

# Bellarmino Preparatory School 2012 Academic Awards Assembly

May 22, 2012

## Department Awards

**Art Department:** Bellarmine Prep and Jesuit Education have made a lifelong commitment to the nurturing of the student's creative spirit. The Arts connect all peoples and all cultures through the act of creation. The Art Department would like to recognize the following students for their excellent work, and for inspiring our community this year:

Freshmen: Lauren Sullivan & Adriana Garzon  
Sophomores: Charlie Hibbeln & Brynn Fiacchi  
Juniors: Matt McDougal & Emmelia Wargacki  
Seniors: Peter Schacht & Zareh Foster-Adams

**Mathematics Department:** The mathematics department wishes to recognize the following students who have demonstrated strong critical thinking skills. They have also engaged in active discovery of mathematical concepts, and have developed an intuitive understanding of theoretical relationships. This year's winners are:

Geometry: Austin Hirsh & Miranda Ross  
Advanced Algebra: Erin McCune & Maria Cesarini  
Precalculus: Elisa Devita & Kiley Adams  
Calculus: Jennifer Li & Nanda-Devi Johnson  
Statistics: Alaina George & Jinsung Kim

**English Department:** English Department awards are given to students who consistently excel in the field of literary studies. Beyond literary excellence, they also show a willingness to repeatedly challenge themselves and enhance the learning environment for all.

Freshmen: Parker Durr & Hailey Maher  
Sophomores: Brian Ward & Jacqueline Pecaro  
Juniors: Caroline Baer & Ryan Martin  
Seniors: Casey Kendall & Hayley Raquer

**Counseling Department:** The recipient of this year's Counseling Department Award has challenged herself in the classroom and demonstrated growth in a positive manner. She is a student who has taken advantage of and participated fully in the student life at Bellarmine, always with an enthusiastic attitude:

Hollie Joyce

**Modern Languages Department:** Modern Languages awards go to students who demonstrate great ability, enthusiasm and achievement in the acquisition and use of a second language, as well as in their understanding of other cultures.

Spanish: Rachel Murray  
French: Katelyn Johnson  
Japanese: Alice Trantum

## **Music Department:**

The **Outstanding Senior Instrumentalist Award** is presented to one senior boy and one senior girl who have given outstanding performances on their instruments, including recognition at competitive events, and have been a model of service to others in the musical context. This year's Outstanding Senior Instrumentalists are:

Sarah Sorensen & Dean Austin-Mayor

The **Outstanding Senior Percussionist Award** is presented to a senior student who exemplifies mastery of both marching and percussion ensemble literature. This year's award goes to:

Patrick Brockwell

The **Outstanding Vocalist award** is presented to the boy and girl who have given outstanding vocal performances and represented Bellarmine at the All State or All-Northwest Honor choir, and / or the state solo and ensemble contest. This year's Outstanding Female Vocalist is:

Amanda Lane

And our Outstanding Male Vocalist is: Tim Manza

The **Outstanding Senior String Instrumentalist Award** is presented to the a boy and girl who have given outstanding performances on their instruments and represented Bellarmine in the All State or All-Northwest Orchestra and solo and ensemble contest. This year's awards goes to:

Sydney Campbell

The **Outstanding Jazz Musician Award** is given to the senior jazz student who exemplifies mastery on his instrument, including advanced improvisational techniques in performance. And the award goes to:

Matt Lester

**Science Department:** The science department awards are given to high achieving students in each grade level who demonstrate an ability to think critically while investigating scientific processes.

Freshmen: Austin Hirsh & Molly Turner

Sophomores: Jacqueline Pecaro & Aaron Misola

Juniors: Kiley Adams & Jack Casey

Seniors: Ian Staehli & Jennifer Li

**Health and Physical Education Department:** The Health and Physical Education Award is given to the individual(s) who demonstrate leadership in the classroom, on the field or court. The recipient of this award is dedicated to service, and is a person for others.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Lilly Navarre & Jaxson Schneider

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Hope Fleckner & Greg Gildea

**Social Studies Department:** Each year the faculty in the Social Studies Department has the pleasure of recognizing two sophomores and two juniors as our Outstanding Scholars. These students stand at the top of their class in analytical thinking, precise writing, and engaging discussion.

Sophomore scholars: Molly Bordeaux & Jacqueline Pecaro

Junior scholars: Alexis Harroun & William Kenick

The **St. Robert Bellarmine History Book Award** honors those four senior students who, during their three years in our classes, have been willing to ask important questions, to demand excellence from their teachers and peers, and to pursue their love of history far beyond the classroom walls.

Senior scholars: Mari Brown, Hayley Raquer, Ellie Sharrard, and Brian Petrich

**Religion Department:** The Religion Department Award is given to two students who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership in the classroom, a willingness to share their faith, who consistently enhance meaningful discussions, and exhibit a passion for theological discourse and study. This year's winners of the Religion Department Award are:

Ian Miller & Micaela McCauley

**Dave Ritter Community Service Award:** This award has been given for the last 17 years to students who continually excel in their service to others; who have truly affirmed our work as Jesuit teachers, and have empowered others to see God's presence in all people. For her work in highlighting and selling the work of homeless artists through an art show for Nativity House, recognizing the dignity of the art work of all people, and raising funds for the art room in Nativity House, please recognize:

Alexandra Pepin

## National, Regional and State Scholar Awards

**National Merit Programs:** "The National Merit Scholarship Corporation seeks to increase public awareness of the accomplishments of exceptionally able young men and women through their scholarship programs. Each year over one million juniors take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, which demonstrates outstanding academic potential." Ranking in the top 1% in the state of Washington and earning National Merit Finalist status are:

Fiona Reid, who will attend State University of New York in Buffalo  
JinSung Kim, who has been admitted into the Honors Program at the University of Washington

**National Merit Commended Scholars:** National Merit Commended Scholars have PSAT scores that put them in the top five percent category overall nationally. The following students have achieved this distinction:

Martha Brown (Santa Clara), Dyllan Freeburg(Colorado State), Mackenzie Garman (Texas A & M), Alaina George (USC), Casey Kendall (Northwestern), Jacob Morton( University of Washington), Hayley Raquer(Santa Clara), Grace Reed(WSU Honors), Javier Secaira(University of Dallas), Jenna Thomas(Santa Clara), and Thomas Yabroff (Yale)

There are two additional programs that recognize students for their **outstanding performance on the PSAT:**

The **National Achievement Scholarship Program** has honored as Outstanding Participants:

Zareh Foster-Adams (University of Portland), Micaela McCauley (Loyola Marymount), Michael Rector (Stanford) and Malcom Roberson (Morehouse)

And the **National Hispanic Recognition Program** honors:

Jessica Hernandez (Stanford), Dean Austin-Mayor (Santa Clara), Jane Manley (Columbia), Mario Secaira (University of Pittsburgh) and Javier Secaira

**Washington Principal's Scholars:** The Washington Principal's Scholar's Program identifies those seniors in Washington whose academic achievement at the end of seven semesters puts them in the top five percent of the class of 2012 in the state of Washington:

Haley Dusek (Vassar), Katherine Heussman (Notre Dame), Megan Hilger (Boston College), Jinsung Kim, Jennifer Li (Cornell), Jane Manley, Hayley Raquer, Tim Stoddard (Gonzaga), Ashley Yates (Santa Clara), Grace Reed, Megan Selden (Gonzaga), Thomas Yabroff

**Phi Beta Kappa Award:** The Phi Beta Kappa Book Award is given to a senior who exemplifies a love of learning, as demonstrated by their academic achievements as well as a record of service to their school or community:

Thomas Yabroff

**Military Academy Appointments:** In offering appointments to the service academies the admissions offices at these schools seek “leaders of character to serve the common defense.” The “whole person” concept—academic success, leadership, involvement in activities, and character—is sought by the U.S. service academies. Scholarships amount to nearly \$500,000 in academic and career training, and are awarded to less than 15% of all applicants.

Sarah Sorenson has received an appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy

David Smith has received an appointment from the United States Merchant Marine Academy

## Book Awards and Scholarships

Several colleges honor juniors for their academic performance, holistic development, and character:

**Harvard Book Prize:** The Harvard Book Prize is awarded to an outstanding junior who combines excellence, in scholarship and high character, with achievement in other fields:

Veena Iyengar

**Wellesley Book Award:** Wellesley College is located in the Boston area. The recipient must be a young woman whose academic record is exceptional and who has made significant contributions to school and community:

Caroline Baer

**St. Michaels Book Award:** St. Michael’s College in Vermont is awarding two books this year to a junior boy and girl who, in addition to being honor students, must have demonstrated a sustained and sincere commitment to volunteerism & leadership in community service endeavors to school and community:

Sam Comfort and Rachel Sorenson

**Holy Cross Book Award:** Holy Cross College, a Jesuit school in Massachusetts, gives a book prize each year to recognize a junior for outstanding scholarship, concern for others, commitment to school and community:

Kiley Adams

**Fairfield University Book Award:** Fairfield University in Connecticut seeks to acknowledge a junior who through effort and dedication to excellence has achieved in both academics and activities. **Adrian Ene-Stroescu** has been selected for the Fairfield Award.

**LeMoyne College Heights Book Award:** The LeMoyne College “Reaching for the Heights” Book Award is given by this Jesuit school in New York to recognize a student who excels in academics, leadership and service:

Devi Johnson

**The Rensselaer Medal Award:** For more than 90 years Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in conjunction with the high schools around the world, has awarded the Rensselaer Medal to promising secondary school students who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science:

Jack Casey

**Abel Award:** The Abel Award is sponsored by Philomatheia and is a \$500 scholarship for a student who is generous in helping others and has a strong record of service:

Maia Schumacher

**Grad at Grad Scholarship:** Every year the employees of Bellarmine award the Grad at Grad scholarship to juniors who excel in activities which have contributed to their development in the areas of the Grad at Grad document: Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, Religious, Loving, and Committed to Doing Justice. The recipients of \$900 Grad at Grad Scholarships for 2012 are:

Leah Mernaugh and Mary Clare O'Brien Wilson

**Weber Prize Essay Contest:** The Weber Prize seeks to honor the memory of Father Dan Weber by promoting excellence in writing. In his autobiography, Grateful Memories, Father Dan described the events that shaped his character and his faith. For the Weber Prize, students submit a composition describing the memories of Bellarmine for which they are most grateful. The winners of this year's Weber Prize Essay Contest and receiving \$100.00 each are:

Caroline Baer, Thomas Bolt, Ryan ,Martin, Leah Mernaugh, Jake O'Leary, and Doug Parker

## Senior Scholarships

Organizations: Business and service organizations contribute generously to the community in a variety of ways. Below are awards given by many of the local organizations that honor our students.

**Elks Lodge:** The local Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 has been generous to our community and our students. The following students, who have excelled in academics and activities have been awarded \$1,000 and \$2,000 scholarships:

Theresa Bickel, Kitty Sanborn, Elizabeth Porter, Bryce Prenovost, Matthew Blake, Nakaira Petty, Ellie Sharrard and Grace Dyer

**Kiwanis:** The Kiwanis Club of Greater Tacoma awards scholarships to students with a strong record of service and activities. Receiving \$1,000 scholarships are:

Christina Hickok and Ellie Sharrard

**The Army Scholar Athlete Program:** The Army Scholar Athlete Program is sponsored by the United States Army Reserve, and honors a senior girl and boy who have found a good balance in their lives, having excelled in both academics and athletics. This award honors mental quickness, physical skill, effort, leadership, and dedication. This year's winners are:

Haley Dusek and Michael Rector

**Bellarmino Leadership Book Prize:** The Bellarmine Leadership Book Prize for \$100 is awarded to a senior who has shown leadership and commitment in all areas at Bellarmine. This year's recipient has been a leader in ASB, athletics, and the community:

Harrison Bucher

**Cheney Foundation Scholarship:** The Ben B. Cheney Foundation awards scholarships to Tacoma area seniors who have exhibited high qualities of leadership, character, citizenship, motivation, and academic and athletic achievement. This is a \$3,000 scholarship and this year's winner is:

### Kelly Beck

**Act Six** is an urban leadership and scholarship initiative of the Northwest Leadership Foundation that equips emerging urban leaders to engage the college campus and their communities at home. Receiving a full tuition scholarship to Whitworth University is:

Elizabeth Porter

**Junior Assemblies Scholarship:** The Junior Assemblies awards two \$545 scholarships to students who participate in their event. Bellarmine has chosen two students who have been generous with their time and talents to the Bellarmine community:

Marissa Dizon and McKenzie Hollyoak

**O'Connor Leadership Award:** The Ralph & Rosemary O'Connor Leadership Award was established by friends of the O'Connors, former Bellarmine parents, to recognize students who exemplify the potential for leadership, dedication to family, commitment to education, & the level of community service and professional excellence that have been shown by Ralph and Rosemary O'Connor. This year's award is a **\$2,000** scholarship, and goes to:

Megan Hilger

The **Joan and Bill Fleet Scholarship Endowment** is given to students who never give up and make every day count - students who forget their own needs and support others unconditionally in the field of service. This year's recipient of a \$500 scholarship is:

Bella Romero

**ROTC Scholarships:** Two seniors have received ROTC Scholarships this year:

Noah Durr will attend the University of Portland with an Air Force ROTC scholarship  
Joe Lovejoy has accepted a Naval ROTC scholarship at Marquette University

## Scholar Athletes

Bellarmino varsity scholar athlete awards go to seniors who have a grade point average of 3.5 or better, and who have participated in their sport for at least three years, the senior year at the varsity level.

NAME	SPORT	SEASON
CONNOR BROWN	TENNIS and SWIMMING	FALL/WINTER
JINSUNG KIM	TENNIS	FALL
RYAN LAMBERT	TENNIS	FALL
PAT MULLOY	TENNIS	FALL
SUNDEEP RAI	TENNIS	FALL
HALLIE WURST	VOLLEYBALL	FALL
KARA MURRAY	VOLLEYBALL	FALL
KYLEN DENT	VOLLEYBALL	FALL
NAKAIRA PETTY	VOLLEYBALL BASKETBALL & TRACK	FALL/WINTER/SPRING
DANIELLE LETTS	VOLLEYBALL	FALL
STEPHANIE HAMILTON	SOCCER	FALL
KELLY BECK	SOCCER	FALL
KELSEY WITKER	SOCCER	FALL
KATIE HEUSSMAN	SOCCER	FALL
EMILY NELSON	SOCCER	FALL
TJ GRANT	CROSS COUNTRY	FALL
CASEY KENDALL	CROSS COUNTRY	FALL
KYLE KARALUS	CROSS COUNTRY and SOCCER	FALL/SPRING
JAVIER SECAIRA	CROSS COUNTRY and TRACK	FALL/SPRING
MARIO SECAIRA	CROSS COUNTRY and TRACK	FALL/SPRING
HARRISON BUCHER	FOOTBALL	FALL
NATHAN HOWGATE	FOOTBALL	FALL
RYAN LESTER	FOOTBALL	FALL
MATTHEW BLAKE	FOOTBALL AND TRACK	FALL/SPRING
R. JOSEPH LOVEJOY	FOOTBALL and SOCCER	FALL
IAN MILLER	FOOTBALL and WRESTLING	FALL
MICHAEL RECTOR	FOOTBALL and SOCCER	FALL
EVAN RUMPZA	FOOTBALL	FALL
JOSH MCCARTHY	WRESTLING and LACROSSE	WINTER/SPRING
DONALD HUBER	WRESTLING	WINTER
WILL HOLTZ	SOCCER	SPRING
CURTIS PEDERSON	SOCCER	SPRING
COOPER DOXON	SOCCER	SPRING
TIM STODDARD	GOLF	SPRING
GRACIE DYER	GOLF	SPRING
ASHLEY YATES	TENNIS	SPRING
HALEY DUSEK	FASTPITCH	SPRING
SARAH SORENSON	FASTPITCH	SPRING
KELLY MCLAUGHLIN	FASTPITCH	SPRING
JANE MANLEY	SWIMMING	FALL
JACOB BOLEK	LACROSSE	SPRING
DANIEL CALL	LACROSSE	SPRING

## Extra-Curricular Awards

**Diversity Office Award:** This award is offered to Bellarmine students who have promoted, worked for, and educated others around issues of diversity, multiculturalism, social justice, equity and inclusion on the Bellarmine campus, in the Tacoma community, and beyond. These award winners are students who have shown a "commitment to the Gospel call to move beyond prejudice to a reverence for each person," and who have "grown in his or her understanding of the heterogeneous and multicultural world which they are called to transform."

Nathalie Ojeda & Dominick Broussard

**Drama:** The annual drama award is given to a student who, through many hours of extraordinary dedication, has been instrumental in creating some truly outstanding works of theater in a variety of capacities, on and off-stage. We are proud to present this year's drama award to two outstanding seniors:

Maya Cates-Carney and Tyler Hunt

**Annual:** The Annual Award recognizes enthusiastic support provided by senior veteran staff members. This year the 2012 Cage honors:

Shannon Nardi and Jenna Thomas

**Journalism:** *The Lion* newspaper staff spends countless hours outside of class producing print and online issues of solid reporting and writing not only for Bellarmine, but also for Tacoma KOMO News. The Journalism award for Overall Outstanding Journalist and Editor goes to Co-Editors-in-Chief:

Ellie Sharrard and Rebecca Wyman

The Exemplary Executive Editor Award goes to:

Grace Reed

**Campus Ministry:** Jesus' message is that God loves us and invites us into discipleship, to the Magis, to follow Him in every aspect of our lives. As a result of that love, we are invited to share that love with others, to be living sacraments, filled with the Holy Spirit, committed to a Christian transformation of the world.

Over the last four years, these two seniors, along with many of their classmates, have deepened their commitment to Jesus through prayer, worship, service, and retreat leadership. Their witness in faith and their love for God has supported and encouraged all of us to look more to Christ for direction and strength.

This year's St. Ignatius Loyola award winners for Campus Ministry are:

Anna Boulanger and Timmy Stoddard

The **Marine Chemistry Program** is dedicated to the protection and preservation of the environment. Through scientific research students seek solutions to scientific problems to make the world a better place for all its inhabitants. Please recognize the following students for their accomplishments in scientific research.

The following students were recognized at the **Intel South Sound Regional Science Fair**:

Amanda Lane: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Plant Sciences  
Casey Kendall and Elizabeth Sharrard: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Environmental Management  
Haley Raquer: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Plant Sciences  
Shannon Nardi: A.W.G. Student Award for Geoscience Excellence

The following students were recognized at the **Washington Junior Science and Humanities Symposium**:

Jennifer Li and Jinsung Kim: Medicine and Health Sciences Finalists  
Ian Staeheli and Thomas Grant: Marine Engineering Finalists

Veena Iyengar was the **1st place grand prize winner** for her medical engineering work in the **Washington Junior Science and Humanities Symposium** and in the **Intel South Sound Regional Science Fair**. [She will also be competing at the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium as well as the INTEL Science and Engineering Fair.

## **Class Awards**

*(Senior Class Awards are given at Graduation)*

Freshman 110% Award: Cathryn Casey & John (Jack) McEntee

Freshman Class Award: Hailey Maher & Alex Cranstoun

Sophomore 110% Award: Molly Bordeaux & Chase Byrne

Sophomore Class Award: Jacqueline Pecaro & Brian Ward

Junior 110% Award: Thomas Bolt & Kiley Adams

Junior Class Award: William Kenick & Joy McVicker

## **Faculty & Staff/Community Awards**

De Thomas Award: John Hietpas

Exemplary Teacher Award: Gwen White

*Please Note: There are many more scholarships for graduating seniors which will be listed in the graduation program.*