Honors Chapel

Sept. 30, 2021

**NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS**

Jonathan Hong, Joshua Huang, Colin Kick, Ashley Tang , Nikhil Walling, Felix Zhu

**Academic Recognition**

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

III form for Latin: Hailey Deng

IV form for Latin: Brendan Schlitt

V form for Latin: Caroline Sewell

VI form for Latin: Alaina Guo

IV form for Greek: Nayan Shankaran

VI form for Greek: Nikhil Walling

**The Kennith R. Balsley Prize** for highest scholarship in the rising IV Form

* Michelle Jiang

**The George T. Davis Prize** for highest scholarship in the rising V Form

* Alexandra Gobran

**The Jarvis Meirs Memorial Prize** for excellence in Biology

* Katherine Lamb

**The Jarvis Meirs Memorial Prize** for excellence in Chemistry

* Caroline Sewell and Shawn Wang

**The George Brinton Phillips Prize** for the highest overall grade in Physics

* Nicholas Cerone

**The Episcopal Academy Environmental Science Prize** is awarded to the current VI Form student with the highest academic achievement in environmental science. This year, it will be given in honor of recently retired science teacher Leslie Trimble who expanded and stewarded our environmental science curriculum in the Upper School.

* Colin Kick

**The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal – Gold Medal Award** for proficiency in science and mathematics.

* Felix Zhu

**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.

* Myles Davis

**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 and who has made the greatest effort to use French in a meaningful way.

* Thane Graham

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

* Nicholas Cerone

**The Judith M. Diamondstone Prize** for the best American History research paper.

* Joshua Huang

**The Paul Thompson Prize for American History**

* Madeleine Ott

**The Williams College Alumni Prize** for highest scholarship in the rising

VI Form

* Nikhil Walling

**The Stephen Hopkins Kalbach Prize** in memory of the late Creative Writing Chair Stephen Hopkins Kalbach, Class of 1972, will be awarded to that student in the IV, V, or VI Form who presents the best demonstration of literary ability. The candidate may submit: a story; a play; a poem or group of poems not exceeding three in number; or, a creative non-fiction essay to demonstrate his or her superior literary skills and talents.

* Nicholas Cerone

**The Dartmouth College Book Award** – 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.

* Bryce Cooper

**Wellesley Book Award** – 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.

* Karen Xiao

**The University of Chicago Book Award** -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.

* Felix Zhu

**The Haverford College Book Prize** - 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.

* Joshua Huang

**The Smith College Book Award** – recognizes the achievements of an outstanding high school junior 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.

* Ashley Tang

**The Bowdoin College Book Award** – 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.

* Myles Davis

**The Penn Book Award** – 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.

* Jonathan Hong

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

* Madeline Ott

**The Princeton Club Prize** - awarded to the member of the rising VI Form who combines to the highest degree of intellectual promise, academic excellence, exemplary community service, excellent scholarship and outstanding personal character.

* Cecilia Murphy

**The Richard S. Cross, Jefferson Scholar Award** - 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.

* Alec Riley

**The Yale Club Prize** 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.

* Nicholas Cerone

**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.

* Nikhil Walling

**Cum Laude Society Induction**- Nikhil Walling, Joshua Huang, Madeleine Ott, Nicholas Cerone, Jonathan Hong, Felix Zhu, Brianna Bellinghieri, Cecilia Murphy, Karen Xiao, Ewan Graham, Ava Hendrickson, Arjun Bhamra, Abigail Gallo