

THE WHEATLEY SCHOOL

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ACADEMIC AWARDS EVENING



JUNE 2020
7:30 PM

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Introduction and Welcome

NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Dr. Sean C. Feeney, Principal

Rahul Ajmera Ashley Vincenzo
Karen Li Rebecca Zeltsman
Rebecca Sparacio

Wheatley Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Megan Kaye Orell Rayhan
Jason Koty Trenton Wong
Victoria Mora Emily Yagoda
Natalia Potrapeluk Alia Yamin
Madison Ramos Sharon Zhong

**Nassau County Council of School Superintendents
Celebrating Excellence Award**

Jason Koty Sharon Zhong

National Merit Finalists

Karen Li Alia Yamin
Madison Ramos Sharon Zhong
Trenton Wong

National Merit Winner

Sharon Zhong

US Presidential Scholar Semifinalist

Karen Li

Community Awards and Recognition

Dr. Sean C. Feeney

Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist

Viraj Jayam

Nassau County Comptroller's Innovation Award

Danyal Zulfiqar

**Nassau County Council of School
Superintendents Recognition**

Jayda Rubino

Community Service & Academic Excellence

Megan Kaye

The NYS Comptroller Achievement Award

Alison Amarain Rebecca Zeltsman
Alex Horowitz

NYS Attorney General Triple "C" Award

Avigail Neman Huining Tang
Ilana Nimkoff

Nassau County District Attorney SHIELD Award

Yifang Zha

Senator Kaplan Trailblazer Award

Jiaping Dong Ari Ostad

SCOPE Student Scholarship

Brandon Danialian

Good Deeds Award

Anya Chabria Siddhant Jain
Aarushi Jain Tyler Schore

Special Awards, Part I

East Williston Retired Teachers' Award

Long Island Teachers Benevolent Fund Scholarship

Tulane University Book Award

George Washington University Book Award

Oberlin Book Award

Brandeis Book Award

Ted Tchack/Stew Doig SWS Award

Ed Keenan Humanitarian Award

Darrell R. Lund Award

Janice Wolff Award

The Jackie Borruso ENL Memorial Scholarship

The Muriel Delabar-Ryan Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Sean C. Feeney

Layla Jarrahy

Dalia Savy

Zachary Azevedo

Anya Chabria

Emma Melnikov

Huda Ayaz

Natalie Scudero

Presented by Patrick Clarke, SWS Moderator
Alex ArbitalJacoby

Presented by Mark Kamberg, BOE President
Brandon Behar

Allison Zheng

Presented by Dr. Elaine Kanas, Superintendent
Nicholas Sampogna

Eric Chen

Bashar Alsaedi

World Languages Awards

The Excellence in Language Awards

French

Italian

Spanish

The Language Spirit Awards

French

Italian

Spanish

The Wheatley Linguist Award

Bill Van Dyke Scholarship Award

Mrs. Joan Anderson, Secondary Chair

Madison Ramos

Ashley Vincenzo

Rahul Ajmera

Robert Boubour

Victoria Mora

Steve Valles Quiroz

Pádraig Brady

Emily Yagoda

Science Awards

Science 8 NGSS

Living Environment

Biology

Earth Science

Mrs. Mary Alexis Pace, Director of Science

Angelo Martello

Laila Hameedi

Emma Rosenberg

Pavan Gabbur

Chemistry	Winston Lee
Physics	Kelvin Lee
Advanced Placement Biology	Grace Ducroiset
Advanced Placement Chemistry	Nadav Cohen
Advanced Placement Environmental Science	Allison Zheng
Advanced Placement Physics 1	Brandon Behar
Advanced Placement Physics C	Manav Bansal
Advanced Placement Psychology	Elizabeth Yuen
SUPA Forensics	Skylar Blechner
Human Anatomy and Physiology	Karen Li
Science Innovation Award	Karen Li

English Awards

Pacesetter Awards	Huda Ayaz Anya Chabria
The Michael Hurley Memorial Writing Award	Rahul Ajmera
Special Recognition Award	April Garnock
The Rose-Mary Bartul Poetry Award	Alia Yamin
Bruce Dennis Creative Writing Award	Pádraig Brady
The Richard J. Nixon Award for Excellence in English	Emily Yagoda

Mr. Stephen Collier, Secondary Chair

Emma Melnikov

Arts Awards

Excellence in Art, 8th Grade	Emma Rosenberg
Excellence in Art, 9th Grade	Nikolai Sotelo
Excellence in Art, 10th Grade	Maliha Ayaz
Excellence in Art, 11th Grade	Julianna Anteri
Excellence in Art, 12th Grade	Alex Horowitz
ASA Leadership in Art Award	Emma Blennau
ASA Senior Scholarship	Skylar Blechner

Dr. Karen Klapper, Assistant Principal

Social Studies Awards

United States History 11
Advanced Placement United States History
Advanced Placement Research
Advanced Placement Economics
Advanced Placement US Government & Politics
College Regional Studies
Participation in Government
Glenn Pribek SWS Award
Warren J. Loring Award
The Robert J. Bernstein Amicus Curiae Award
Dr. Paul van Wie Award for Excellence

Dr. Scott Eckers, Secondary Chair

Jaclyn Denicker Ryan Steinberg
Frederick Lin Yifang Zha
Manav Bansal
Anya Chabria
Jason Koty
Elizabeth Yuen
Skylar Blechner
Aiden Coffey
Skylar Blechner
Rahul Ajmera
Emily Yagoda
Ashley Vincenzo

Technology and Engineering Awards

PLTW Design and Draw for Production
PLTW Civil Engineering & Architecture
PLTW Principles of Engineering
FIRST Robotics Design & Engineering Award
FIRST Robotics Software Engineering Award
Wood Shop Design and Production Award
Jessica Cohen Humanitarian Award

Mr. Ed Kemnitzer, Director

Mitchell Baltzer Winston Lee
Julian Chang
Maia Cale
Naman Chordia
Danyal Zulfiqar
Rayhan Meghji
Kevin Conte
Eric Chu

Music Awards

Blue Note Award
Certificate of Recognition Chorus
Chorus Award
Certificate of Recognition Band

Dr. Karen Klapper, Assistant Principal

Robert Boubour Aidan Cozzolino
Kavina Amin Jacob Kaufman
Kaya Amin
Emily Gothelf
Alex ArbibalJacoby Amanda Ustick
April Garnock Emily Yagoda
Adam Kamberg Aaron Zachariah
Brooke Rubenstein Danyal Zulfiqar
Alexander Tu

Peter Pane Award

Aidan Cozzolino

Certificate of Recognition

Orchestra

Rahul Ajmera
Robert Boubour
Pádraig Brady
Aidan Coffey
Peter Cuomo
Kaitlyn Ducroiset
Allison Keller

Eliana Li
Natalia Potrapeluk
Ashley Vincenzo
Alia Yamin
Brenda Zhong
Sharon Zhong

Michelle Saxon Award

Eliana Li

Eve and Jerry Jerome Award

Allison Keller

Mathematics Awards

Dr. Robert Teseo, Secondary Chair

Prealgebra

Simmin Kamal

Algebra 1

Annelise Belle

Geometry

Tyler Richman

Algebra 2

Jace Yagoda

Precalculus

Nadav Cohen

STEM Research

Annelise Belle

Math Research 9-12

Anya Chabria

Discrete Mathematics

Kaila Nabatian

Advanced Placement Statistics

Anya Chabria

Advanced Placement Calculus AB

Victoria Mora

Advanced Placement Calculus BC

Alex ArbibalJacoby

Multivariable Calculus

Manav Bansal

Advanced Placement Computer Science

Yifang Zha

Rensselaer University Award

Jonathan Friedrich

Business Awards

Mrs. Kristen Malik, Business Teacher

Dee Izzo Memorial Award for Excellence in Business

Brandon Danialian

Theatre Awards

The Thespian Award

Dr. Sean C. Feeney

Rahul Ajmera

Jacob Kaufman

Outstanding Technical Achievement

Emma Pak

Outstanding Contribution in Fall Drama

Layla Jarrahy
Ansh Jhaveri

Emma Leng

Outstanding Contribution in Spring Musical

Robert Boubour
James Li

Emma Melnikov

Exceptional Achievement in Theatre

Skylar Blechner
Kaileigh Fiorillo

Shruti Goyal
Jace Yagoda

Special Awards, Part II

In Recognition of Excellence

Dr. Sean C. Feeney

Maggie Caroddo
Peter Cuomo
Matthew Ferrone
Benjamin Gilbert
Emily Gothelf

Theodore Koutsoftas
Orell Rayhan
Joshua Roit
Jaylyn Soleimani
Alia Yamin

The Jim O'Brien Award

Demetrios Kaparos

Carly Silverman

The Susan Bergtraum Leadership in Action Award

Aarushi Jain

P.T.O. Recognition Award

Brenden Resnick

Rebecca Sparacio

P.T.O. Teacher of the Year

Presented by the Wheatley PTO

The Wheatley Medals

Dr. Sean C. Feeney

Dean Sheinman

Brenda Zhong

Congratulations to all of our recognized students! Thank you to the faculty and staff who supported the students throughout their years at Wheatley! Thank you as well to the parents for your continued support of our school and programs!



We proudly list below the additional awards and recognition our students have earned. These students have already received their certificates or recognition.

Overall Academic Distinction

The following National Merit and Advanced Placement Scholar Awards were recognized earlier this year based on work completed through June 2019. Students will not be called up during tonight's presentation.

National Merit Finalists	Karen Li Madison Ramos	Trenton Wong Alia Yamin	Sharon Zhong
National Merit Commended Students	Ethan Bao Eric Chu	Hitangee Jain Ashley Vincenzo	Brenda Zhong
AP Scholars (2019)	Alison Amarain Isabel Avila Aidan Cozzolino Jenna Fey Derek Gilbert Katharine Gold Saad Haroon Ubaidullah Hassan	Alex Horowitz Aarushi Jain Ivan Jing Jacob Kaufman Pukhraj Kaur Allison Keller Hema Kumar Victor Li	Victoria Mora Vana Nath-Mahadeo Ilana Nimkoff Diya Shah Neil Shah Amanda Ustick Aidan Wong Danyal Zulfiqar
AP Scholars with Honors (2019)	Robert Boubour Anya Chabria Maxwell Davidoff	April Garnock Emily Gothelf Rachel Lee	Rayhan Meghji Brooke Rubenstein Yifang Zha
AP Scholar with Distinction (2019)	Rahul Ajmera Kavina Amin Kaya Amin Alex ArbibalJacoby Zachary Azevedo Manav Bansal Ethan Bao Brandon Behar Alyssa Belle Emma Blennau Emily Blumberg Pádraig Brady Jessica Calabrese Maggie Caroddo Eric Chu Matthew Cornacchia	Peter Cuomo Norah Gidanian Sarah Hassan Hitangee Jain Sahil Jain Viraj Jayam Ansh Jhaveri Megan Kaye Sanjana Khana Jason Koty Theodore Koutsoftas Eliana Li James Li Karen Li Ari Ostad Karrthik Pitchayan	Natalia Potrapeluk Madison Ramos Orell Rayhan Avinash Reddy Brenden Resnick Dean Sheinman Rebecca Sparacio Ashley Vincenzo Trenton Wong Erin Wu Emily Yagoda Aaron Zachariah Rebecca Zeltsman Allison Zheng Brenda Zhong Sharon Zhong
National AP Scholar (2019)	Rahul Ajmera Manav Bansal Sahil Jain	Karen Li Madison Ramos	Trenton Wong Alia Yamin

Mathematics Department

AMC 10 Top Scorer	Ryan Wu	
Nassau County Mathletes All-Star	Justin Wong	
American Invitational Mathematics Exam Qualifiers	Viraj Jayam	Ryan Wu
New York Math League High Scorer	Justin Wong	Trenton Wong

World Language Department

2020 Recipients of the NYS Seal of Biliteracy

Rahul Ajmera	Jiaping Dong	Kiran Shaikh
Kavina Amin	Hitangee Jain	Huining Tang
Kaya Amin	Rachel Lee	Ashley Vincenzo
Isabel Avila	Eliana Li	Erin Wu
Zachary Azevedo	Karen Li	Emily Yagoda
Emily Blumberg	Victoria Mora	Alia Yamin
Pádraig Brady	Madison Ramos	Rebecca Zeltsman
Eric Chen	Tyler Schore	Brenda Zhong
Peter Cuomo	Diya Shah	

Note that Pádraig Brady earned three seals (French, Italian and Spanish)

THE EAST WILLISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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