

Prizes Awarded in 2023

Arts

THE ARTS DEPARTMENT PRIZE recognizes the following seniors who have challenged themselves and have shared their passion for their chosen art form with the school community.

HANNAH HAZEL CURHAN '23
OWEN HARRISON DOWDEN '23
ALEXANDRA LIANG FABBRI '23
DANIEL ANEURIN KYTE-ZABLE '23
YUANXIN MA '23
FATMATA AMIRAH SESAY '23

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THE JOHN B. PETROPOULOS ART EXHIBITION commemorates a great teacher and friend. The following students were chosen to exhibit in this year's Petropoulos show:

RAHINA A. ABUBAKAR '23
JA'NIYA DANA ELLCOCK-CRAYTON '23
ALISA ISHII '23
EMILY HAYDEN LEV '23
GRANT FRASER LEVINSON '23
LUCAS XITENG LIU '23
ANGELINA DIANA TEIG '23
CAROLINE OGDEN WHITE '23

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THE DESIREE ROGERS KING FUND was created by Sherwood King in memory of his wife, a member of the Buckingham Class of 1936, who had a lifelong interest in the arts. The income from the fund is to be awarded annually to a promising student of the arts at BB&N. This award may be applied to scholarship assistance, or to after-school or summer study in the arts.

AVA CHRISTINE ELLIOT '24
MADELINE ROSE GAYNOR '24

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Athletics

THE PATRICIA H. BIGGAR PRIZE is awarded to students who have achieved a standard of excellence in performance, spirit, and leadership by example throughout their athletic career.

LEO FREDERICK SARZANA '23
CECELIA CATHERINE WILSON '23

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THE CLASS OF 1933 ATHLETIC AWARD was established by the Class of 1933 and is awarded to the best all-around athletes in the graduating class, faithful in practice, skillful in play and, winning or losing, true to the highest ideals of good sportsmanship.

MADELYN ELIZABETH MAGUIRE '23
ALEXANDER JAMES SANDELL '23

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THE NICHOLS PRIZE is given in memory of former Headmaster Edgar Hamilton Nichols to two athletes in the upper classes who, throughout the year, attain the highest distinction jointly in scholarship and athletics.

ANJALI HARDAGIRI DHARMA REDDY '23
FREDERICK JAMES WEYERHAEUSER '23

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THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL LEAGUE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE is presented at each Independent School League member school to that student-athlete who best exemplifies the Independent School League ideals of integrity, sportsmanship, fair play, and good citizenship

while participating as a multi-sport athlete during their ISL career.

DANIEL RICHARD MCNEILL '23

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English

THE GEORGE HENRY BROWNE ENGLISH PRIZE commemorates one of our School's founders. A friend of Robert Frost, whom he several times invited to speak at the School, Mr. Browne was a highly esteemed English teacher, the writer of several books, and the headmaster of Browne & Nichols from 1883-1928.

DANIELLE RUTH CAROLE BRENNAN '23
EVELYN DAY WALTON '23

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THE PAUL M. JACOBS PRIZE was established by Mrs. Emilie K. Jacobs to honor the memory of her late husband, a former Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Buckingham. The award is given to a member of Grade 10 who has shown outstanding skill in debating.

MAXWELL ZACHARY LAIBSON '25

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History and Social Sciences

THE HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES TEACHERS' PRIZE is awarded annually to the senior who has demonstrated exemplary achievement, commitment, and potential in the study of history and social sciences.

SAANIKA RAINA '23

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Mathematics and Computer Science

THE HARRY DAVIS GAYLORD PRIZE is awarded in memory of the former mathematics teacher to a deserving senior for outstanding work in the field of mathematics.

CHARLES RUSSELL CHEN '23
ANJALI HARDAGIRI DHARMA REDDY '23

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Science

THE JEAN GORDON CAIRNIE CASTLES SCIENCE PRIZE was established in 1982 through a bequest from Mrs. Gordon C. Cairnie in honor of her daughter, Jean Gordon Cairnie Castles '54, and is given to a graduating student who has demonstrated exceptional scientific ability in biological science.

GABRIELLE HAILEY MARTIN '23
KATE MIAOYAN JIANG '23

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THE JOHN H. WALTERS SCIENCE PRIZE is named in memory of John H. (Doc) Walters, who taught science from 1949 through 1989, and recognizes a student who has demonstrated sustained enthusiasm and effort in physical science.

OWEN HARRISON DOWDEN '23

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World Languages

THE ARABIC PRIZE is presented to a student who has proven to be mutahamis/metahamisa (intensely enthusiastic) for Arabic language and cultures.

GRAHAM ROSS BATEMAN '23

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THE CHINESE PRIZE is awarded to the student who excels in the study of Chinese.

CAROLINE ANNE ROCHE '23

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THE HELENE HERZOG FRENCH PRIZE is funded by faculty and friends of the former French teacher and is presented for excellence in French and for consistent commitment to the study of French and French civilization.

EMILIA NAVARRO '23

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THE JAMES ARTHUR REEVES LATIN PRIZE is presented for excellence in translation and comprehension.

FINLAY ALEXANDER CRAFTER '23

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THE GEORGE DEPTULA RUSSIAN PRIZE is presented in honor of BB&N's Russian program founded in 1956 and is given to a student who has demonstrated excellent academic performance in the Russian language and a continuous passion for Russia and its people.

ELIZABETH SULLIVAN FITZGERALD '23

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THE SPANISH PRIZE is awarded to the student in the upper grades who excels in the Spanish language and who demonstrates interest and enthusiasm for literature and culture of the Spanish-speaking world.

EVELYN DAY WALTON '23

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THE MARINA KEEGAN '08 SUMMER FELLOWSHIP was established in the spring of 2012 by family, alumni/ae, faculty, and friends to honor the memory of Marina Keegan, Class of 2008. In multiple arenas, Marina stood out as a

kind, intelligent, invested young woman known for her quick wit and irrepressible energy. This fellowship is awarded annually to one or more BB&N students pursuing projects focusing on either artistic pursuits or activist causes that reflect Marina's spirit, talents, and ideals.

**EMILIA LEONOR KHOURY '25
ALEXANDRA MATA KLUZAK '24**

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THE CRAIG B. STONESTREET '49 PRIZE was established in 1991 by family, friends, alumni/ae, and parents to honor the memory of BB&N's respected alumnus, teacher, administrator, and coach. The prize is awarded to a student of the junior class in recognition of high scholarship, excellence in athletics, constructive influence within the School, and is to be used for travel or other personal enrichment of an educational nature.

HANNAH ROSE BERNSTEIN '24

THE ROUND SQUARE KING CONSTANTINE MEDAL is presented to an exceptional individual or group of individuals from every member school who has done unusual and outstanding work within their local or school community and truly embraces the spirit of the Round Square ideals: International Understanding, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership, and Service.

ZOE LI-KHAN '25

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Citizenship

THE BARRETT HOYT AWARD was established in 1972 in memory of a student and is awarded to a senior who acts responsibly and represents their classmates and School with honor.

With thoughtfulness, empathy, and candor, this student has left a positive indelible mark with everyone with whom he has interacted. Whether it is on the football field, the classroom, or in a passing conversation, he is always there with a listening ear, wise words, and a heart of gold. A personification of honesty and grace, he brightens every space he occupies.

ISAIAH CHINYERE OHUABUNWA '23

With kindness and honor, this student sets the bar in all the aspects of his conduct. He is the very model of the Anzac spirit: brave, forthright, humble, and humorous on the sports field, the classroom, the hallways, or wherever one might find him. His faith and family are at the very core of his being. There is never a problem which he cannot face without fortitude and resilience. He is the epitome of what it means to be a good man and an inspiration to all who have been graced by his company.

FINLAY ALEXANDER CRAFTER '23

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THE ANNETTE JOHNSON PRIZE *honors the memory of a student whose life exemplified courage and commitment to scholarship. The prize recognizes optimism, perseverance, and dedication to the community and its ideals.*

This student's humility, resiliency, and maturity led him to become a leader on the soccer field, in the classroom, and in the hallways. His warm smile and generosity make him a loyal friend to many peers. As captain of the soccer team and a leader of the Latinx Hispanic Student Association, he is gracious, adaptable, and motivated and has made a huge impact on our community.

CHRISTIAN A. PINEDA GUTIERREZ '23

Her authenticity, enthusiasm, and engagement comes through in everything she does, all while exuding a strong presence and positive influence. An extraordinary scholar and athlete, she is held in high regard for her kindness and humility. Her ability to balance rigorous academics and sport competitions, while being an engaged member of the BB&N community, is exemplary.

AVA JANE VENUTI '23

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THE MERIWETHER OTIS KIMBALL PRIZE *was established in memory of Meriwether Otis Kimball '32 by his parents and is awarded annually for faithful, conscientious work and cheerfulness in meeting and overcoming difficulties.*

In this student's many years at BB&N, her guiding principle has been that we can become stronger as a community. Her impact can be felt in a variety of spaces: engaging and thought-provoking conversations in classrooms, helping amplify female-identifying and traditionally underrepresented voices in FemCo and Society, and in our School's day-to-day life through her work with the scheduling committee. BB&N is a better place due to her passion, empathy, and most importantly, her undying hope for and work towards a positive future.

ALISA ISHII '23

Insatiably curious and consistently kind, this student generously shares her time and talents within and beyond BB&N's campuses. Whether she is organizing a hack-a-thon, sharing her passion for math with Lower School students, or diving deep into her outside pursuits exploring aging and the foundations of longevity, this

student's enthusiasm and joyful learning enriches the experience of others in their midst.

NINA KHERA '23

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THE LUBETS PRIZE *was established by Richard I. Lubets, Browne & Nichols Class of 1951, in memory of his parents, to honor a student who has made an outstanding contribution during their senior year.*

Empathy, passion, and enthusiasm are just a few words to describe this student and her contributions to her senior class. From her endless contributions to student government, to her dedicated spirit for Knight Games, to her expertise in engaging every voice in class discussion, she is a genuine and undeniable leader.

EMMA SOPHIA CHAI MAGINN '23

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THE DAVID R. POKROSS PRIZE *was established by the Pokross children and grandchildren to honor their father and grandfather, a former trustee at Buckingham Browne & Nichols. It is awarded to the student whose commitment to people in need best embodies the ideals expressed in the Service Learning program of the Upper School.*

This year's recipient has been an exemplary student leader on the Community Engagement Leadership Board, which organized the Thanksgiving baskets drive, the clothing and toiletry drive for Catie's Closet, and the Have-a-Heart food drive for the Boston Medical Center. In her volunteer work with Housing Families over the last seven-plus years, she offered academic support to children in low-income families as well as created and directed a service and engagement program to

teach youth about how they can actively combat housing insecurity and homelessness. This student not only models kindness and empathy but also shows us how we can make a positive impact on our communities.

ALLISON CHEN WU '23

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THE APRIL TERUEL PRIZE, *given in memory of a former student, is awarded this year to two seniors who are kind and understanding to their peers and have been active participants in the life of the School.*

With a conscientious and caring approach, this student is deeply committed to bettering the world around her. Her energy and enthusiasm help elevate the experience for others. She works to make everyone's experience more positive, whether in one of her classes, her advisory, as Co-President of Eco-Rep, or as Co-Captain of our impressive Varsity Volleyball team.

SOFIA ELENA KHOURY '23

This student is empathetic, determined, and passionate. Her generosity and resilience makes her take the extra step to ensure everyone around her feels seen and has a voice. As a result, this student developed and curated an annual production, *Resilient Voices*, which amplifies the perspectives and identities of people of color. She has made an enormous impact and lasting impression on the BB&N community in a very short period of time.

NEJMA NOUR REZA '23

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRIZE *was established by George Deptula, a former member of the faculty, to recognize strength of*

character, sensitivity to the needs of others, and willingness to use their education, talent, and time to assist those in need.

There are no words to adequately describe the high level of care this student shows to everyone around her. With a keen eye for detail, this compassionate and determined young woman always works to help support her peers and community, from finding speakers for Investment Club to amplifying voices through photography. This student exemplifies the power of connection; it is no wonder why she is seen as the “mom” of her advisory.

KATHERINE JANE BAKER '23

This year's prize winner treats everyone with genuine warmth and understanding. We know him for his character and sincerity, how he is willing to drop everything to help someone in need. He lives up to his values, whether as a reliable and dedicated peer counselor, a devoted advocate for animals and animal rights, or as a brand new ukulele player—and he makes BB&N a better place with modesty and a kind smile.

GRANT FRASER LEVINSON '23

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THE HEAD'S PRIZE is awarded to the student in the graduating class who, in addition to fine scholarship, have contributed generously to friends, the school community, and whose lives exemplify the School's motto: Honor, Scholarship, Kindness.

An artist and academic who is comfortable in the city but most at home when surrounded by nature, this student leads by example—modeling empathy and inclusivity daily in her words and actions. A quiet yet fierce presence, she is driven by family, faith, and friendship and compelled to

inspire through art, language, and design, sharing her strong voice and point of view to effect change and build community.

FATMATA AMIRAH SESAY '23

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Cum Laude Society

CHRISTIAN ALEXANDER BATEMAN '23

GRAHAM ROSS BATEMAN '23

ABIGAIL LOUISE BOWEN '23

CHARLES RUSSELL CHEN '23

ELIZABETH CHARLOTTE CHIN '23

HANNAH HAZEL CURHAN '23

OWEN HARRISON DOWDEN '23

ALEXANDRA LIANG FABBRI '23

GRACE ANNE FANTOZZI '23

TIMOTHY PING GUAN '23

TESS MARGARET HOLLAND '23

AMELIA RUPPEL HOW '23

ANDRI KADAIFCIU '23

NINA KHERA '23

DANIEL ANEURIN KYTE-ZABLE '23

EMILY HAYDEN LEV '23

MADERA CAROLINE LONGSTREET-LIPSON '23

YUANXIN MA '23

ASHER BENJAMIN PARKER-SARTORI '23

KAIA ALMINA PATTERSON '23

SAANIKA RAINA '23

ANJALI HARDAGIRI DHARMA REDDY '23

NEJMA NOUR REZA '23

AVA JANE VENUTI '23

EVELYN DAY WALTON '23

ALLISON CHEN WU '23