



Annual High School Awards

David Award for Excellence in Old Testament Study

This award is named after a young man who, though just a shepherd boy, had a heart that burned with love for God and His Word. He faced giants, wrote psalms that still touch hearts thousands of years later, and showed us what it means to pursue God with passion and courage. The award honors a student who displays a genuine hunger and deep interest in God's Word.

Timothy Award for Excellence in New Testament Study

This award was inspired by Timothy's example of service, leadership, and commitment to faith in the early church. It is given to a student who embodies 1 Timothy 4:12, which exhorts young people to high standards of speech, conduct, faith, and purity. Award recipients demonstrate both a deep knowledge of the Bible and a desire for a closer walk with Christ.

Homer Award for Composition

This award is named after the ancient poet who gave us two of the greatest stories ever told: The Iliad and The Odyssey. He understood the power of great literature to stir the imagination, to ask big questions, and to awaken wonder in the human heart. The award honors a student who embodies that same spirit of wonder and curiosity.

John Milton Award for European Literature

This award is named after one of the greatest poets in the English language. In his epic masterpiece Paradise Lost, he transformed the story of Adam and Eve into a profound exploration of good and evil, temptation, and redemption. Milton's work is famously difficult, yet rewarding for those willing to wrestle with it. The award honors a student who engages deeply with literature and its themes.



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Jane Austen Award for European Literature

This award is named for an author with a remarkable gift for creating stories filled with wit, warmth, and unforgettable characters. She understood that great literature is not only about beautiful language, but about loving a good story and caring deeply about the people who live inside it. The award honors a student who shows heartfelt enthusiasm for literature.

Blaise Pascale Award for Algebra I

This award is named for a 17th-century French mathematician remembered as much for his devout faith as his mathematical genius. His famous “Pascal’s Wager” is a passionate, compelling exhortation for belief. The award honors a student who shows persistent effort in the study of Algebra I, while seeking opportunities to help other students as well.

Isaac Newton Award for Geometry

This award is named for a 17th-century British mathematician whose work revolutionized the study of modern physics. He is famously known for his new understanding of gravity based on the observation of a falling apple. The award honors a student with a keen interest and understanding of Geometry.

Scientific Inquiry Awards for Science

This award honors a particular aspect of scientific research in each branch of science taught at WCA. The *Critical Thinking Award* honors a student who asks questions, challenges assumptions, and approaches problems with both curiosity and logic. The *Perseverance Award* honors a student who approaches scientific discovery with patience and determination.



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Lewis & Clark Award for Geography

This award is named for the pair of American adventurers who explored the newly acquired western portion of the United States from 1804 to 1806. Their spirit of discovery unlocked these lands for settlement and changed the course of American history. The award honors a student who shows the same spirit of discovery.

Mercator Map Award for Geography

This award is named for Flemish cartographer Gerardus Mercator, who created the popular Mercator project map of the world in 1569. Mercator was a devout Christian, who, though Catholic, had strong sympathies with Martin Luther. The award honors a student who has done exemplary work with maps.

Herodotus Award for World History

This award is named for the Greek author commonly known as “The Father of History.” His Histories of the Greco-Persian Wars were written to “prevent the traces of human events from being erased by time.” The award honors a student with a keen interest in history and its lessons for today.

Vasco da Gama Award for World History

This award is named for the Portuguese explorer who discovered the first direct marine route between Europe and India. The discovery of the Cape of Good Hope was a turning point in the history of the modern world. This award honors a student who enjoys

Todos Los Dias Award for Spanish I

This award means “Every Day” in Spanish. It is given to a student with a willing spirit, an interest in a new language, and the determination to keep trying “every day” to learn.



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Puentes Award for Spanish II

This award means “Bridges” in Spanish. As the name suggests, it is given to a student who excels in making connections and thinking critically about the way language works. Award winners enjoy learning about the people and places who speak Spanish while successfully learning new concepts and vocabulary.

Gil Dodds Award for Physical Education

This award is named for “The Flying Parson,” a world-record middle distance runner and pastor and evangelist in the mid 20th century. This award honors a student who gives their all in PE classes, working hard and displaying Christian sportsmanship in all activities.

CS Lewis Storytelling Award for Theater

This award is named the author of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, a beloved collection of tales which blend imaginative narrative with important lessons of faith. It honors students whose performances in our theater productions help to bring important stories to life.

Keith Green Award for Music

This award is named for a Christian composer of worship songs such as “Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful.” His witness and his work is known 40 years after his untimely death. The award honors a student who participates faithfully and wholeheartedly in the Wings of Worship Choir.

Wendy Reeder Shining Light Award for Creative Writing

This award is named for a long-time Weddington Christian Academy teacher with a passion for developing students as writers. She spent many years mentoring students in creative writing. The award honors a student whose contribution to the WCA Creative Writing Festival is especially meritorious.



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Honor Roll

This award recognizes students for their cumulative body of academic work. Students who earn a GPA of 4.0 each semester are recorded on the Honor Roll.

Three Sport Athlete Award

In a small school, a successful athletics program depends on faithful involvement by its student-athletes. This award honors students who participate in school sports in the fall, winter, and spring seasons.

Barnabas Award for Community Service

This award is named for the New Testament companion of Paul. Although he is originally named Joseph, the apostles changed his name to Barnabas, or “son of encouragement.” The award honors students who take the WCA call to service seriously, earning twice the required number of annual service hours.

Outstanding Attendance Award

This award may not be given every year. It honors students who attend school every day, even if an appointment causes them to miss a class period.