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Thank You

Today we remember with gratitude the years of dedicated service and deep affection given to the students of Oak Park and River Forest High School by retiring faculty and staff members:

Karen Bardeen  Science  August 1990—May 2020
Michael Carioscio  Operations  July 2009—May 2020
Deloris Collins  Equity and Student Success  February 2004—May 2020
Patricia Gerwig  Duplicating  February 2004—December 2019
Roy Hunt  Building and Grounds  September 1989—September 2019
Frank Kennedy  Registrar  September 2008—December 2019
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Elvina Palas  Food Service  February 1995—April 2020
Sarah Roodhouse  Fine and Applied Arts  August 2010—May 2020
Gwendolyn Walker-Qualls  Special Education  August 2006—May 2020
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SARAH ALTIER
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KARINA ALVAREZ
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LUCAS ANCIETA
Pascal Scholar Award for Achievement in Mathematics

TAYLOR ANDERSON
Excellence in Television Award

KATHERINE ANDOLINA
Scholarship Cup
Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics
Distinguished Scholar in Senior English Award

CORRINE ARQUETTE
Fritzemeier Award Nominee

OWEN AUGUSTINE
Counselor Award for Excellence
Fritzemeier Award Nominee

ELEANOR BABWIN
Smith/Gorman-Smith Model UN Scholarship

PAIGE BAKER
Cum Laude Society

JUSTIN BANKS
Scholarship Cup
Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

MAGGIE ROSE BARON
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Cum Laude Society

FRANCIS BASSETT-DILLEY
Oak Park Area Arts Council - Russell C. Lissuzzo Scholarship

JANIAH BATSON
Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

SAUL BAZER
Freshman Emerging Scholar Award in English
Fritzemeier Award Nominee

ELIANA BECK
Cum Laude Society

SADIE BECK
Cum Laude Society

ELISE BEILE
Garden Club of Oak Park/River Forest Scholarship

MARGARET BELL
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BROOKE BELLMAR
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ARINA BENEVOLENSKAYA
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ELIZABETH BERNSTEIN
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Cum Laude Society

JENNIE BULL
Douglas Scholarship
Nineteenth Century Charitable Association Scholarships

LUCIA BUTLER
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

ILAN CALZADA
Farr Brothers Technical Scholarship (Rotary)

ISABELLE CARRILLO
Scholarship Cup
Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

JANINE CASEY
Cum Laude Society

MEERA CHAMBERS
Seabury Foundation Scholarship
Dr. Bert Beverly Scholarship

MAGNOLIA CHESNEY
Cum Laude Society

NATALIE CHIZZO
Muehrcke Family Foundation Scholarly Athlete Award

FRANCIS DEAN CIANCILO
Gauss Scholar Award for Achievement in Mathematics

LUKE CLANCY
Scholarship Cup
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Gawne Memorial Scholarship
Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

KALEIGH CLARKE
Counselor Award for Excellence

NATALIE CLEOFÉ
Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

LILY CLIFFORD
Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

VAUGHN CLISSOLD
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award
Cum Laude Society

DECLAN COLLINS
Carl R. Krafft Fine Arts Scholarship - Speech/Dance/TV
Cum Laude Society

LAYLA CONNER
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

OLIVIA CORDES
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

ANDIE CORSINO
Cum Laude Society

GARRETT CREDI
Scholarship Cup
Math Team Junior/Senior Integral Award
Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics
Distinguished Scholar in Senior English Award

CATHAL CRIBBIN
HONOREES

Cum Laude Society

CECELIA CRUMLISH

Carl R. Krafft Fine Arts Scholarship - Visual Arts
Oak Park Area Arts Council Scholarship
Cum Laude Society

JAPERA DALLAS

Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

ERIN DALY

Cum Laude Society

MICAH DANIELS

Ishma Stewart Memorial Scholarship
Shepard Family Memorial Scholarship
Distinguished Scholar in Senior English Award

RYLEE DANLEY

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

GENEVA DARLEY

Outstanding Sophomore in Family and Consumer Sciences Award

KATHERINE DEBEERS

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LAUREN DEBEERS

Distinguished Scholar in Senior English Award
Cum Laude Society

KHALIL DELANEY

Schaffer Memorial Scholarship

JOSEPHINE DELANO

Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest Scholarship
HONOREES

JOSEPHINE DESIR
Dr. Alexander M. Schmidt Outstanding Senior Student in English Scholarship
Distinguished Scholar in Senior English Award
Outstanding Senior in Spanish
Cum Laude Society

JULIO DESIR
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

CLAIRE DEVAUD
Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

CLARA DODGE
Outstanding Freshman in Latin

GENEVA DOMANTAY
Garden Club of Oak Park/River Forest Scholarship
Cum Laude Society

JAYDEN DOMINGUEZ
Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

MALIK DONALY
Patrick J. Luby Memorial Scholarship

ABIGAIL DONARSKI
Cum Laude Society

MARIA DONLIN
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award
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SOPHIA DONELLEN
Cum Laude Society

HOPE DONOUGE
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Scholarship Cup

Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

VIRGINIA DONOGHUE

Barbara Amsden Braun Donohue Scholarship
Outstanding Senior in Latin

EVELYN DREWS

TNH - Stephen A. Henry Scholarship
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ZEEVIELLE DRIZIN

Scholarship Cup

NORAH EASTMAN

Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

EMILY EDMUNDS

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ELIZABETH EGGERT

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

AMELIE EL MAHMOUD

Outstanding Junior in German
Cum Laude Society

MARLENA ENTNER

Outstanding Sophomore in Italian

FAYE EVANS

Outstanding Freshman in Spanish

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GIA FISHER
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CARSON FLEMMING
Gerald L. Greer History Scholarship

SOREN FIEGEL
Cum Laude Society

SETH FLYNN
Shields Memorial Scholarship
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MAXIMO FONT
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

LEYNA FOUGERE
Outstanding Sophomore in French

LIAH FRANCART
Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

JOSEPH FRANTZEN
Applause! Performing Arts Scholarship

AARON FREEMAN
Scholarship Cup
Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

MAYA FUNK
Cum Laude Society

ETHAN GALE
University of Chicago Book Award
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AMAYA GARTH

Outstanding Senior Achievement in Family and Consumer Sciences Award

LEAH GERUT

Outstanding Sophomore in Spanish

ABIGAIL GIARDINA

Scholarship Cup
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KIANNA GILL

Cum Laude Society

CATHERINE GOLDBERG

Outstanding Freshman in German

LINDSAY GOOCH

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

SAMANTHA GOTTI

Scholarship Cup

GRACE GRAMS

Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

CAMILLE GRANT

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

DAVID GREENSTONE

Scholarship Cup
Class of 1940 History Writing Award
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BRYAN GUEVARA

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ISABELLA GUPTA
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Allan O. Baldwin Memorial Student Scholarship

SADIE HALVORSEN
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Richard Daniel Orchestra Scholarship
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LEO HENRY
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NATHAN HIESTAND
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KYLE HILL
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

KESHIA HINDS
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JANE HOUSEAL
Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship

TYLER HOYT
Peter Quinn Swimming and Diving Scholarship
Scholarship Cup
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MAIA HUANG
Ferguson Memorial Scholarship
Scholarship Cup
Outstanding Senior in Chinese
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Distinguished Scholar in Senior English Award

COLE HUNNEWELL

Outstanding Sophomore in Latin
Euclid Scholar Award for Achievement in Mathematics

SYDNEY HUNNEWELL

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OLIVIA HUNSBERGER

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MICHAEL JOHNSON

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KENNEDY JONES

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IRIS JUNKER

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REGINALD LESTER
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EMILY LIBRIZZI
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OLIVE LOENTZ
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JAYLEN LOFGREN
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NAOMI LOGAN
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ALEXIA LOPEZ-MARTIN
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HELENA LORANZ
Spoken Word Club Scholarship
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Counselor Award for Excellence

COLBY LUNDAK
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BEVERLY LUNDEEN
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EMMA LUPTAK

Cum Laude Society

MADELINE MACEK

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JOSEPH MADDEN

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REID MAGGIO

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

ZANE MAGGIO

John R. Gerhardt AP Physics Award

ISABELLA MALAGOLI

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MICAH MANTERNACH

Cum Laude Society

MICHELLE MARTIGNON

Outstanding Freshman in Italian

RACHEL MCCANN

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

NYREE MCCOLLUM

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Counselor Award for Excellence

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JACKALYNA NEUMAN
Don Deia "Heart of the Plate" Scholarship

CAROLINE NICHOLS
Cum Laude Society

BENJAMIN NIEWOEHNER
Fritzemeier Award Nominee

CALEB NOLAND
William and Joyce Wartmann Scholarships

CHLOE NORMAN
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EMMETT PERRY
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NINA PETROSINO
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KEVIN PFLEDERER
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ROBERT PFLEDERER
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SARAH PHELAN
Catherine Deam Memorial Scholarship

DAWSON PICKENS
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Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

GABRIELLE PICKENS

Fritzemeier Award Nominee

BRIDGET PIERCE

Ernest Hemingway Writer's Scholarship

Brenda Schnede Grusecki Legacy Scholarship

SARAH PILDITCH

Scholarship Cup

Georg Ann Zussman-Amato Memorial Scholarship

Nineteenth Century Charitable Association Scholarships

Outstanding Senior in French

MAYA PLOTKIN

Cum Laude Society

JANINE POHLMAN

Cum Laude Society

RYAN PONT

R. J. Mike Nielsen Scholarship

TANIYAH QUALLS

Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

AARON QUINN

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WILLIAM RAIDT

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LAUREN RAIHLE
Scholarship Cup

DOX RASKIN
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JOHN RATZ
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Louise Hay Memorial Scholarship
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KATHERINE REED
Offermann Excellence in English Scholarship

CAROLINE REVSMINE
Fritzemeier Award Nominee

MEREDITH REVSMINE
Cum Laude Society

OLIVIA REYNOLDS
Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

TRINITY RICE
Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English

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JOHANN-ANTONY SILVETTI-SCHMITT
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KAYLIN SIMMONS
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ASTA SIMONOVIC
Cum Laude Society

JESSICA SLOAN-COOPER
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ZARINA SPEER
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JACK SPINKS
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MARCOS STOCCO
Cum Laude Society

AVA STROKOSCH
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DEVIN STURTEVANT
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AUDREY STUTZ
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LUCY SUCHOMEL
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WILLIAM SWIFT
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CATHERINE SZPILA
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ELLA TAIARA
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FELIX TALANDIS
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ANASTASIA THEYS
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DYLAN THOMAS
Outstanding Junior in Japanese

JULIET THURMAN
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CHARLOTTE TRUE
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CHACE TURNER
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SAMUEL WARZECHA
Cum Laude Society

ELLA WEATHERINGTON
Cum Laude Society

ASHLEY WEFEL
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Cum Laude Society

DANIEL WEISS
Outstanding Senior in Spanish

EZEKIEL WELLS
Outstanding Freshman in Spanish
Fritzemeier Award Nominee

DYLAN WHITNEY
Cum Laude Society

ANNABELLE WICKLOW
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

KATE WILLSLEY
Cum Laude Society

ANIKI WILSNACK
Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award

AIDAN WITTENBERG
Cum Laude Society

ANNE WOLLMUTH
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JESSICA WOLTUSSEN
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NICHOLAS WOODS
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MARIKO YAMASHITA
Cum Laude Society
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AMELIA YU

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ALEX YUAN

Scholarship Cup
Dr. Percy Julian Award
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AGNIESZKA ZOCHOWSKA

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Ann R. Monaco Music Scholarship

RUTH ZURAW

Scholarship Cup
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FRITZEMEIER NOMINEES

The Fritzemeier Award is the highest academic award for freshmen. The English, Mathematics, History, Science, and World Languages Divisions nominate freshmen for the award. The student receiving the most nominations is the Fritzemeier Award recipient.

Oak Park and River Forest High School administration presents the Fritzemeier Award to the student who has achieved high academic standing, has provided service to the community and school, and has actively participated in co-curricular activities. This award honors Louis Fritzemeier, who served the students of Oak Park and River Forest High School for 35 years prior to his retirement in 1969, was a teacher, dean, administrator, and interim superintendent. During this time no other person had as great an impact on Oak Park and River Forest High School as Mr. Fritzemeier. For most of this period he developed and directed the curriculum, recruited and hired the teachers, and developed the master schedule of the school. He pioneered positive relationships between high school counselors and college admissions personnel. It is in his honor that we recognize students for this award.

2020 Nominees

Corinne Arquette
Rachel McCann
Owen Augustine
Saul Bazer
Arina Benevolenskaya
Charlotte Boultinghouse
Rylee Danley
Isabella Gupta
Nathan Hiestand
Halym Hwang
Leora Kurtz

Michael Layton
Reid Maggio
Rachel McCann
Alexandra Mitchell
Benjamin Niewoehner
Gabrielle Pickens
Nana-Yaa Sarpey
William Swift
Ingrid Vigsnes
Ezekiel Wells
Jessica Wolthusen

Cum Laude Honor Society

Cum Laude is a National Honor Society founded in 1906. The Cum Laude Society recognizes academic achievement in secondary schools for the purpose of promoting excellence (Areté), justice (Diké) and honor (Timé). Seniors who are academically in the top 15%, and juniors who are in the top 5% of their class are eligible for membership.
SCHOLARSHIP CUP

The Scholarship Cup is awarded to the seniors who have the highest cumulative weighted grade point average at the end of seven semesters.

2020 Scholarship Cup Recipients

Katherine Andolina  Paulo Miller
Justin Banks  Dora Montgomery
Isabelle Carrillo  Joshua Ogunsanya
Luke Clancy  Simone Paul
Garrett Credi  Robert Pflederer
Hope Donoghue  Sarah Pilditch
Zeevielle Drizin  William Raidt
Aaron Freeman  Lauren Waithle
Abigail Giardina  Prita Rawal
Samantha Gotti  Emma Roskopf
David Greenstone  Elise Scheuring
Devin Hayes  Owen Talandis
Tyler Hoyt  Anne Woolmuth
Maia Huang  Kai Yokoo
Sarah Kelly  Julia Youman
Jenna Kochendorfer  Alex Yuan
Marissa Kuriakos  Ruth Zuraw
Elizabeth Larscheid
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COUNSELOR DIVISION

Counselor Award for Excellence
Recognition is given to encourage the recipients to continue their exceptional levels of success in the following areas: academics, leadership, citizenship, and personal growth.

University of Chicago Book Award
This award is presented to a student in the junior year who has undertaken the most rigorous coursework across the academic spectrum and whose first-rate scholarship makes the nominee among the strongest in the graduating class. The selected student demonstrates intellectual engagement in and out of the classroom, asks challenging questions, and draws insightful connections across academic disciplines. The recipient’s contributions and commitment to the OPRFHS school community serve as a model for other students.

Smith College Book Award
This award is presented to a girl in her junior year who demonstrates academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others. At the top of her class, she serves as an example of scholarship and community service for her peers. She exemplifies boldness, empathy, and leadership – qualities that characterize Smith College graduates.

Harvard Book Prize
Awarded to the outstanding high school junior who demonstrates excellence in scholarship and high character in the context of achievement outside of the classroom.

St. Michael’s Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience
Awarded to students who perform well academically and show a sustained and sincere commitment to community service, issues of peace and justice, and concern for others.

George Washington University Book Award
This award recognizes high school juniors who embody the George Washington University drive and spirit, specifically with their academic excellence, leadership outside of the classroom, diversity of thought, and ability to put knowledge into action.

Rensselaer Medal Award
The Medal was first presented in 1916 to recognize the superlative academic achievement of young men and women and to motivate students toward careers in science, engineering and technology. This merit scholarship, with a value of $25,000 per year, is guaranteed for four years (five years for the B.Arch. program or the Co-Terminal program) for each medalist who is accepted and enrolls at Rensselaer.
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

ENGLISH DIVISION

Freshman Emerging Scholar Award in English
This award recognizes freshmen who show an exceptional enthusiasm and a true intellectual curiosity toward literary study, personal and social exploration and skill development as readers and writers. The English Division is confident that students who continue to progress in these areas will emerge as true scholars in the future.

Sophomore Emerging Scholar Award in English
This award recognizes sophomores who show an exceptional enthusiasm and a true intellectual curiosity toward literary study, personal and social exploration and skill development as readers and writers. The English Division is confident that students who continue to progress in these areas will emerge as true scholars in the future.

Distinguished Achievement in Junior English Award
This award recognizes wonderfully accomplished juniors who have consistently and impressively distinguished themselves in English class through penetrating literary insight, compelling and graceful writing, and contagious enthusiasm for the subject.

Distinguished Achievement in Senior English Award
This award recognizes wonderfully accomplished seniors who have consistently and impressively distinguished themselves in English class through penetrating literary insight, compelling and graceful writing, and contagious enthusiasm for the subject.

FINE AND APPLIED ARTS DIVISION

James Eithheim Award for Excellence in Dramatic Arts
This is awarded to the students who have participated for at least three years with outstanding achievement and excellence in some or all of the following areas: main stage productions, Studio Theatre, speech team, Newsscene, summer musical and stage crew.

Excellence in Film Award
This award honors a senior for excellence as a writer/director in Creative Filmmaking.

Excellence in Television Award
This honors a senior for excellence as a producer of OPRF television productions.

Outstanding Sophomore in Family and Consumer Sciences Award
This award recognizes a sophomore who consistently demonstrates exemplary effort and commendable achievement within the academic standards of Family and Consumer Sciences and also has a positive and enthusiastic attitude.
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Outstanding Achievement for Four Years in Family and Consumer Sciences Award
This is given in recognition of four years of exemplary effort and commendable achievement within the academic standards of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Outstanding Senior Achievement in Family and Consumer Sciences Award
This is given to a senior in recognition of exemplary effort and commendable achievement within the academic standards of Family and Consumer Sciences, as well as demonstrating a positive and enthusiastic attitude.

HISTORY DIVISION
Class of 1940 History Writing Award
This award recognizes a senior student whose writing: consistently demonstrates excellence in developing a well-evidenced argument; thoughtfully interrogates a debatable question; demonstrates mastery as assessed by the History Division’s Level Two Writing Rubric. Must have completed a minimum of six semesters of coursework in history.

MATHEMATICS DIVISION
Charles M. Austin Scholar Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics
This is awarded to seniors who have excelled in mathematics, have received As in math for seven semesters, and have been enrolled in Calculus BC or higher. It is given in honor of Charles M. Austin, former faculty member and Mathematics Division Head.

Euclid Scholar Award for Achievement in Mathematics
This award is given to sophomore students who have exhibited outstanding achievement in mathematics.

Gauss Scholar Award for Achievement in Mathematics
This award is given to freshmen students who have exhibited outstanding achievement in mathematics.

Math Team Integral Award
This is given to the top OPRFHS math team member (of each junior/senior team and each freshman/sophomore team) in recognition of that student’s high level of participation and involvement to help lead the team to a successful year.

Pascal Scholar Award for Achievement in Mathematics
This is given to junior who have exhibited outstanding achievement in mathematics
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
Dr. Percy Julian Award
This award recognizes the senior with the highest achievement in the field of chemistry. This student demonstrates a keen interest in science with a clear aptitude for chemistry, a strong interest in empirical studies of inductive learning, and a commitment to the well-being of others. This award is given in honor of Dr. Percy Julian, a resident of Oak Park, who achieved international acclaim for his exceptional research in chemistry and for his demonstrated concern regarding the dignity accorded every human being.

Freshman Science Award
This award is given to freshmen students who have achieved a superior standard of excellence in freshman biology. The award is presented with the hope that it will encourage students to pursue further study in the sciences.

John R. Gerhardt Award in Physics
This is presented to the student who has attained outstanding academic achievement in AP Physics. The award is given in memory of John R. Gerhardt, Class of 1936, who spent his life in the study of physics.

WORLD LANGUAGES DIVISION
Outstanding Student in World Languages
This award is presented to an outstanding student in each grade enrolled in the highest honors level of Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, and Spanish. The recipient has achieved outstanding grades and proficiency in the language and has shown exceptional enthusiasm for the language and culture through participation in co-curricular activities, clubs, national exams, or projects relating to the language.

World Languages Achievement Award
This award is presented to an exceptional senior student enrolled in the fourth-year honors level of French, Italian or Spanish. This student has achieved superior grades and proficiency in the language and has shown exceptional enthusiasm for the language and culture through participation in co-curricular activities, clubs, national exams, or projects relating to the language.

World Languages Multilingual Senior Award
This award is presented to a senior student who has taken two or more languages at Oak Park and River Forest High School with a minimum of two years of each language. This student has achieved outstanding grades and proficiency in each language and has shown exceptional enthusiasm for the languages and cultures.
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LOCALLY SUPPORTED SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

(Scholarships are listed alphabetically)

Kathy McMahon Adams Fund
This scholarship provides $1,000 college scholarships to graduates of Ascension School in Oak Park, or parishioners of Ascension Church. Special consideration is given students considering the teaching profession.

APPLAUSE! Performing Arts Scholarship
This scholarship is presented by the APPLAUSE! Fine Arts Booster organization to a senior who has participated in the Fine Arts program of the high school and plans to major or minor in a performing art or closely related field in college.

The Carlos G. Baldoceda Senior Music Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded in memory of Carlos Baldoceda, a 1999 graduate, who continued to cultivate and develop his interest in music while successfully pursuing rigorous scientific studies at Caltech. Whether it was playing one of the several instruments he mastered, working with friends to record their own music, or exploring new forms of musical expression, Carlos joyfully shared his love of music. The scholarship is given to a student with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above who shares a similar passion for music.

Allan O. Baldwin Memorial Student Scholarship
Family and friends of Allan Baldwin have established this scholarship in his memory. Mr. Baldwin was a former Hemingway Foundation Chairman, a world adventurer and friend to all. In conjunction with the English Division, this scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior through a 300-600 word essay competition on a given topic. The recipient will also be included in the annual Hemingway Shorts literary journal.

Anne P. Bekermeier Scholarship
Anne P. Bekermeier, class of 1946, was very proud of this high school and its extraordinary faculty and staff. Her husband established this scholarship in her memory to be awarded to a student who has earned a varsity letter in track or basketball and has maintained a 2.0 or better grade point average.

Dr. Bert Beverly Scholarship
This scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Bert Beverly, a pediatrician in Oak Park for over 25 years and actively involved at West Suburban Hospital. The scholarship was established by the hospital and is given to an AP biology student who has demonstrated high academic achievement and enthusiasm for future work in the biological sciences.
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

The Kevin Bolin and John Cooper Scholarship
This scholarship was established in memory of two former Oak Park and River Forest High School students, who were also OPRFHS hockey club goalies. These scholarships honor seniors who are current members of the hockey club who exhibit leadership, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to their team—qualities exemplified by Kevin and John when they played on the team. The legacy of these young men’s high achievements is commemorated through the scholarships they created.

The Viola Bower University of Chicago Scholarship
This major scholarship is awarded to an OPRF student who plans to attend the University of Chicago. Viola Bower’s husband established the scholarship in honor of his wife, an OPRF graduate who then graduated from the University of Chicago in 1932.

Eric Brightfield Digital Media Scholarship
This scholarship honors the memory of Eric Brightfield, whose work exemplified the relationship between innovation and the arts. Although he began his career in architectural illustration using the traditional methods of airbrush and watercolors, he saw the value that computer-generated images would bring to his field. By adapting as an artist, he helped pioneer a new medium that is now the predominant form of architectural illustration. He formed his own company, ImageFiction, in 1997, where he led a talented team of artists for nearly 20 years.

Michael A. Campbell Memorial Scholarship
Michael Campbell served OPRFHS for over 20 years as a member of the English faculty, Dean-Counselor and summer school director. He established this renewable scholarship which is presented to two seniors who demonstrated financial need, academic merit and leadership.

Dr. Gerald L. Clay Scholarship
This scholarship was established in 2013 by the family of Oak Park resident Dr. Gerald Clay, founder of A.P.P.L.E. to honor his ongoing support of education in our communities and his commitment to mentoring young African American males.

Richard Daniel Orchestra Scholarship
Mr. Daniel’s family established this scholarship which is presented to a member of the OPRFHS orchestra who plans to either major or minor in music or a related area of study or to continue playing in an orchestra in college.

Josh Davis Memorial Scholarship
Mrs. Joan Davis, Josh’s mother, established this scholarship in honor of her son. It is awarded to a student who demonstrates a love for the environment and plans to pursue environmental studies in college.

Catherine Deam Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Catherine Deam, a long-time Oak Park resident who exemplified the spirit of community volunteerism.
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Don Deia “Heart of the Plate” Scholarship
This scholarship was established in memory of Don Deia, softball pitching coach, devoted Booster Club member and officer, and Huskie fan, to honor a senior softball player who best represents Mr. Deia’s approach to life both on and off a softball field. “Unafraid. Full Speed. All Out. All the Time”. Those words exemplify the way that Mr. Deia lived his life and reflect the fundamental values of commitment, loyalty and integrity that these scholarship winners have exhibited.

Barbara Amsden Braun Donohue Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to the student who has taken six semesters of courses in the History Division, has exhibited exemplary academic performance, and has demonstrated a deep appreciation for and commitment to history and related subjects. The award, established by her husband, honors Barbara Amsden Braun Donohue, class of 1929, who maintained a lifelong interest in history.

Douglas Business Scholarship
This scholarship was established by Mr. Kenneth Douglas, Class of 1940, former Chairman and CEO of Dean Foods Corporation, to recognize an outstanding senior in business education.

Thomas Ferguson Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship celebrates the memory of Thomas D. Ferguson, who joined the OPRFHS history department in 1967 and taught here until his retirement in 1994. A popular, charismatic teacher and colleague, Mr. Ferguson was chairman of the history department from 1986 to 1994. He led field trips all over the city of Chicago and brought the world into his classroom, 411, by covering the walls with Time and Newsweek magazine covers and campaign posters. He taught his students to “see through time”, as he put it, but assigning oral history reports on their neighborhoods and families that helped them understand how they themselves were a part of history. Mr. Ferguson was always delighted to hear from former students who would stop him on the street decades later to tell him how much they had learned in his class.

Garden Club of Oak Park and River Forest
This award seeks to honor students who plan to pursue environmental studies or related sciences in college.

The Robert Gauger Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship was established in memory of long-time OPRFHS Applied Arts teacher Robert Gauger by his mother. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding mechanical/technical skills and an intellectual curiosity in technology, physics and/or science.
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Bernard “Duke” Gawne Memorial Scholarship
Established in loving memory of their father by his children, this scholarship honors Bernard “Duke” Gawne, a lifelong Oak Parker who served a distinguished career in the military during World War II, worked for and eventually ran the family plumbing business, and with his wife Mariruth raised nine children, four of whom were OPRFHS graduates. Although he did not graduate from college, Mr. Gawne made sure all of his children earned college degrees. This scholarship honors his memory by providing assistance to a high school senior pursuing a college education.

Gerald L. Greer History Scholarship
This scholarship, established by the late Gerald Greer, former chair of the History Division and distinguished member of the faculty from 1952 until his retirement in 1978, honors a student who has shown a high degree of scholarship in the field of history and is considering a career in teaching.

Brenda Schnede Grusecki Scholarship for Outstanding Student in English
This scholarship is given to a student who possesses a love of literature and an academic record in English that provides evidence of both talent and achievement in writing and speaking. The recipient plans to major in English in college. This is renewable for four years.

Louise Hay Math Scholarship
This was established in memory of Louise Hay, an Oak Park resident whose three sons attended OPRFHS. Professor Hay was the Head of the Department of Math, Statistics and Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Chicago. This scholarship is presented to two young women in recognition of their achievement and interest in mathematics and in hopes it will help further their education in mathematics or in a supplemental enrichment program.

Ernest Hemingway Writer’s Scholarship
This scholarship celebrates Nobel laureate and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ernest Hemingway, class of 1917.

Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship
Established by River Forest resident Mrs. Miriam Hotchkiss, this endowed scholarship is presented to two seniors with demonstrated financial need, academic merit and leadership. The scholarship is renewable for four years.

Carl R. Krafft Fine Arts Scholarships
The Carl R. Krafft Fine Arts Scholarships – created through an auction of American Impressionist paintings from the high school’s art collection – are named after American Impressionist Carl R. Krafft, an Oak Park native and founder of the Oak Park Art League. Mr. Krafft, who died in 1938, became a prolific landscape and genre painter who studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Fine Arts Academy and exhibited at the National Academy of Design, the Corcoran Museum, and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Three scholarships are awarded: one in art, one in music, and one in Speech/Dance/TV.
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

The Patrick J. Luby Memorial Scholarship
Patrick J. Luby was a lieutenant in the Oak Park Fire Department who died in the line of duty on July 29, 1992 while serving his community during a house fire. Lt. Luby was a dedicated husband, father, firefighter and educator. Before starting his career in firefighting, he was a high school Spanish teacher. This scholarship is established to honor his memory and to support an OPRF graduate who shares his devotion to service, community and education. The funds are provided by the Oak Park Firefighters Association.

Chuck Mead Memorial Scholarship
This was established in memory of longtime River Forest resident Charles “Chuck” Mead.

Miller, Cooke, Wood Theatre Scholarship
This scholarship began through the efforts of Tradition of Excellence recipient William Adelman and the Oak Park and River Forest Alumni Association. It honors three of our outstanding former teachers: Dorothy C. Miller, who taught French from 1928 to 1966 and directed many theatrical productions; L. Knowles Cooke, an English teacher from 1944 to 1962 who also directed stage crew and designed all theatrical sets at the high school for 17 years, and Edna Ruth Wood of the Music Department who was in charge of musical productions from 1944 to 1972.

Ann B. Monaco Music Scholarship
This scholarship was created in memory of Ann R. Monaco, a gifted pianist and teacher. She is remembered by those who loved her as “an inspiration, a confidante, and an extraordinarily sensitive mentor” to the many students from Oak Park and River Forest who studied privately with her over the years, as well as to her students at the Merit School of Music where she served as Artistic Director. This scholarship is awarded to a music student who intends to pursue further musical studies and who exemplifies Ms. Monaco’s high standards and dedication.

Muehrcke Family Foundation Scholarly Athlete Award
This award was established in honor of Dr. Robert Muehrcke, who established a medical team for athletes within the West Suburban Conference and served as the athletic team physician for Oak Park and River Forest High School. This scholarship recognizes a senior athlete who has achieved dean’s list status and who intends to pursue a career in medicine or in health sciences. This student has demonstrated school and community leadership and has shown promise in future achievements.

R. J. Mike Nielsen Scholarship
This scholarship is given in honor of Mike Nielsen, a former technical director at Oak Park and River Forest High School. Established by a former stage crew member who worked with Mr. Nielsen on numerous theatrical productions, this award goes to a member of stage crew who has demonstrated significant accomplishment in technical theatre and who plans to pursue higher education.
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Nineteenth Century Charitable Association Scholarships
These scholarships are awarded by this nonprofit Oak Park charitable organization that is dedicated to supporting the community through learning, giving, and sharing its landmark building. It awards four-year scholarships to outstanding seniors based on their academic achievement, community service and financial need.

Oak Park Area Arts Council Scholarships
Since 1997, in response to a community task force on arts education, the Oak Park Area Arts Council has been expanding its local scholarship program to help support and cultivate our students’ appreciation of and opportunities in the arts. Scholarships are presented to seniors who will pursue college studies in an arts-related discipline, including the visual, performing, musical and literary arts.

Under the umbrella of the Oak Park Area Arts Council, the family of Russell C. Lissuzzo established a scholarship to honor the memory of this well-known Oak Park architect, jazz musician, and “drawer”. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who is a resident of the tri-village area and who will major in architecture or jazz studies.

OPRFHS Retirees ‘Super DOOPER’ Scholarship
An endowed scholarship established by the retirees of the high school, this scholarship is based on academic achievement and financial need.

OPRFHS Scholarship Foundation Scholarships
The Scholarship Foundation was established in 1924 to provide financial assistance to students planning to attend college. Scholarship contributions are received annually from community members, OPRFHS alumni, parents, and those who wish to honor former staff members and students, as well as loved ones who have passed away. Two scholarships are awarded to students who have shown initiative, leadership and academic achievement. The scholarships are renewable for four years.

Offermann Scholarship for Excellence in English
Established in 2015, this scholarship recognizes the outstanding senior in English who has demonstrated excellence in English classes and who through their work best exemplifies the mission and vision of the English Division.

Gary F. Olson Scholarship
This scholarship is given in memory of Gary Olson, a former faculty member and coach. The scholarship fund was established by Mr. Olson’s family and friends following his untimely death. Reflecting the inspirational qualities that Mr. Olson demonstrated throughout his life as a teacher, coach, parent and friend, this scholarship is awarded to a dedicated student who has shown dependability, strong character, and commendable academic standing.
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

OPUS – Scholarship for Fine and Performing Arts Education
In April 2001, more than 200 alumni returned to the high school to perform the OPUS concert under the direction of two beloved former teachers, Bob Fuller and Jack Wirtz. That special weekend celebrated the lifelong gifts these mentors had bestowed on their students. As a way of acknowledging the many advantages of the school’s cultural experience and the dedication of Bob Fuller, Jack Wirtz and drama teacher Jim Eitheim, the OPUS Reunion alumni and friends, in conjunction with the Oak Park and River Forest Alumni Association, have established a scholarship fund to support graduating seniors who will be pursuing a degree in fine and performing arts education.

Chris Colin Piecha Memorial Scholarship
The recipient must have taken several OPRFHS Visual Arts and intends to pursue a Fine Arts major in college. A 250-400 word essay describing how he/she has pursued his/her interest outside of school is required. This scholarship is renewable for four years.

Peter Quinn Swimming and Diving Award
This scholarship was established by the Oak Park and River Forest Huskie Boosters Swim group. The recipients (one male, one female) must have a GPA of 2.5 or above and provide evidence of acceptance at an institution for further education. They must have participated for at least two years in the swimming and diving program.

Teresa “Terri” Neufeldt Race Educational Technology Scholarship
Terri Race’s family established this scholarship in gratitude to the OPRF community. Terri expressed a genuine love for technology and education. She was a dedicated, dependable and ethical professional, always exhibiting integrity while a technology aide at District 90 schools in River Forest.

Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest Scholarships – Community Service Award
This scholarship is presented to five students in the upper 25% of the senior class who have engaged in and shown commitment to community service, the hallmark of Rotarians everywhere. These students’ actions and behaviors have reflected the motto of Rotary International, “Service Above Self.” The Rotary Club also awards the Farr Brothers scholarship to a student pursuing studies in a vocational field.

Willa Schaffer Memorial Scholarship
The family of Willa Schaffer founded this scholarship to honor the memory of Ms. Schaffer, a dean/counselor and educator who loved and learned from the diversity of OPRFHS students. A caring mother, wife and friend beloved by many, Ms. Schaffer is described by her husband as a woman who “had a gift for being able to bring out the best in people. By funding an endowment scholarship at the school, it is our hope that we can touch students’ lives and help them in much the same way that she did during her life. If we accomplish that, then the scholarship will be a fitting tribute to her memory and life.”
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Dr. Alexander M. Schmidt Outstanding Senior Student in English Scholarship
This scholarship is given to a student who possesses a love of literature and an appreciation for scholarship. His or her superior academic record in English during four years of high school provides evidence of both talent and achievement in writing. The award is given in memory of Dr. Alexander Mackay Schmidt, former Board of Education President for District 200.

Seabury Foundation Scholarships
Charles and Louise Seabury, former Oak Park residents for more than 50 years, established the Seabury Foundation in 1952 because they were concerned about the difficulty young women faced in financing their college expenses. Their daughter, Deborah Seabury Holloway, has continued the scholarships to honor her family’s commitment to the community and to share its legacy with our students. The scholarships now support two senior women and two senior men who have demonstrated initiative, leadership and academic achievement. The scholarships are renewable for four years.

Shepard Family Scholarship
Established by the Shepard family, this scholarship is presented to a student with a 3.0+ GPA who wants to major in mathematics or science in college with priority given to an African American student.

Carol Shields Memorial Scholarship/Class of 1953
This scholarship, established by the Class of 1953, honors fellow alumnus and Pulitzer Prize winning author Carol Warner Shields, is given to a senior with initiative, leadership, academic achievement and financial need.

Smith/Gorman-Smith Model UN Scholarship
This is an annual scholarship recognizing the value that participating in the high school’s Model UN Club can provide to a student. The recipient must have been a member of Model UN for at least two years and must complete a 300- to 400-word essay.

Elizabeth Snow Memorial Scholarship
The family of Elizabeth (Libby) Snow, a celebrated high school French teacher in the Glenbard school system and longtime friend of OPRHS faculty members, has established a scholarship in her name to honor her love of education and of the French language and culture. The scholarship is awarded to a student who is interested in pursuing studies in French in college.

Spoken Word Club Scholarship
This scholarship is given to a student who has participated in a minimum of three Spoken Word Club showcases (not including the final showcase of the current year). An essay (limited to 300 words) on any topic related to Spoken Word must be completed.
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The Ishma Stewart Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship was established to honor the memory of an OPRF graduate and dedicated, talented member of the Spoken Word Club, who aspired to become a journalist. The scholarship is to help a member of the Spoken Word Club fulfill a college dream.

Jack Tavolacci Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship celebrates the memory of Jack Tavolacci, an OPRFHS graduate whose legacy embodies the qualities of love, acceptance and inclusivity. Jack approached everyone with love first. He made people feel at ease and welcomed. He celebrated all people, and he recognized that our differences are just as valuable to humanity as our shared qualities. Applicants for this scholarship should have demonstrated these same values in their career here. Applicants should have made sizable efforts to promote love and understanding, and they should be seen as a friend to all in the OPRFHS community.

TNH – Stephen A. Henry Scholarship
This scholarship was created in 2016 by the Tuesday Night Hoops (“TNH”) weekly basketball team in memory of Stephen, son of Jordan and Erica Henry, who passed away in 2015 at just three months of age. This group wanted to honor Stephen’s memory with a scholarship and thought that providing financial assistance to an OPRFHS athlete, team manager or student trainer who has demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship, leadership and team spirit was a wonderful way to do that.

Tony Trofimuk Scholarship
This scholarship in honor of the late OPRFHS coach Tony Trofimuk is presented annually to a senior member of the varsity girls basketball team.

William and Joyce Wartmann Scholarship
William Wartmann established this scholarship in his and his wife’s name to show appreciation to the OPRFHS Fine and Performing Arts Division, whose teachers inspired and motivated him when he was a student here. The scholarship is awarded to four graduating seniors who have been involved in art and music while at OPRF and who intend to pursue those studies in college.

Wood/Braley Memorial Scholarship
Named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James and Yvonne Wood, the memorial scholarship honors these longtime community leaders who were firm believers in the value of education for today’s students. The award is given to a senior who has achieved honor roll or dean’s list status and who has demonstrated participation in extracurricular activities throughout high school, particularly in community service work.
AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Georg Ann Zussman-Amato Memorial Scholarship for Women in Science
This scholarship, established by Mr. Thomas Amato and his daughter Rebecca, honors Georg Ann Zussman-Amato, who had a genuine love of students and served the school community in numerous ways including President of the PTO and Chairperson of the PTO Slating Committee for District 200 Board of Education candidates. The scholarship is given to a senior woman attending to major in one of the natural sciences while in college.
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