

# Xavier Academic Awards Night

May 2, 2019

## CLASS OF 2023

Each year applicants to Xavier High School are required to take the High School Placement Test – a national standardized test used by many private schools across the country. One measure of achievement on the test is a national percentile rating.

Xavier honors those students who score in the 95th–99th national percentile as Ryken Scholars. The Ryken program is named in honor of the founder of the Xaverian Brothers, Theodore James Ryken. The work that Ryken began in Belgium nearly 180 years ago is carried on today by the Xaverian Brothers and their lay colleagues throughout the world.

Here in the United States, Xavier is one of 13 high schools that serve to carry on Ryken’s mission – a mission that can be characterized in the simple phrase “Falling in love with the service of God.” The young men recognized will be challenged to honor the memory of Ryken by holding true to that mission.

**The Alumni Honors Academic Scholarship** was established in memory of all deceased alumni of Xavier High School. The scholarship is awarded to those who scored in the 95th percentile on the entrance exam. The recipients: **Matthew Lam, Robert Quan, and Jaiden Sorrell.**

**The Brother David Eddy Academic Scholarship** was established in memory of Br. David Eddy, a member of the Xaverian Brothers for 43 years and a member of the Xavier High School faculty from 1976 to 1985. The scholarship is awarded to those who scored in the 96th percentile on the entrance exam. The recipient: **Luigi Pugliese.**

**The Thomas Aiello Academic Scholarship** was established in memory of Mr. Thomas Aiello who had a 27 year career at Xavier High School serving as a teacher of mathematics and an assistant principal. The scholarship is awarded to those who scored in the 97th percentile on the entrance exam. The recipient: **Sean DeVito.**

**The Bishop Vincent J. Hines Academic Scholarship** is named in honor of the late Most Rev. Vincent J. Hines, second Bishop of Norwich, who, along with the Congregation of the Brothers of St. Francis Xavier, founded Xavier High School in 1963. The scholarship is awarded to those who scored in the 99th percentile on the entrance exam. The recipients: **Aedan Frazer, Tyler Keithan, Jonah Lowrey, Samuel Matt, Sotirios Paul, and Nicholas Russo.**

**The Xavier Excellence Awards** are granted to students entering the freshman year who, in the course of their middle school years, have consistently demonstrated the qualities of scholarship, leadership, and service which we will expect of them here at Xavier. The recipients: **Robert Bouvier, Holden Buckley, Zachary Bulkovitch, Ryan Chrostowski, Giovanni Colavolpe, Aidan Driscoll, Jacob Greco, Wesley Ong, Benjamin Snow, and Alexander Ushchak.**

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Xavier Faculty have selected the following freshman to receive Department Awards based upon their outstanding performance throughout the year:

**The Freshman Religion and Honors English Awards: Liam Sheeley.**

**The Freshman College Prep English and Foreign Language Awards: Sanchit Kikanamada.**

**The Freshman Accelerated English Award: Nicholas Cusano.**

**The Freshman College Prep Mathematics Award: Luke Solomon.**

**The Freshman Accelerated Math and Science Awards: Drew Kron.**

**The Freshman Honors Mathematics Award: Owen Pestka.**

**The Freshman College Prep Science Award: Eduardo Gonzalez.**

**The Freshman Honors Science and Social Studies Awards: Aidan Higgins.**

**The Freshman Accelerated Foreign Language Award: David Wright.**

**The Freshman Honors Foreign Language Award: Matthew Tracy.**

**The Freshman College Prep Social Studies Award: Isaac Gonzalez.**

## **The Freshman Accelerated Social Studies Award: Scott Cunningham.**

Each year Xavier students from all four grade levels take National Foreign Language exams which are administered across the country to high achieving students. The following freshmen have been recognized by the American Association of French Teachers for Outstanding Performance.

### **National French I Exam**

**Certificates of Honor: Ryan Doherty, Matthew Reardon and John Roy.**

**Bronze Awards: Andrei Abarientos and Matthew O'Connor.**

**Silver Award: Colin Loria.**

### **National French II Exam**

**Certificate of Honor: Adam Chasse.**

The following freshmen have been recognized by the American Classical League for their Outstanding Performance

### **National Latin I Exam**

**Certificates of Merit Cum Laude: Steven Wohlmuth.**

**Certificate of Merit Magna Cum Laude: Alex Sauer.**

**Certificates of Merit Maxima Cum Laude: Andrew Cataldi, Peter Olis and Stephen King.**

**Certificates of Merit Summa Cum Laude: Matthew Tracy and James DeDonato.**

The following freshmen have been recognized by the American Association of Spanish Teachers for Outstanding Performance

### **National Spanish I Exam**

**Certificates of Honor: Niko Anastasiades, Luke Audie, Jaime Ayepah, Simon Collins, Carter Dahl, Michael Del Monaco, Dillon Gallo, Ryan Gerry, Kevin Gilhuly, Noah Howell, Isaac Gonzalez, Matthew Hynek, Connor Jenkins, Matthew Kraus, Wyatt McElroy, William Monroe, Jake Oliva, Owen Pestka, Griffin Prushinski, Charles Puckhaber, Vincent Rappoccio, Brody Santagata,**

**Noah San Vicente, William Schneider, Alexander Schumann, Samuel Simko, Marko Vidackovic, and Chase Vitale.**

**Bronze Awards: Nolan Byrne, Matthew Fuffo, Duane James, Nicholas Martin, Mitchell Wollen, Maxwell Wojtusik, and Austin Zwick.**

**Silver Awards: Eamon Burke, Scott Cunningham, Selorm Dogbey, Shane Gilhuly, Maxwell Gonzalez, Vincent Graham, Maxwell Hardy, Dillon Luke, and Mario Pugliese.**

**Gold Award: Liam Sheeley.**

## **National Spanish II Exam**

**Certificate of Honor: Alec Pawlowicz.**

**Bronze Award: Marcelo Burno.**

**Silver Awards: Aidan Pesce and Samuel Rector.**

**Gold Award: Aidan Higgins.**

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## **Class of 2021**

Xavier Faculty have selected the following sophomores to receive Department Awards based upon their outstanding performance throughout the year:

**The Sophomore Religion Award: Jordan Hetu.**

**The Sophomore College Prep English Award: Dominic Cartelli.**

**The Sophomore Accelerated English: Sebastian LoGiudice.**

**The Sophomore Honors English and Social Studies Award: David Jerman.**

**The Sophomore College Prep Mathematics Award: Mark Kowalski.**

**The Sophomore Accelerated Mathematics Award: Sean Collison.**

**The Sophomore Honors Mathematics and Science Awards: Ryan Frier.**

**The Sophomore College Prep Science Award: Aaron Hazelwood.**

**The Sophomore Accelerated Science Award: Liam Houchin.**

**The Sophomore College Prep Foreign Language Awards: Logan Saks and Matthew Borowitz.**

**The Sophomore Accelerated Foreign Language Award: Connor Silbo.**

**The Sophomore Honors Foreign Language Award: Holden Whaley.**

**The Sophomore College Prep Social Studies Award: Tanner Rogers.**

**The Sophomore Accelerated Social Studies Award: Aidan Lim.**

The following sophomores have been recognized by the American Association of French Teachers for Outstanding Performance

## **National French I Exam**

**Certificate of Honor: Noah Scecina-White.**

## **National French II Exam**

**Certificate of Honor: Holden Whaley.**

**Bronze Award: Michael Stottlemeyer.**

## **National French III Exam**

**Certificate of Honor: Matthew Smith.**

The following sophomores have been recognized by the American Classical League for their Outstanding Performance

## **National Latin II Exam**

**Certificates of Merit Cum Laude: Dominick Delaney and Finnian Dowler**

**Certificates of Merit Maxima Cum Laude: Timothy Gagliano, Anthony Satrohan, Brian Satrohan, Jacob Wirtes and Brendan Zawisa.**

**Certificate of Merit Summa Cum Laude: Wesley Harris**

The following sophomores have been recognized by the American Association of Spanish Teachers for Outstanding Performance

## **National Spanish I Exam**

Certificates of Honor: Liam Houchin and Tiernan Powers.

## **National Spanish II Exam**

Certificates of Honor: Joshua Aresco, Matthew Battipaglia, Kyle Beasley, Ethan Cook, Zachary Dolan, Jordan Hetu, Luke Lappe, Aiden Lim, Daniel Lyons.

Bronze Awards: Colby Dahl, Jonathan Gonzalez, Cameron Kuselias, Rohit Menon, Revanth Yalamanchi.

Silver Awards: Alessandro Altavilla, Ryan Frier, David Jerman.

Gold Award: Eduardo Serrano.

## **National Spanish III Exam**

Certificate of Honor: Trevor Religa.

Bronze Awards: Hunter Geisler, Jake Lion and Owen Padgett.

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## **CLASS OF 2020**

Xavier Faculty have selected the following Juniors to receive Department Awards based upon their outstanding performance throughout the year:

**The Junior Religion Award: Aidan Lally.**

**The Junior College Prep English Award: Adrian Sienko.**

**The Junior Accelerated English and Social Studies Awards: Cameron Bartolomeo.**

**The Junior Honors English Award: Matthew Zablocki.**

**The Junior College Prep Mathematics Award: Samuel Martin.**

**The Junior Accelerated Mathematics Award: William Lallier.**

**The Junior Honors Mathematics Award: Alexander Pralea.**

**The Junior College Prep Science Award: Osiah Wiggins.**

**The Junior Accelerated Science and Honors Foreign Language Awards: Sean Kelly.**

**The Junior Honors Science Award: Akshay Khunte.**

**The Junior Accelerated Foreign Language Award: Khai Ton.**

**The Junior College Prep Social Studies Award: Ethan Mulonet.**

**The Junior Honors Social Studies Award: Robbie Cozean.**

Each year various colleges and universities in the northeast sponsor Book Awards to recognize students completing their junior year who have shown significant academic prowess. This year's book award winners follow:

**The St. Anselm College Book Award** is presented to a student in recognition of superior academic achievement and personal character. The recipient: **Hyun Lee.**

**The Assumption College Book Award** recognizes an outstanding Xavier High School junior who exemplifies the academic success, leadership qualities and concern for others that Assumption College students are known for. The recipient: **Robbie Cozean.**

**The Boston University School of Education Junior Book Award** is awarded to encourage outstanding students to consider a career as an educator. The recipient: **Akshay Khunte.**

**The University of Connecticut Avery Point Award** is presented to a student in recognition of his outstanding accomplishment in coastal and environmental issues. The recipient: **Landon Ghioli.**

**The George Washington Book Award** is given to a student who embodies drive and spirit, specifically with their academic excellence, leadership, diversity of thought and ability to put knowledge into action. The recipient: **Justin-Bryle Lanzuela.**

**The Gettysburg College Book Award** is awarded to recognize distinguished study of American History. The recipient: **Matthew Zablocki.**

**The Harvard Book Prize** is offered each year by The Harvard Club of Southern Connecticut to a student completing his junior year. The award is donated by Mr. William Holley, an alumnus of Harvard's Class of 1983 and Xavier's Class of 1979 and recognizes a member of the junior class who combines excellence in academics with significant achievement in extracurricular endeavor. The recipient:

**Vincent Miano.**

**The Lasell College Book Award** honors a student for their tenacity and their willingness to face a challenge head on and never quit. The recipient: **Giovanni Imme.**

**St. Michael's College Book Award** is presented to two students for academic achievement with a social conscience and spirit of volunteerism. The recipients: **Michael Bevilacqua and Joseph Marcin.**

**The Rensselaer Medal Award** recognizes the superlative academic achievement of secondary school juniors who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. The recipient: **William Kaye.**

**The Rochester Institute of Technology Award** is presented to high school juniors who have distinguished themselves academically, are active and involved members of their school and community, and demonstrate interest and ability in computing or outstanding achievement in innovation, creativity, or entrepreneurship. The recipients of the Innovative and Creativity Awards: **George Luke and Ethan Kerr.** The recipients of the Computing Medal Awards: **Aidan Lynch and Jakob Slason.**

**The Seton/Yale Book Award** is donated by the Yale Club of New Haven and is awarded to a member of the junior class who exhibits outstanding personal character and intellectual promise. The award will be presented at a formal ceremony held at Yale University in the fall. Tonight we invite our recipient to come on stage to be recognized. The recipient: **Alexander Pralea.**

The following juniors have been recognized by the American Association of French Teachers for Outstanding Performance.

## **National French II Exam**

**Certificates of Honor: Botond Fogarasi and Pedro Robles Manchero.**

## **National French III Exam**

**Certificates of Honor: William Kaye and Fabian Morales.**

The following juniors have been recognized by the American Classical League for their Outstanding Performance.



## **National Latin III Exam**

Certificate of Merit Cum Laude: Matthew Miano.

Certificates of Merit Magna Cum Laude: Jacob Cink, Ethan Kerr and Kaden Powers

Certificate of Merit Maxima Cum Laude: George Luke.

Certificates of Merit Summa Cum Laude: Joseph Marcin and Matthew Zablocki

The following juniors have been recognized by the American Association of Spanish Teachers for Outstanding Performance

## **National Spanish III Exam**

Certificates of Honor: Aiden Cardozo, Benito Elcuri, Benjamin Fiore, Landon Ghiroli, Mark Grasso, Alexander Inglis, Justin-Bryle Lanzuela, Christian Schaefer, Luke Tischio, Max Tomaiuolo and Ryan Tobin.

Bronze Awards: Emad Cheema, Benjamin Howell and Jakob Slason.

Silver Awards: Giovanni Imme, Hyun Lee and Eamon Szilagyi.

## **National Spanish IV Exam**

Certificates of Honor: Robbie Cozean, Conor DeCosta and Santiago Pacheco-O'Donnell.

Bronze Award: Nathan Barandon and Vincent Miano.

Silver Award: Akshay Khunte.

Gold Award: Alexander Pralea.

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**The Community Foundation of Middlesex County Colter Abely Achievement Fund Educational Assistance Award** was established in memory of Colter and is awarded to senior who has excelled in wrestling. The recipient: **Grant Barber.**

**The George V. Keithan Sr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship** has been established by Mr. and Mrs. George V. Keithan, Jr. of the class of 1981. The scholarship is awarded to a senior who has been accepted into an engineering program at an accredited college or university. This year's recipient: **Ryan Grochowski.**

**The Korey Lee Endowed Scholarship** is awarded each year to a senior who is considering a major in English Literature or Journalism, has shown academic prowess and has been active in athletics and service. The recipient: **William Curran.**

**The Mark Schaefer Scholarship** is given in memory of Mark Erwin Schaeffer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Otto E. Schaefer of North Branford, who was a member of Xavier's class of 1979. The intent of this scholarship is "to reward an all-around Xavier MAN, a scholar and an athlete who has actively demonstrated that he has realized that a Xavier education is a Christian education, one that requires service and dedication to one's fellow human beings." This year's recipient: **Pierre Sylvain.**

**The James V. Tillona Memorial Endowed Scholarship** has been established in loving memory of Jamie Tillona, a proud member of the Xavier High School Class of 1996. Jamie was a loving son and brother who, through his loyal and sincere friendships, brought happiness to those whom he encountered. This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior who, through his academic success, and his commitment to the Xavier community, best exemplifies the hopes and aspirations which were held for Jamie. The recipient: **Ian Gelberg.**

The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven awards the **William and Marion Tittel Scholarship** in recognition of academic success to Catholic students who are committed to their faith. The recipients: **John Elmer and Wylie Malcolm.**

Fireside Catholic Publishing conducts an annual essay contest focused on the importance of Catholic Education. This year, from among 239 entrants nationally, five students were chosen as **Fireside Essay Scholarship** winners. We are pleased announced that a Xavier student is among the five scholarship winners. The recipient: **Conner Dwyer.**

The **Xavier High School Business Award** is presented to the senior who has excelled in the Xavier Business curriculum. The recipient: **Jon Kee Vose.**

**The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants** award recognizes a member of the senior class for academic excellence in accounting. The recipient: **Daniel McCormack.**

**The Xavier High School Performance Arts Award** is presented to the senior who has excelled in Xavier's Drama program. The recipient: **Sebastian Fazzino.**

**The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award** is presented to a senior "in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of jazz as demonstrated through superior musicianship, character, and individual creativity. The recipient: **Michael Celetano.**

**The John Phillip Sousa Band Award** is an award given to a senior "in recognition of outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music, for singular merit in loyalty and cooperation, and for displaying those high qualities of conduct that school instrumental music requires." The recipient: **Christopher Carrigan.**

The **Middletown Sports Hall of Fame & Museum Scholar Athlete Award** is awarded each year to a graduating senior who has excelled academically, has competed on a varsity sport and has exhibited outstanding school and community citizenship, perseverance and sportsmanship. The recipient: **Tyler Lappe.**

**The Forest City Knights of Columbus, Council No. 3** annually presents an award to a senior who has achieved excellence in the area of religion and its practice as exemplified through Campus Ministry Service. The recipient: **Samuel Norris.**

The following seniors have been recognized by the American Classical League for their Outstanding Performance.

## **Latin IV Exam**

**Certificate of Merit Magna Cum Laude: Wylie Malcolm.**

**Certificate of Merit Maxima Cum Laude: Brendan Donohue.**

**Certificate of Merit Summa Cum Laude: Pier Bos.**

The following seniors have been recognized by the American Association of Spanish Teachers for Outstanding Performance.

## **National Spanish IV Exam**

**Certificates of Honor: Jansher Aujla and Ryan Grochowski.**

**Bronze Award: Ian Gelberg.**

## **National Spanish V Exam**

**Certificates of Honor: Henrique Araujo, Benjamin Buzzeo, Mitchell Macijauskas, Eric Myskowski and Christian Wade.**

**Silver Award: Julen Lujambio.**

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