

AVON HIGH SCHOOL
Awards Ceremony



Avon High School
June 2, 2020

ACADEMIC AWARDS PROGRAM

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AWARDS TO JUNIORS

Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award Halle Keane
Bausch & Lomb Award Luke Choi
Society of Women Engineers Award Christina He & Brian Salchert

Book Awards

Bay Path University Presidential Book Award Sara Chute
Brandeis University Book Award Alyssa Goldstein
Dartmouth Book Award Daniel Cuyler
George Washington Book Award Halle Keane
Gettysburg College Book Award Brian Salchert
Harvard Prize Book Award Brian Salchert
Phi Beta Kappa Dhananjai Senthil Kumar
Princeton Book Award Luke Choi
Randolph Book Award Zarina Qureshi
Rensselaer Medal Award Krishna Cheemalapati
Saint Anselm College Book Award Kevin Mansfield
Saint Michael's College Book Award Abigail Svelan & Nicholas Yarnall
Smith Book Award Keira Hovorka
St. Lawrence University Book Award Erika Nguyen
Suffolk University Book Award Matthew Frey
Trinity Book Award Mason Bussiere
Wellesley Book Award Isabelle Russo
WPI STEM Leadership Book Award Jade Logan
Yale Book Award Hanna Pomaski

AWARDS TO SENIORS

Distinguished Graduate Awards

Valedictorian Walden Yan
Salutatorian Michael Hanratty

National Merit Scholarship – Finalists

Daniyal Athar, Sahiti Bhyravavajhala, Thomas Ko, Sophie Lin, Rachel Pastore,
Emily Paul, James Ryan, Abigail St. Onge, Walden Yan

National Merit Scholarship – Commended Students

Lara Beckius, Michael Hanratty, Dheepa Hari, Tyler Hinrichs, Evan Lawlor,
Haeun Lee, Annika Mathias, Sanjana Nistala, Lucy Ort, Hari Patchigolla, Julius
Shieh, Jonathan Sides, Neel Srinath, Uthara Sunderesh

Excellence in Education ~ AEA Scholarship

..... Michael Hanratty & Walden Yan
IVY Bound Kori Bartko

AWARDS TO SENIORS
Distinguished Graduate Awards

Capstone Honors

Daniyal Athar, Tushaniyaa Balaji, Lara Beckius, Ansley Bernard, Mikayla Blaha, Michelle Buerkler, Jillian Bump, Frederick Calatayud, Connor Cassidy, Arjun Chandra-Mohanty, Evan Chang, Rhea D'Costa, Romi Eldah, Kaitlyn Espinoza, Rachel Fischler, Addisen Ganiats, Michael Hanratty, Samantha Harris, Ann Hayes, Amanda Hyun, Sarah Jacobs, Emma Jepsen, Kiana Klafter, Thomas Ko, Charlotte Larsen, Kaitlyn Layne-Holmes, Aaliyah Ledbetter, Sophie Lin, Maeve Lynch, Annika Mathias, Sanjana Nistala, Lucy Ort, Marcel Paige, Rachel Pastore, Hari Patchigolla, Emily Paul, Sarvani Peesapati, Charles Phillips, Anish Rajamanickam, Emma Samaniego, Daniel Shea, Julius Shieh, Jonathan Sides, Morgan Smithberger, Neel Srinath, Abigail St. Onge, Olivia Tadorian, Emma Volo, Alicia Wang, Walden Yan, Hannah Young, Emre Yucel, Elisabeth Zemaitis

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Art Award Carlyn Perry & Kiran Senthilnathan
Drama/Theatre/Tech Theatre Award Annika Mathias & Marcel Paige
Doreen A. Cohn Theatre Arts Award Lara Beckius
Drama Behind the Scenes Award Ruel Davis, Spencer Lazarus
..... & Neel Srinath
English Award Emma Jepsen, Hari Patchigolla & Rhiannon Richmond
History/Social Studies Award Arjun Chandra-Mohanty
..... & Raga Nimmagadda
Library Media Award Sarah Boone, Emily Dempsey & Sarah Jacobs
Math Award Abigail St. Onge & Walden Yan
Math Perseverance Award Stefania Pirro & Paul Waweru
Computer Science Award Dheepa Hari & Jaya Hari
Engineering Award Aden D'Occhio
Business Award SaiVyas Prathigadapa & Hannah Young
Marketing Award Sophie Lin
Outstanding High School Accounting Award SaiVyas Prathigadapa
Connecticut CPA Award William Horrigan

Music Awards

Band Jillian Bump, Jackson Jobe & Marcel Paige
Choir Michael Hanratty, Thomas Lepage & Madelyn Seminara
Orchestra Maya Anam, Colin Brown & Haeun Lee
Science Award Emily Paul, James Ryan & Walden Yan

World Language Awards

American Sign Language Hannah Kiernan
Chinese Stefania Pirro
French Emily Paul
Latin Emma Samaniego
Spanish Joao Prado
Multiple Language Tafari Kelly

AVON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Avon Soccer Club ScholarshipDaniyal Athar, Andrew Jozef,
..... Sophie Lin, Hari Patchigolla & Alec Purcell
IGHG Whirty Scholarship.....Jonathan Sides
Gildo T. Consolini Post 3272 Award..... Brooke Coppen
Deborah Goldfarb Community Service Award..... Hannah Young
Kristin Kepner & Kimberly Kepner McCahill Memorial Scholarship
..... Hari Patchigolla
Peace Award James Ryan
Howard “Jim” Smith..... Abigail St. Onge

SCHOLARSHIPS

Chad Buckley Scholarship Henry McGarrah
The Robert Madaket Brisco Memorial Scholarship.....Alec Purcell
Hugh Blanchard Avon Land Trust Award Krishna Chinmai Dongar,
..... Sanjana Nistala & Julius Shieh
Avon Booster Club Scholarships
AHS Booster ScholarshipsMikayla Blaha, Annika Culbertson,
..... Hunter Dawiczkyk, Kendra Hards, Thomas Howard & Sean Nolan
Ali Hunter Scholarship Abigail St. Onge
Richard A. Migli Athletic Christopher Gens & Rhiannon Richmond
Friends of Avon Field Hockey/BT Scholarship Kathryn Pringle
Anita Kane Memorial FAME Music Awards/Musical Theatre
Band Brandon Young
Choir Paul Waweru
Orchestra..... Emily Howe
TheatreAsa Jackson
Ruth Hogan Kotler Memorial Scholarship Kathryn Pringle
The Red Cross High School Scholarship Ann Hayes
Crew Awards
The John Kostal Award Madelyn Seminara
The Rosow Award James Ryan
The Soo Passmoor Award..... Michelle Buerkler
CAS Performing Art Award Marcel Paige
CIAC Scholar Athlete Abigail St. Onge & Walden Yan
CAS Visual Art Award Emma Jepsen

Military Recognition

United States Military Academy West Point Ann Hayes
Norwich University – NROTC Annika Culbertson

ACADEMIC AND ARTISTIC COMPETITIONS

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award Daniel Shea

All State Music Festival 2018 & Music Service Society Awards

Luke Choi, Sara Chute, Daniel Cuyler, Melody Grant, Jackson Jobe, Bella Johnson, Taemin Kim, Lucie Lopez, Marcel Paige, Maya Parady, Samyukta Senthil, Mark Wang

Music Service Society..... Lara Beckius, Michael Hanratty,
..... Arjun Chandra-Mohanty & Aidan O'Connor

Scholastic Art Award..... Honorable Mention – Riley Lloyd, Jade Logan,

..... Silver – Kiran Senthilnathan, Alicia Wang,

..... Gold – Carlyn Perry, Rhiannon Richmond,

..... Gold- Best in Show Color – Jocelyn Sobolewski

AWARDS TO JUNIORS

The Bausch & Lomb Award and the Society of Women Engineers Awards - These awards are presented by Xerox Corporation and recognizes the academic achievement of outstanding students in order to emphasize the importance of a broad educational background in preparing students for future careers. Xerox winners are selected on the basis of scholarship in humanities or social studies, leadership, and community service. The Avon High School recipient is selected by the History/Social Studies Department.

COLLEGE BOOK AWARDS TO JUNIORS

Book Awards are sponsored by either a local alumnus of a given college/university or by the Alumni Association or Department of Admissions of the school. Student selection of the awards is made by a committee of faculty and administrators who select recipients based upon the specific criteria supplied by the individual schools.

The Brandeis Book Award - The recipient must be in the top decile of his/her class and have demonstrated commitment to civic engagement, community service, political activism, social justice, or volunteer work.

The Bay Path University Presidential Book Award - This award recognizes an outstanding young woman who ranks in the top 20 percent of her class and demonstrates a strong commitment to community service.

The Cornell University Book Award - This award is presented to a junior having an academic record indicating potential for admittance to Cornell University and who is, perhaps, not being otherwise recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

The Dartmouth Book Award - The student should rank in the top 10% of his/her class and should be one who has demonstrated outstanding academic and leadership qualities, and whose high moral character, imagination, and concern for others has made a positive impact on school and community. The award recognizes areas such as the arts, academics, athletics, and other areas of achievement.

The Fairfield University Book Award - This award is presented to a junior who ranks in the top tenth of his/her class and who possesses leadership qualities, coupled with a sense of concern and responsibility for others in the community, which is exhibited by an active involvement in school and/or community.

The George Washington Book Award - This award recognizes a high school junior who embodies the GW drive and spirit, specifically with their academic excellence, leadership outside of the classroom, diversity of thought, and ability to put knowledge into action.

The Gettysburg College Book Prize - Recognizes a member of the Junior Class who has distinguished himself or herself in the study of American History. The ideal student for this honor is someone who evidences a dedication to scholarship and is among the top 10 percent of his or her class. The college requests that the selection be made by the high school principal in collaboration with history department faculty and guidance counselors.

The Harvard Prize Book Award - The award is presented to a student who “displays excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields.”

The Phi Beta Kappa Book Award - The award is presented to a junior who exemplifies the highest level of academic, ethical and social commitment.

The Princeton Book Award - This award is given to a junior with high honor roll standing and a commitment to learning above and beyond classroom requirements. Good character, as evidenced by good morals and healthy habits, good attendance, and participation in community service activities outside of school, which preferably would include service to the disabled or underprivileged. Outstanding contribution to some school extracurricular activity is also considered.

The Randolph College Book Award - This award is given to a young woman who is a rising junior in the top third of her class academically. In addition, she should have enthusiasm for her studies and learning, a desire to do extra work and/or take on additional projects. She should also exhibit investment in family, friends, and community and be involved in activities both in her school community and in the community at large.

The Rensselaer Medal - This award is given to a student who distinguishes themselves in mathematics and science and is given to motivate students toward careers in science, engineering and technology.

The Saint Anselm's College Book Award - This award is given to a student who demonstrates academic success and exceptional leadership qualities in the area of civic engagement. The recipient should embody the values inherent in our Benedictine tradition and have aspirations for continued education.

The Saint Michael's College Book Award - This award may be offered to one top male student and one top female student. The students must be juniors; must be inductees of the National Honor Society; and must demonstrate a sustained and sincere commitment to community service activities through their high school or organizations with the local community. Preference should be given to students who have taken on leadership roles within their community service endeavors.

The Smith Book Award - This award recognizes an outstanding female junior who exemplifies the scholarship, leadership qualities, and concern for others that characterize the thousands of women who have graduated from Smith College. The student should be from the top tenth of her junior class, embody these qualities, and serve as an example of scholarship and community service.

The St. Lawrence University Book Award – This award recognizes a junior who places a significant commitment to community service.

The Suffolk University Book Award - The Suffolk University Book Award is given to a student who exemplifies a commitment to their education and school community.

The Trinity Book Award - This award is given to a junior for high scholastic standing and service to school.

The Wellesley Book Award - This award is given to a female honor student in the junior class who has demonstrated intellectual curiosity and excellence in scholarship, and who exemplifies the Wellesley motto, “non ministrari, sed ministrare” – not to be served, but to serve.

The WPI STEM Leadership Book Award – This award recognizes a student who shows exceptional academic achievement in a rigorous college prep program with a focus on science, technology, engineering or mathematics. The demonstrate a commitment to leadership and is an engaged member of their school and community.

The Yale Book Award - This award is given to a member of the junior class who is pursuing a college preparatory course of studies. Scholastically, the student should rank in the top 10% -15% of the class. In addition, he/she should have demonstrated qualities of leadership, effective teamwork, and organizational abilities apparent by participation in extracurricular activities, i.e., participation in Student Government, holding a class officership, work on the student newspaper or yearbook, team sports, or outside activities relating to church or to community.

AWARDS TO SENIORS

Distinguished Graduate Awards - These awards are presented to senior students whose academic accomplishments have resulted in a class ranking that places them at the top of their class. They are sponsored by the Avon Administrators and Supervisors Association (Valedictorian and Salutatorian), the Avon Education Association (named for each of the other district schools attended by members of this class), the National Honor Society, Student Government, and Avon Volunteers on Newness.

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Departmental awards are given to senior students who are selected by their teachers for excellence in the following areas: Art, Business Education, English, Enrichment (separate awards are given in fine arts & academics), Drama/Theatre, Foreign Language (separate awards are given in French, Latin, and Spanish, Sign Language, Multiple Languages), History/Social Studies, Mathematics, Music (separate awards are given in instrumental and vocal music), Science, Technical Theatre, Technology Education.

AVON HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Ali Hunter Memorial Scholarship (AHS Class of 1998) - This scholarship is given to a senior athlete who must be a good student, participate in multiple AHS sports, active in school and community service projects and possess a natural exuberance and zest for life. *This annual scholarship is funded by the AHS Booster Club and the recipient is chosen by a Booster Club Named Scholarship Committee.*

Anita Kane Memorial FA.. Music Award/Musical Theatre - The AHS music/theatre department faculty will choose student(s) to receive the Anita Kane Memorial F.A.M.E. Music/Musical Theatre award. The award will be given to student(s) who exhibit enthusiasm towards music/musical theatre, commitment/dedication to music/theatre in the community, leadership qualities, growth, integrity and musicianship. This award is given by Friends of Avon Music Education in memory of Anita Kane. Anita was a supporter of the arts and a dedicated member of FAME.

Avon High School Booster Club Scholarship - The AHS Booster Club annually awards scholarships based on applicant's participation in AHS athletics, athletic leadership, athletic excellence and an essay "What have you gained from participating in AHS Athletics?" *This annual scholarship is funded by the AHS Booster Club and recipients are selected by the Booster Club Named Scholarship Committee.*

Avon Soccer Club Scholarship - Avon Soccer Club offers scholarships to High School seniors who have participated in the Avon Soccer Club program at any level for at least 8 years and who will be attending an accredited 4 year college. Scholarships are awarded to students based upon this application, community service, and a 500 word essay "What Avon Soccer Club Has Meant to Me."

The Chad Buckley Scholarship - This scholarship is an award given each year to a special education student who demonstrates hard work, determination, and a desire to help those around him/her who are less fortunate. Education is more than test scores. Education is helping all students regardless of ability, attitude, and ethnic background.

Crew Team Awards/Scholarship - Three separate awards will be given: The Passmoor Scholarship for Outstanding Commitment to Crew; The Rosow Rowing Scholarship and The Founders Award.

Deborah Goldfarb Community Service Award - The primary criterion for the award is community service beyond that which is required for membership in organizations such as the National Honor Society, scouting, or religious groups. The recipient must be a graduating senior in the top 60% of the class, and admitted to a four-year college.

IGHG Whirty Scholarship - The recipient should be a graduate with strong personal integrity, excellent academic achievement, and a strong commitment to community service. Preference will be given to a graduate who plans to pursue a career in law enforcement, the government, or the military.

Friends of Avon Field Hockey/B.T. Scholarship - FOAFH established the Bonnie Tyler Field Hockey Award in 2001, to honor Coach Bonnie Tyler for her 35 years of dedication, driving spirit, and unselfish commitment in making Avon field hockey all that it is today. The recipient of this award demonstrates characteristics that Bonnie herself demonstrated in all her years coaching at Avon High School. This individual puts forth 100% effort every day; be it at practice, in the training room, or in game play. The recipient has gone beyond just improving herself – she unselfishly helps others achieve their fullest potential. Nominated by her teammates, for her leadership, love for the sport of field hockey, and for being respected by fellow players, coaches, and parents. This person is consistently positive on and off the field and is an inspiration to all those around her.

The Gildo T. Consolini Post 3272 Award - This award was established in memory of the war dead of Avon who gave their lives to their country. Preference will be given to students who plan college programs in nursing or in teaching the handicapped.

Howard “Jim” Smith Memorial Scholarship - The recipient must have attended Avon High School for at least two years and be ranked in the upper half of the graduating class. The student selected must have participated in varsity or intramural sports and other extracurricular activities.

Hugh Blanchard Avon Land Trust Award - Candidates must have displayed an interest in the environment. Preference will be given to those who are majoring in environmental or ecological science. A committee representing the Land Trust will make the final decision.

Kristin Kepner & Kimberly Kepner McCahill Memorial Scholarship - Two scholarships are normally given; one to a female and one to a male member of the graduating class. The recipients must demonstrate active participation in the interscholastic track program or in the school’s art program. This scholarship is administered by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Avon teachers are asked to nominate candidates; the final selection of nominees submitted to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is made by a sub-committee of the Avon High School Scholarship Funds Committee.

Peace Award - The Peace Award is given in memory of Lewis and Lawrence Lattizori who gave their lives for their country. Scholarship, citizenship, and character will be considered.

Richard A. Migli Memorial Scholarship (AHS Class of 1970) - This scholarship is given to two senior athletes (one female; one male) who demonstrate a natural exuberance and zest for life, play multiple AHS Varsity sports, are good students, and plan to further their education in college. *These two annual scholarships are funded by the AHS Booster Club and the recipients are chosen by a Booster Club Named Scholarship Committee.*

The Robert Madaket Brisco Memorial Scholarship (AHS Class of 2013) - This scholarship is awarded in honor of Robert Madaket Brisco, a multi-sport athlete (soccer, golf, track and swimming) and co-captain of the AHS 2012 soccer team that competed in the State Class L finals. Robby found great joy in training, competing and, when his illness limited his ability to compete, simply *being* part of a team; he wore his Falcon jersey with great pride. The scholarship bearing Robby’s name is awarded to an AHS student-athlete who has participated in various Avon High School sports, has shown strength in the face of adversity, and inspires others with his/her unsinkable spirit. *This annual scholarship is funded by the AHS Booster Club, and the recipient is chosen by the Booster Club Named Scholarship Committee.*

Ruth Hogan Kotler Memorial Scholarship - An applicant must meet the following requirements: a resident of Avon, attend Avon High School and be a senior in good standing; enrolled in a 4-year, fully credited undergraduate school; have a cumulative G.P.A. greater than 3.0, including first semester senior year. Must have one letter of support from a faculty member of Avon High school as well an essay.

UNICO Scholarships - The Avon Chapter of UNICO National, Inc. (“Service above Self”) awards up to six scholarships to Avon High School students. This recipient must reside in the Town of Avon and be a graduating senior. A summary of school and community activities and accomplishments, a transcript of grades, and a statement of objectives for further education are the criteria for this award.