni, Annie Le, Darian Mihalakis, Connor Myers, Karen Shi, Ryan Wen, Kyle Zhang

The John Plant Scholarships are prizes given each year in honor of Mr. John Plant, former chair of the Department of Classical Languages at Episcopal Academy. The prizes are awarded on the basis of competitive examinations in Latin translation and Greek translation.

Latin 2- Renee Yao
Latin 3- Angela Zhou
Latin 4- Caroline Moran
Latin 5- Natalie Jiang
Greek 2- Gianni Katirtzoglou
Greek 3- Meghan Limaye
Greek 4- Kyle Zhang

The Kenneth R. Balsley Prize for highest scholarship in the rising IV - Angela Zhou

The George T. Davis Prize for highest scholarship in the rising V Form - Kayla Krasnick

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal – Gold Medal Award for proficiency in science and mathematics - Connor Myers

The Kalbach Prize for excellence in Creative Writing (Prose) - Emily Ding

The Bryn Mawr College Award in Spanish is presented to the VI Former who has demonstrated the greatest enthusiasm for Spanish and the cultures of Spanish speaking people and who has made the greatest effort to use Spanish in a meaningful way - Samantha Slye

The Bryn Mawr College Award in French is presented to the VI Former who has demonstrated the greatest enthusiasm for French and the cultures of French speaking people who has made the greatest effort to use French in a meaningful way – Cyrian Foppa Tiankwa

The Confucius Scholar Award for Academic Excellence in Mandarin is presented to a member of the rising VI Form who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in Mandarin – Connor Myers

The Judith M. Diamondstone Prize for the best American History research paper – Darian Mihalakis

The Paul Thompson Prize for American History – Ellen Casey

The Williams College Alumni Prize for highest scholarship in the rising VI Form - Connor Myers

The Dartmouth College Book Award is awarded to an outstanding member of the rising VI Form who has demonstrated both intellectual and athletic excellence, have made a positive impact on the life of the school community and excelled in at least one non-academic area; and whose talents reflect a strong spirit of adventure, a compelling sense of honor, and a dedication to community and team – Devon Stewart

Wellesley Book Award is awarded to that female member of the rising VI Form who has an outstanding academic record and has also made significant extracurricular contributions to her high school and/or her community – Samantha Slye

The Yale Club Prize is awarded to the member of the rising VI Form who demonstrates outstanding personal character and intellectual promise deemed to be the most worthy by reason of scholarship, character, school spirit, influence and all-around ability – Arjun Kulkarni

The University of Chicago Book Award is awarded to that member of the rising VI Form whose transcript reflects the most challenging coursework offered and an interest in a wide variety of subject areas. This scholar demonstrates intellectual engagement in and out of the classroom, and is known for asking challenging questions and drawing connections across academic disciplines. The faculty identifies this “scholar” as having a “lively mind”. Finally, this scholar is a visible member of the student body as a result of his or her contributions and commitment to the high school community or greater community – Connor Myers

The Haverford College Book Prize is awarded to that member of the rising VI Form whose highly distinguished record of scholarship is shaped by deep curiosity and broad intellectual interests, and who wants to make a difference in the world – Grace Christie

The Harvard Club Prize is awarded to the member of the rising VI Form who demonstrates excellence in scholarship and achievement in other nonacademic areas deemed to be the most worthy by reason of scholarship, character, school spirit, influence, and all-around ability – Danity Pike

The Bowdoin College Book Award is awarded to the member of the rising VI Form who demonstrates extraordinary service to the Common Good and an unusual passion for inquiry, discovery, and innovative thinking – Joseph Doyle

The Penn Book Award is awarded to that member of the rising VI Form who best exemplifies the qualities and characteristics of Benjamin Franklin - a scholar, innovator and community servant – Kyle Zhang

The Richard S. Cross, Jefferson Scholar Award is awarded to the member of the rising VI Form who, through his or her academic, athletic, and extra-curricular achievement and enthusiasm, best represents the Jeffersonian ideals of scholarship, leadership and citizenship – Kamau Kegler

The Brown University Award is awarded to the member of the rising VI Form who best combines academic excellence with clarity in written and spoken expression – Darian Mihalakis

The Tulane Book Award recognizes a member of the rising VI Form who embodies Tulane's motto of "Not for one's self, but for one's own" and has demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership, and public service – Fraser Wein

The Smith College Book Award recognizes the achievements of an outstanding high school student who exemplifies the academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others that characterize the thousands of women who have graduated from Smith College. The award is presented to a student from the top of her class who embodies these qualities and serves as an example of scholarship and community service – Maeve Martinelli

Cum Laude Society Induction
Ellen Casey, Isabel Ding, Muriel Fitz-Kaltenmeier, Natalie Jiang, Luisa McKinney, Connor Myers, Danity Pike, Nathan Shebel, Karen Shi, Devon Stewart, Laura Tarau, Ryan Wen