



Tuesday
May 25, 2021

Prize Night Program

Welcome – Pieter M. Mulder, Head of School

Berkshire Hymn and Musical Selection led by Chorus, Ursa Minor and Greensleeves

The Cum Laude Society – Clay Splawn, President of the Berkshire Chapter
Induction of new members

Black Rock Scholars – Donald R. Anselmi, Coordinator

Academic Prizes – Brooke A. Depelteau, Dean of Academics
Amanda Morgan, Senior Master

English – Stuart A. Miller '97, Department Chair

The Thomas L. Chaffee Award for Excellence in Third-Form English

This award is in honor of Mr. Chaffee, teacher at Berkshire from 1959 to 1983 and former chairman of the English Department.

The Lance Turner Third-Form Essay Prize

This prize was established in memory of Lance Turner '84 by his family, classmates, and friends. It is awarded to the student in third-form English who writes the best critical essay.

The Joan Williams Award for Excellence in Fourth-Form English

This prize is awarded to the student who has demonstrated excellence in all aspects of fourth-form English. Joan Williams was the mother of a former faculty member, and this award is presented in her memory.

The Brown University Book Award

This award goes to a Fifth Former who best combines a high degree of ability in English expression, both written and spoken, with outstanding personal qualities.

The Tertius Van Dyke Prize for Excellence in Sixth-Form English

First awarded in 1958, this prize is in honor of Mr. Van Dyke, a minister, former headmaster of Choate, former Berkshire trustee, and a good friend of John F. Godman.

The Gerald B. O'Connor '46 Prize in Journalism

Established in 1997 by colleagues and friends at *The Berkshire Eagle* to recognize Mr. O'Connor's long-standing career as a respected newspaper reporter, this prize is awarded to a member of *The Green and Gray* staff, whose writing skills, integrity, and industriousness set the standard for excellence in secondary school journalism.

The Prize for Excellence in Fiction

The Arthur C. Chase Poetry Prize

This prize is named for Mr. Chase who taught at Berkshire from 1937 to 1973 (except for the years 1942-45 which he spent in the United States Navy in World War II). Upon his retirement, Berkshire changed its mascot from a wildcat to a bear in honor of his nickname "The Bear."

The William P. Matthews '61 Prize for Creative Writing

The family of William P. Matthews '61, a major American poet, established this prize in 1999 in his memory to recognize outstanding achievement in both poetry and prose.

Languages – Jesús Ibáñez, Department Chair

The Richard P. Unsworth Prize for Excellence in Chinese

This prize is awarded to the student who demonstrates the greatest proficiency in the study of the Chinese language and culture. Founded in 1994 by Dr. and Mrs. George Henrichson, this prize recognizes Dr. Unsworth's role in establishing Chinese as an important part of the school's curriculum.

The Award for Excellence in Fourth-Form Modern Language

The Stanley Prize for Excellence in French

This prize was named to honor Clarence Stanley, Class of 1914, a teacher at Berkshire in 1918, and a former chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The W. Duncan MacMillan Prize for Excellence in Latin

This prize is awarded to a Third or Fourth Former for accomplishments in, and genuine enjoyment of, the study of Latin I or II. It honors Mr. MacMillan '49 who, under the guidance of Berkshire teachers Arthur Chase and Frank Stevens, became an accomplished Latin scholar and developed a life-long passion for the Classics.

The Jane Usher Dyer Prize for Excellence in Latin

First awarded in 1924, this prize is given to a student for excellence in upper level Latin studies. It was named in honor of the wife of Algernon S. Dyer, who taught Latin at Berkshire from 1912 to 1926.

The Prize for Excellence in Spanish

History – Heidi L. Woodworth, Department Chair

The W. Ross Hawkins Prize for Excellence in Modern World History

Established in 1999 by the parents of Alexander J. Cutler '99, this prize honors Mr. Hawkins' distinguished career at Berkshire and the role he played in nurturing students as a teacher, coach and advisor. It is presented to the student whose work in Modern World History has been superlative.

The C. Twiggs Myers Prize for Excellence in U.S. History

Awarded to the top student in U.S. History, this prize recognizes the former head of the history department and Civil War scholar, C. Twiggs Myers Hon. '57, who brought his enthusiasm for, and knowledge of, U.S. History to the Berkshire classroom from 1953 to 1995. It was founded in 1994 by Myrtle A. Mazzaferro, Berkshire's Registrar from 1986 to 1996.

The R. Bruce Morison '61 Prize for Current Events and Political Science

This prize was established by family and friends in memory of R. Bruce Morison '61 to recognize a love of current events and the political process. It is given to the student whose curiosity and interest in the world is manifested in the study of a daily newspaper, political analysis in the media and by reading a learned biography.

The William F. Gulotta Award for Excellence in Government

Established by the family of Catherine Kendrick '96, this award recognizes curiosity, diligence, and achievement in the study of government. The prize pays tribute to Mr. Gulotta who, through his skill and zeal in the classroom, provocatively engaged the minds of his former students...inspiring them to question, think, and grow.

The Bosley Memorial Prize for Excellence in History

This prize was donated in 1962 by James Bosley Kimberly '58 and his mother, Emily Bosley Kimberly.

The John E. Rovensky Memorial Prize for Excellence in Independent Study

First awarded in 1969, this prize commemorates Mr. Rovensky, whose beneficence enabled Berkshire to construct the former Mae Cadwell Rovensky Field House and the Rovensky Student Activity Center. He was the grandfather of Leonard Grace '61.

Mathematics – Michael A. Bjurlin, Department Chair

The Leslie W. Clifford Prize for Excellence in Third-Form Mathematics

First awarded in 1992, this prize honors Mr. Clifford who led, coaxed, and inspired young people to discover the elegance of mathematics, the joy of true teamwork, and the satisfaction of living for each other while living with each other. He was a mathematics teacher at Berkshire from 1978 to 1992.

The Prize for Excellence in Fourth-Form Mathematics

The Berridge Prize for Excellence in Fifth-Form Mathematics

This prize was first awarded in 1964 through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Berridge, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Seaver Buck.

The David Campbell Eipper Cup for Excellence in Sixth-Form Mathematics

This prize originated in 1958 to honor Mr. Eipper, teacher at Berkshire from 1910 to 1962, former chairman of the Mathematics Department and founder of The Cum Laude Society at Berkshire.

The Rensselaer Medal for Distinction in Mathematics and Science

First awarded at Berkshire in 1990 by the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the recipient must be a member of the Fifth Form and an outstanding student in mathematics and science. If accepted and subsequently enrolls, the recipient is eligible for a \$100,000 merit scholarship to be later presented with the medal at R.P.I.

The James A.D. Geier '44C Prize for Excellence in Computer Science

This prize was established in honor of Mr. Geier by his classmates and is presented to an outstanding student of computer science.

Science – Daniel A. Cooper, Department Chair

The Award for Excellence in Fourth-Form Science

The Dwight C. Baum '32 Award for Excellence in Chemistry

Mr. Baum treasured the education he received from his study of the physical sciences at Berkshire, which prompted him to establish this prize in 1997. As a philanthropist, one of his goals was to introduce young students to serious, scientific investigation and to impart the sense of excitement that can come with such pursuits. This award is given to the student who, in the opinion of the science faculty, best demonstrates this in the field of chemistry.

The Richard T. Beebe Prize for Excellence in Physics

Presented to an outstanding physics student, this prize was established in 1995 by the Trustees of Berkshire School in honor of Dr. Beebe '20 upon the occasion of his selection as the school's Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Beebe was recognized for his sixty-year career as a practicing physician and his status as Senior Physician with the Albany Medical College.

The Chester W. Rice Science Award

First awarded in 1967, this prize was donated by the Rice family, Berkshire benefactors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stanley.

The William Stoddard, Jr. '65 Memorial Prize

Established in memory of William Stoddard, Jr. by his family, this prize recognizes a student who has an outstanding record of academic success in the study of biology. It is given to the student who best reflects Will's pursuit of academic excellence and interest in the biological sciences.

The Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award

This award is presented to an outstanding science student in the Fifth Form. If accepted and subsequently enrolls at the University of Rochester, the recipient is eligible to receive a \$40,000 merit scholarship.

Performing Arts – Paul R. Banevicius, Department Chair

The Prize for Excellence in Stagecraft

This prize is awarded for excellence in theater management and technical work.

The Ray Weston Memorial Prize in Theater Arts

This prize was donated by Irene V. McDonald, Berkshire's theater arts teacher from 1977 to 2002, in memory of her son, Ray Weston, who was a theater and television actor.

The Berkshire Dramatics Cup

One of Berkshire's oldest prizes, this award recognizes exemplary performance in theater arts and invaluable contributions to the theater department.

The Ernest L. Wakefield Prize for Excellence in Music

This prize was sponsored by the family of Mr. Wakefield, a dedicated teacher of mathematics and Latin from 1912 until his untimely death in 1940. First awarded in 1946, it recognizes distinguished work in music theory or a particular individual performance and is in memory of Mr. Wakefield's former colleague and friend, Frank Beattie, music director at Berkshire for forty years.

The Terry Pines Memorial Prize for Dance

This award was established in memory of Terry Pines, founder of the Barrington Ballet, to recognize and salute aspiring dancers at Berkshire. It was donated by Hilda Banks Shapiro of Barrington Performing Arts, Inc.

Visual Arts – Paul R. Banevicius, Department Chair

The Margaret V. Beattie Memorial Prize for Excellence in Art

A member of the Berkshire community from 1926 to 1966, this prize honors the wife of former teacher Frank Beattie. Founded in 1966, it is awarded each year to the school's outstanding art student.

The Segalla Memorial Art Award for Excellence in Studio Art

This award is in memory of Johna Jo Segalla of Canaan, CT, who would have graduated with the class of 1981.

The Allen Buck Prize for Excellence in Photography

This prize was established in 1994 by the family of Allen Buck '30, a serious amateur photographer, son of Berkshire School founder and first headmaster Seaver B. Buck, and father of Donald Buck '66. It is given to the student whose work in photography has been consistently exceptional in concept and technique.

The Robert Leo Theriault Prize for Creativity and Excellence in Ceramics

This prize is awarded to the ceramics student who has "become the clay." The recipient should have ability, creativity, and a love for clay, as well as a personal style directed by the heart, emotion, and soul. The prize is in honor of Robert Leo Theriault (1943-1991).

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The Arthur C. and Alice Ann Chase Commendation Awards

These awards are presented to a member of each form to acknowledge those who best exemplify the ideals of a good citizen in the school community by their pride and contributions to improving the quality of our common life.

The John F. Godman Award

This award is presented to a Sixth Former whose record at Berkshire provides evidence of high scholastic achievement and solid participation in co-curricular activities.

Donated by the members of the class of 1961, this award is named for the late Headmaster who served from 1951 to 1970.

The Spirit of Berkshire Award

This award goes to a student in the graduating class who best exemplifies the spirit of Berkshire School as determined by fellow classmates. Originally donated by the former Weathervane Inn, the owners of The Egremont Village Inn have graciously offered to continue the tradition.

The Chaplain's Cup

Originally awarded in 1933, the Chaplain's Cup is engraved with "*Esse Quam Videri*" and is awarded to the Sixth Former who exemplifies the motto "to be rather than to seem to be." The presentation of the Chaplain's Cup was reinstated in 1985 through the generosity of Herbert B. Davison, the 1934 recipient.

The Elaine Mansell Award

This award is given to a participant in the Ritt Kellogg Mountain Program who demonstrates a reverence for life and a love and concern for the environment. It was donated in 1994 in memory of Elaine Mansell (1910-1994), former French instructor at Berkshire, by her son Parker Eldridge and C. Twiggs Myers, her friend and colleague at Berkshire, to celebrate her love of the mountain and its natural environment.

The Weil Family Prize for Public Speaking

This prize was founded in 1995 by a Berkshire family: Leon J. Weil '44C, past Trustee Emeritus and Vice President of the Board of Trustees; his mother Lillian M. Rouse; his son L. Jerome Weil, Jr. '73; and his daughter Caroline E. Weil Barnett '76.

The David Shumway Barrett '59 Memorial Prize for Perseverance

This prize was established by David Barrett's family and friends to recognize perseverance in both hockey and the classroom. It is given to an underform boy and girl who reflect the same spirit, determination and drive that David displayed throughout his life, and whose character mirrors the values to which he held fast.

The St. Lawrence University Book Award

This award is presented to a fifth-form student who has displayed a significant commitment to fostering an inclusive environment, through which they have distinguished themselves at Berkshire. It is accompanied with a \$4,000 scholarship should the recipient attend St. Lawrence University.

The Lawrence Thomas Piatelli Prize

This prize is awarded each year to the student whose work ethic, dedication to nobility and gracious living, competitive spirit and heart most closely resemble the actions of former headmaster Mr. Piatelli during his remarkable life of service.

Presentation of Fifth-Form Prizes

The Marguerite L. Kreh Memorial Award

This award goes to the fifth-form student who, by virtue of integrity, persistence and industriousness toward studies, best exemplifies the loyalty and proud work ethic demonstrated by this special woman who worked at Berkshire from 1957 to 1985.

The James Stone Memorial Award

Donated in his memory by his parents in 1982, the year in which he would have graduated, this award is for the student who displays a generosity of spirit, a sense of humor, and a courageous outlook on life.

The Jeannette B. Cooper Prize Book

This prize is given to a fifth-form student who best exhibits personal courage, leadership, responsibility, and honesty in academics and athletics. Mrs. Cooper served the Berkshire community for fifteen years as Assistant Director of Athletics, Director of Athletics, and Dean of Students.

The William Brooks Nolan Memorial Award

Donated in 1983 by Mrs. Audrey K. Nolan to honor her son William Brooks Nolan '78, this award is presented to a Fifth Former who will serve as a sixth-form Prefect next year and whose conscientious nature, courteous regard for other people, academic achievement, and competitive spirit, distinguish him or her as a respected student leader within the Berkshire community.

The Robert Davis Allen Prize

First awarded in 1981 to honor Mr. Allen '40, teacher and former president of the Board of Trustees, this prize goes to a member of the Fifth Form who has shown a deep interest in people and who has demonstrated a genuine commitment to excellence in himself, his fellow students, and the school.

The Smith College Book Award

Sponsored by the Smith College Club of Berkshire County, this award is given to a Fifth Former in the top ten percent of the class who exemplifies academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others and who embodies these qualities and serves as an example of scholarship and community service.

The Williams College Book Award

Sponsored by the local Williams College Alumni Association, this award is given to a Fifth Former in the top ten percent of the class who has demonstrated intellectual leadership and has made a significant contribution to the extracurricular life of the school.

The Dartmouth College Book Award

This award is sponsored by the Dartmouth Club of Berkshire County. The recipient is a Fifth Former in the top ten percent of the class who has demonstrated intellectual leadership and has made a positive contribution to the life of the school.

The Harvard Club Prize Book

The top fifth-form academic prize, this award is given to the student who displays excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields.

The Frederic S. Dean Trophy

Established in 1953 to honor Mr. Dean upon his retirement from teaching at Berkshire since its founding in 1907, this award is traditionally given to the member of the Fifth Form who has made the greatest contribution to the success of the school year.

Introduction of Head Prefects – Pieter M. Mulder

The Seaver Buck Faculty Award – Pieter M. Mulder

Named for the founder of Berkshire School, this prize is for teaching excellence in the classroom and willingness to assist each student to achieve at their highest potential.

A Tribute to the Class of 2021 *(Note: The lights will dim for this presentation.)*

By Hollis H. Churchill '21, Taylor R. Gilbert '21 and Lucas D. Miranda '21

Closing – Pieter M. Mulder

Prefects – Select 2021-2022

Nuweira E. Ahmed
EliJose Araujo
Joshua E.S. Bernstein
Samantha L.S. Bernstein
Alexander C. Byrne
Nicholas R. Donaldson
Alice M. Fisher

Ethan J. Fowler
Samuel A. Haskell
Samantha R. Hill
Abigail R. Hornung
Addison G. Loughery
Amanda C. Miller
Phoebe S. Mulder
David O. Oladeji

William O. Onubogu
Sierra N. Posey
Madison H. Rabb
Sanjna Srinivasan
William R. Tarleton
Charlotte R. Turner
Tianhao Yang

Berkshire Hymn

by Horace I. Johnson, Class of 1913

All hail to Berkshire
Set among the hills
Bright and good and fair, thy
Spirit in us thrills;
In later lessons
And in larger strife,
May thy fair standards
Be ours through life.

Backward we're turning
As the end draws near
To the years of gladness
And the friendships dear;
To work and play, to
Conflicts lost and won,
With fond regret for
School days now done.

Glory to Berkshire,
Let her praises ring,
Far across the world her
Students tribute bring;
Still true to Berkshire,
Parted though we be,
We fight life's battles
With strength from thee.

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In case of a medical emergency, a school nurse is available at 413-229-1275.
Please return prize cups and plaques to the stage following the ceremony.