

GRADUATION AWARDS CRITERIA

June 2022

BRIAN J. DUNN AWARD

- A graduating student who demonstrates Christian values, sincerity, humility, positive attitude, and leadership in extracurricular activities
- Is a student who is a role model, calm and modest
- Is a student who listens attentively, offers sound words of advice and acts in a selfless manner

CATHOLIC STUDENT AWARD

- A student who is involved in school or community activities, and conduct which typifies the objectives of the Catholic school
- Students who are involved in student council, mission drives, leadership in social concerns should apply for the award
- Student should be involved in projects that enhance the identity of the Catholic school in the local community, volunteer work in the community, local hospitals, and parishes, with youth corps, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities, on political or social issues, or with other projects of a similar kind.

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

- A student who displays strong Catholic leadership qualities
- A student who best exemplifies the Catholic faith and Catholic school philosophy
- A student who has a strong family commitment
- A student who can relate well to fellow students and teachers.
- A student who is involved in school affairs and activities eg. Athletics, Student Council etc.
- A student who is involved in Community activities
- A student who demonstrates a commitment to a difficult situation, task, problem, etc, by having the courage and ambition to follow it through

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

- A student who has unselfishly involved herself or himself in promoting and working for a local, national, or international organization
- A student who has maintained an academic average of 65% minimum in their graduating year

EDWARD KING MEMORIAL AWARD

- Student who, in their graduating year, best exemplifies the spirit and determination to strive for excellence
- Not necessarily top academic marks
- Student who exemplifies a combination of academic excellence with an 80 % minimum average and extracurricular involvement in at least 1 team or club or event in their graduating year
- Good Christian role model for other students

JACOR MARKETING AWARD FOR STUDENT EQUALITY

- A student who exemplifies equality by taking measures to prevent bullying and promotes inclusion within the student body

JOAN GRIFFITHS ST. ANTHONY'S CWL AWARD

- A female student that exemplifies Catholic values and community involvement within St. Thomas Aquinas — (religious focus)

LT. GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD

- Graduating student who has demonstrated exemplary community involvement beyond 40 hours over four years of secondary school

MC CARTHY'S SCHOLARSHIP

- Graduating college level student, male or female, who is involved with the school and community and is in financial need.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- A student who has faced significant challenges in life and was able to overcome adversity and become a self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner.

SAINT MOTHER TERESA SERVICE AWARD

- A student who has demonstrated exemplary service in various school-wide events that provides assistance and/or service to those in need in our communities
- A student who models in action, the example given by Mother Teresa

SAINT OSCAR ROMERO AWARD

- A graduating student committed to social justice and peace making, community involvement as well as challenging the status quo for improvement of human conditions

SCHOOL COUNCIL GRADUATION AWARD

- Presented to 2 graduating students who clearly demonstrated outstanding school spirit and consistent participation in a wide range of co-curricular activities in the school community from grades 9 to 12.
- Recipients will be rewarded for their overall contribution to the school community.

SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD

- A student who demonstrates a high degree of leadership and involvement within the school community
- A student who is a "school spirit promoter"

BLACK EXCELLENCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

- Student who identifies as Black, embodies school spirit, leadership and promotes positive self-identity, and is actively engaged in dismantling anti-Black racism
- Contributes towards the success of BSA
- Involved in leadership roles/activities within the school
- actively attends serves on committees, school clubs or school teams
- inspires others to work collaboratively and creatively
- provides mentorship towards peers
- promotes a positive overall wellbeing amongst peers
- 250 max word paragraph explaining the above