

2024 PRIZE ASSEMBLY AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS

FACULTY AWARDS

(1.) **THE ROBERT B. SWAIN III MEMORIAL AWARD** honors that continuing teacher in their first five years of teaching at Kingswood Oxford, and their first ten years of teaching overall, who best exemplifies Bobby Swain's outstanding attributes as a student and teacher: a serious, self-disciplined approach to learning and a sense of humor—a combination that enabled him to inspire in others a spirit of cooperation which made scholarly disciplines a pursuit both joyous and rewarding.

Graham Hegeman

(2.) **THE COLLINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

The Collins family—Kim '75, Wylie '79, Tris '81 and Jed '88 along with their parents, Nancy and Allen—established this award for excellence in teaching named originally for Charles W. Collins, Mr. Collins' father. Charles Collins spent fifty years as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Everett, MA public school system.

Stacey Tomkiel

(3.) **THE JOSEPH AND JO-ANNE ALISSI COACHING AWARD** honors that returning coach who best exemplifies Joseph and Jo-anne Alissi's outstanding contributions to Kingswood Oxford, especially their sportsmanship, professionalism, enthusiasm, dedication and the positive impact they had on every athlete and student they encountered.

Kata Baker

(4.) **THE DENNIS J. SULLIVAN MENSCH AWARD** established in 2023 by his wife, Rachel Ivker, and his children Emily '12 and Ben '16, honors a faculty member who represents the meaning of the Yiddish word: one who possesses

the qualities we hope for in a colleague and a teacher: integrity, reliability, and a sense of responsibility and goodness. This award will be given annually for 16 years, the amount of time Dennis served at KO, from May 2024 through 2039.

Carolyn McKee

(5.) **THE CLASS OF 1962 FACULTY AWARD** is a two year award presented biannually to a faculty member who has demonstrated commitment to scholarship and for contributions made to the life of the school and its students. The Class of 1962 created the fund and award to honor their 60th Reunion as well as for the many faculty who shaped their experience.

Trish Watson

COLLEGE BOOK PRIZES

(6.) **THE BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD** is given to an outstanding high school junior who demonstrates a commitment to civic engagement, community service, political activism, social justice, or volunteer work.

Stella Zimmer

(7.) **THE DARTMOUTH CLUB BOOK AWARD** is given to a member of the Fifth Form in recognition of outstanding academic and leadership qualities, coupled with imagination, concern for others, and loyalty to school, family and friends.

Zaire Ramiz

(8.) **THE HARVARD CLUB OF NORTHERN CONNECTICUT PRIZE** is given to that member of the Fifth Form who combines excellence in scholarship with significant achievement in other fields.

Claire Palmer

(9.) **THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA BOOK AWARD** is given to a member of the Fifth Form who has demonstrated academic excellence and innovative involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Stephen Bailey

(10.) **THE ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD** is given to a member of the Fifth Form who has demonstrated a significant commitment to community service.

Sophie Chen

(11.) **THE HARTFORD SMITH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD** is presented to an outstanding junior who exemplifies the academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others that characterize the thousands of women who have graduated from Smith College.

Sasha Dausey

(12.) **THE TRINITY CLUB OF HARTFORD PRIZE** is given to a member of the Fifth Form who has developed and practiced a true interest in the principles of good government.

Cary Duvall

(13.) **THE YALE CLUB OF HARTFORD PRIZE** is given to a member of the Fifth Form in recognition of scholastic achievement, leadership, effective teamwork, and organizational abilities.

Christian Gingeleskie

(14.) **THE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS**, named in memory of W.O. Williams and in the name of F.I. Catlin '43 and R.J. Catlin '43, is given for excellence in mathematics to a student in the Upper School.

Ryan Zheng

(15.) **THE CRITCHFIELD PRIZE FOR SCIENCE** is given by Horace E. Rockwell '39 in memory of his classmate, Thomas R. Critchfield, to a student who has performed outstandingly in science.

Diya Mistri

BILL MARTINO

(16.) **THE GOODMAN BANKS ENGLISH PRIZE** is given to a student in the Upper School for excellence in the field of English.

Emma Barringer

(17.) **THE TERWILLIGER PRIZE**, given in the name of R. C. Terwilliger '33, is given to a student in the Upper School for excellence in English prose.

Ava Cashman

(18.) **THE BRENDAN GILL '32 WRITER OF PROMISE AWARD**, in memory of the renowned writer and essayist, Brendan C. Gill '32, is given by the Gill family to the Upper School student who has shown the most interest and promise in developing their writing craft.

Raine Wang

(19.) **THE HERMAN PAUL KOPPLEMANN AWARD** is given in honor of Mr. Kopplemann who served five terms in Congress promoting social policy issues and was driven by a fundamental belief that politics is the proper avenue to promote the general welfare. The award goes to that member of the newspaper staff who has outstanding promise in the art of communication.

Ashley Buckingham

(20.) **THE STEWART PRIZE FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING** is given by P. R. Stewart '32 to a student in the Upper School who is adjudged the best public speaker.

a. **Saanve Bathula**

b. **Minnila Muthukumar**

(21.) **THE GOOGINS AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE in FORENSIC UNION** is named after KO faculty member and Forensic Union founder, Robert Googins who served Kingswood Oxford for over four decades as a teacher, coach and advisor. In his memory, it is awarded to a member of the Forensic Union officer team who has excelled in formal debate and who, like Mr. Googins, has served the Forensic Union with particular loyalty, enthusiasm, and dedication.

a. **Andrew La Croix**

b. **Leo Zhang**

(22.) **THE CONKLIN PRIZE**, endowed in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Conklin, is given to a student for excellence in United States history.

a. **Curran Dee**

b. **Raine Wang**

(23.) **THE WILLIAM AINSWORTH GREENE MEMORIAL PRIZE**, given by his three sons, is given to that member of the Fifth or Sixth Form who has shown the greatest interest in international and current affairs.

- a. **Allie Arcaro**, for scholarship and excellence in the study of economics.
- b. **Nicolai Benz**, for scholarship and excellence in international relations and world cultures.
- c. **Hana Haxhaj**, for scholarship and excellence in current events and public policy.

(24.) **THE ABRAHAM KOPPLEMANN PRIZE**, endowed by Mr. Kopplemann, is given to that student who has demonstrated interest in and awareness of the fundamental principles of democratic government.

- a. **Samuel Auclair**, for scholarship and excellence in governmental philosophies and political affairs.
- b. **Loretta Szych**, for scholarship and excellence in democratic principles.

(25.) **THE WYPER PRIZE** endowed in the name of James Wyper Jr. '36 and John Wyper '38 is given to an Upper School student for excellence in Latin.

- a. **Diya Mistri**
- b. **Addisen Nicholson**

(26.) **THE BISSELL PRIZE**, endowed by Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr., is given to a student in the Upper School who has excelled in the study of French.

- a. **Ilianna Brett**
- b. **Leo Zhang**

(27.) **THE ERNEST W. SMITH PRIZE FOR SPANISH**, endowed by Ernest W. Smith, Jr., is given to a student in the Upper School who has excelled in the study of Spanish.

- a. Ava Cashman
- b. Nicolas Tippner

(28.) **THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE PRIZE** is given to the Upper School student who, during their time at Kingswood Oxford, has excelled in the study of Chinese, both by demonstrating academic strength in the Chinese language and by embracing the culture of China.

- a. Emma Barringer
- b. Jason Chen

(29.) **THE MIXED CHORUS AWARD** is given to a student in the Upper School for outstanding service to the Mixed Chorus.

- a. Ally La Croix
- b. Jacob Mapp

(30.) **THE KINGSWOOD OXFORD BAND AWARD** is presented to the instrumentalist who has demonstrated outstanding musicianship, leadership, and dependability as a member of the concert band or wind ensemble.

Samir Patel

(31.) **THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD** is presented to the instrumentalist who has demonstrated outstanding musicianship, leadership, and dependability as a member of the jazz band.

Ted Simons

(32.) **THE NATIONAL SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AWARD** is given to a student for outstanding dedication, service and musical contributions to the orchestra.

Ilianna Brett

(33.) **THE MUSIC AWARD** is given to a student in the Upper School for their outstanding musical ability.

Bassil Chughtai

(34.) **THE JANE HAMILTON FISK AWARD** is given to a student in the Upper School for their outstanding ability or interest in music or musical organizations.

Audrey Karasik

(35.) **THE EDITH AND SAUL SHULANSKY PERFORMING ARTS AWARD** is given to that member of the Fifth Form judged to be the most accomplished performer by the Arts faculty.

Zaire Ramiz

(36.) **THE WILLIAM A. GREENE MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR DRAMATICS** is given to that student in the Sixth Form who has contributed most to the Dramatic Society while a member.

a. **Keysy Lopez Diaz**

b. **Anna Tippner**

(37.) **THE ELI UDOLF ART AWARD** is given by Mrs. Leonard Udolf in memory of her husband and his father, Mr. Eli Udolf, to that student in the Sixth Form whose portfolio of work demonstrates creativity approaching professional caliber.

- a. Link Lee
- b. Avi Lohr
- c. Kami Tarantino

(38.) **THE C. FRANCIS BEATTY, JR. PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD** is given to a student for excellence in photography during the current school year.

Ilianna Brett

(39.) **THE ROBERT A. LAZEAR AWARD** is given to a senior who, by example and dedication, has contributed the most to Kingswood Oxford athletics.

Aashni Patel

(40.) **THE WILLIAM R. MACDONALD PRIZE** is given by the class of 1962 in honor of William R. MacDonald, faculty member from 1931 to 1962, and is awarded to that member of the graduating class who has proven to be an outstanding athlete and who best exemplifies diligence in practice, sportsmanship, and spirit of competition.

Nathan Bowes

(41) **THE SENIOR ATHLETE AWARD** is awarded to a three-sport athlete who demonstrated a positive attitude, outstanding sportsmanship and dedication to team effort.

- a. Bassil Chughtai
- b. Georgia Louis

(42.) **THE ANDREW BLODGETT AWARD** is given in memory of Andrew Blodgett III of the Class of 1958 to the student in the Fourth Form who possesses qualities of helpfulness, friendliness, and good citizenship.

a. Ishaan Bafna

b. Hannah Bateson

(43.) **THE AANON J. AHL AWARD** is given in memory of Aanon J. Ahl, Class of 1993, to a member of the sophomore class whose enthusiasm, curiosity and passion for learning inspire their classmates and teachers.

Teague Shamleffer

(44.) **THE GRAHAM ANTHONY, JR. PRIZE** is given in memory of Graham Anthony, Jr., Class of 1939, to the member of the Fourth Form who demonstrates outstanding intellectual, physical, and moral abilities.

Ella Golino

(45.) **THE CLASS OF 1988 AWARD**, endowed by that class in their Third Form year, is given to that student of the Third Form who possesses qualities of friendliness, helpfulness, and good citizenship.

Alex Ndiaye

(46.) **THE FIRST YEAR AWARD** is given by Mr. Nathaniel Saltonstall II to that Upper School student who, during the first full year at Kingswood Oxford, has shown strong academic achievement and has displayed responsibility, maturity, cooperation and loyalty.

Arthur Tittman

(47.) **The JEFFREY BITTNER PRIZE**, presented by the Bittner-Conley family in memory of Jeffrey Bittner, a member of the Class of 1992, is dedicated to honoring his cherished role as a son, brother, and friend. This award is bestowed upon an exceptional student in the sophomore class who possesses a strong sense of self, determination, and selflessness.

a. Jason Chen

b. Samit Virmani

(48.) **THE GRETCHEN BAUVER AWARD** is given in honor of Gretchen Bauver, math teacher at Kingswood Oxford School from 1973-92, to the eighth-grade student who has shown the most growth in the field of math.

Drew Doering

(49.) **The ARLENE LIPTON AWARD** is given in memory of Alrene Lipton by her husband Michael, son Jonathan, Class of '88, and daughter Suzanne, Class of '93, to a continuing Form 2 student whose service to others in the Kingswood Oxford community and beyond to the larger community, exemplifies Mrs. Lipton's extraordinary legacy of service.

Siri Tokala

(50.) **The ANOUSHJKA MEAD WRITING AWARD** is given to that student who has contributed most to the literary life of the Middle School.

Racheal Segal

(51.) **THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** is given to that student who has demonstrated the most personal and academic growth during his or her Middle School career.

a. Jack Morris

b. Racheal Segal

(52.) **THE ANNUAL ALUMNI CHARACTER AWARDS** are given by the Kingswood Oxford Alumni Association to two students in Middle School Form 2 for their leadership, maturity, citizenship and concern for the welfare of the school.

a. Aaron Anstead

b. Aniajah Sanchez

c. Amir Waterman

(53.) **THE FIRST YEAR AWARD** is given to a Middle School student who in their first year at Kingswood Oxford has shown strong academic achievement and has displayed responsibility, maturity, cooperation and loyalty.

a. Bobby Doubleday

b. Tramy Phan

(54.) **THE RICHARD C. BUCKLEY AWARD** is given in memory of Richard C. Buckley, Class of 1980, to the senior who possesses qualities of loyalty, good humor, courage and the ability to accept both success and defeat gracefully.

Ava Cashman

(55.) **THE ROBERT A. FALK PRIZE**, given in memory of Robert Falk '80, is awarded to the Sixth Form student who has excelled in journalism and has been an active participant in the competitive sports program at the school.

Ashley Buckingham

(56.) **THE NELSON P. FARQUHAR AWARD**, presented by the Community Government, is given to that member of the Sixth Form who has given outstanding service to the community.

a. **Dhruv Suryadevara**

b. **Nicolas Tippner**

(57.) **THE CLASS OF 1958 PRIZE**, given in memory of Richard B. Bulkeley III, is awarded to that member of the Sixth Form who possesses qualities of modesty, reliability, and integrity.

a. **Keysy Lopez Diaz**

b. **Chelsea O'Donnell**

(58.) **THE MERRITT PRIZE**, founded by Mr. Joseph Merritt in the names of Robert P. Merritt '29 and Philip J. Merritt '33, is given to that member of the Sixth Form who best exemplifies the results of a Kingswood Oxford education.

a. **John Kumpa**

b. **Alex Levin**

(59.) **THE FORTITER PRIZE**, founded by Mr. Francis Goodwin Smith in the names of three sons, all graduates of the school, is presented to that member of the Sixth Form who has developed and displayed the qualities of courage and perseverance.

Andrew La Croix

(60.) **THE TURHAN MICHAEL ERGIN AWARD** is given to that member of the Senior Class who combines an enthusiasm for athletics and the performing or visual arts with a sincere love of people and a friendly, outgoing nature.

a. Michael Bzowyckyj

b. Oskar Ruser

(61.) **THE TYLER C. TINGLEY AWARD** is given to that member of the Senior Class who, in addition to excelling in academics, has, by dint of their selflessness and dedication, embodied the Kingswood Oxford goal of “caring beyond self” and has helped other members of the community to flourish and grow.

Bassil Chughtai

(62.) **THE STEWART LINDSAY, JR. PRIZE** is awarded to a student in the Upper School who demonstrates the same qualities of scholarship, leadership, and thoughtfulness that Mr. Lindsay embodied during his career at Kingswood Oxford as a teacher, coach and administrator.

a. Emma Barringer

b. Aashni Patel

(63.) **THE DUX PRIZE** is awarded to the student with the highest academic average for the year.

Tianyu Zheng

(64.) **THE KATHERINE LONG DAY AWARD** is given in memory of Katherine Long Day, Class of 1928 to that student in the Fifth Form who, in the judgment of the Head of School and Faculty, has displayed exceptional qualities of character and integrity.

Joella Asapokhai

(65.) **THE JONATHAN DOWNS PRIZE**, endowed by the friends of Jonathan Downs, is given to that member of the Fifth form who has contributed most to the class in helpfulness, good fellowship, and humor.

Lily Temkin

(64.) **THE GOLD SEAL**, one of the highest citizenship awards the school can bestow, is given to a student in the Sixth Form for outstanding qualities of character.

Leo Zhang

(65.) **THE PRIMUS MEDAL**, presented by Edith Greenough Lewis, and one of the highest citizenship awards the school can bestow, is given to that student in the Sixth Form who has contributed most during the past year to the life of the school.

Jacob Mapp