



Fifty-Seventh Annual
Baccalaureate Dinner &
Senior Honors Program

Bishop Dwenger High School
May 24, 2023

Class of 2023

Mission Statement

Bishop Dwenger High School, a Diocesan Catholic high school founded in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, provides a faith-centered community dedicated to academic excellence, growth in the spiritual life, a Christ-centered active life outside of class, and a Christian life of service to the community.

ACADEMIC LIFE

LIFE OF SERVICE



SPIRITUAL LIFE

AN ACTIVE LIFE

Vision Statement

The Bishop Dwenger community assists students in becoming "*Citizens of Two Worlds.*"

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools

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Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools

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Principal

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Assistant Principal

Amy Johns
Assistant Principal

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Development Director

Katie Steigmeyer
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Greg Slee
Athletic Director

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Technology Coordinator

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Computer Technician

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Yolanda Moilanen**
National Honor Society Moderators

Lora McGuire
Guidance Director

Tabitha Ray
Academic Awards Coordinator

Jason Garrett
Pastoral Minister

**Reverend Michael
Ammer**
Chaplain

**Reverend Luke
Okoye**
Chaplain



Program



Opening Prayer & Blessing
Fr. Michael Ammer

Dinner

Introductions
Tabitha Ray
Academic Awards Coordinator

Senior Video

Graduate Address
Nick VanRyn, 23-24 Student Body President

Student Recognition

Amy Johns Erin Brady
Jason Schifflì Tabitha Ray

Principal's Address
Jason Schifflì

Graduation Details
Tabitha Ray

Closing Prayer
Fr. Luke Okoye



Awards



National Honor Society Certificates were awarded at the Induction Ceremony in November while Academic Jackets were presented during the school year.

The Description of Awards may be found directly following the Award Recipient List.

If you discover any discrepancies, please contact the instructor/moderator from whom the award was issued.

Legacy Alumni



Being a part of the Dwenger Family is very special. We would like to thank the parents of each and every graduate for their commitment to Bishop Dwenger High School. The traditions at our school are deep-rooted and meaningful, and when a family makes it a tradition to attend Bishop Dwenger High School, it's something to celebrate. We would like to recognize students who share with one, or both, of their parents the bond of being a BDHS Saint. The continued generational support of these families, our Legacy Alumni, is denoted by the  on the following pages.



Award Recipients

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✿ Taylor Elizabeth Firks Albers
Lukas Matthew Alderdice

✿ Josephine Marie Allen

✿ Jack William Amick
Mia Soleil Ankenbruck

✿ Carlos David Arellano Martinez
Franklin Joseph Bader III
Arabella Kathryn Baker
Victoria Mekedes Barfield
Abigail Jean Barthold

✿ Jackson Nicholas Bauer

✿ Lucia Rose Baumgartner

★ Izabella Sophia Beck

✿ Michael David Becker
Robert David Bergeron
Garrett Cole Berghoff
Katie Clare Bermes
Payten Marie Lou Bermes

✿ Claire Raymond Bobay

✿ Regina Elizabeth Bobay

✿ Ethan Lee Bock
Carson Joseph Bogenschutz

✿ Carter Jeffery Bradley

✿ Jorie Tan Brandt
Brianna Nicole Brewington-Raboteau

✿ Michael Payne Brita

✿ Emily Elizabeth Brown

✿ Jessica Marie Brust
Alexander Matthew Brzozowski

✿ Amelia Marie Bucher
Brian Christopher Budenz Jr.

✿ Thomas Matthew Bundy
Andrew James Burch

✿ Clara Mae Burns

✿ Clara Ann Busch

✿ Ella Louise Campbell

✿ Samuel Mack Campbell
Christina Bianca Bandolon Capuyan

✿ Philomena Marie Carey

✿ Natalie Renay Carteaux
Thomas Robert Cavacini
Michael Joseph Ceruti
John Paul Cheever
Kimberly Betzabeth Chiqui

✿ Caleb John Christensen

✿ Isaac John Paul Christman
Bethany Grace Cisz
Emillie Madison Claycomb
Emmett Joseph Clift
Caroline Gillig Close



❁ Mary Therese Collis
 Vanessa Claire Cook
 Brenna Elise Cooper
 Gianluca Lorenzo Cruz
 Josephine Lee Current
 Clifford Demond Davis
 ❁ Eric James Delaney
 ❁ Samantha Rose Deshaies
 Tushiyah Neshya S Dixon
 ❁ Elijah Thomas Douge
 ❁ Isabel Rose Doyle
 ❁ Abbigail Rose Dunifon
 ❁ Reid William Eagan
 ❁ Kyle Justin Eddy
 Paul Edward Eisaman III
 ❁ Audrey Elizabeth Ellinger
 ❁ Veronika Elise Etter
 Austin Max Farris
 Hunter David Felton-Kaminskas
 ❁ Leo Joseph Finn
 Sophia Marie Francke
 ❁ Amelia Marie Frazier
 Olivia Marie Fromm
 Efren Fuentes-Garcia
 ❁ Amiah Grace Furnas

❁ Anne Julie Renee Furnas
 Samantha Anne Gadowski
 George Martin Getty
 Noah Michael Gilbert
 ❁ Alyssa Marie Goffer
 ❁ Megan Victoria Gonzagowski
 ❁ Quinn William Grant
 Eleanor Gianna Grosvenor
 Thomas Allen Guisinger
 Maribel Vanessa Guzhnay
 Megan Guadalupe Guzhnay
 ❁ Tyson Davis Hall
 ❁ Christopher Robert Hanke Jr.
 Lily Nicole Haraburda
 Evelyn Vance Harkenrider
 ❁ Genevieve Therese Heaton
 ❁ Jack Thomas Heck
 ❁ Grace Elizabeth Hein
 ❁ Brooklyn Noelle Henry
 ❁ Owen Thomas Hilger
 Joseph Edward Hill
 ❁ Dara Jayne Hinsch
 Cameron Taylor Hoffman
 ❁ Noah David Horner
 Abigail Louise Bernice House





Steven Thomas Hughes
 ❁ Erica Lynn Jacob
 Randy Benjamin Jacquay Jr.
 ❁ Nathan William James
 ❁ Isaiah Benjamin Johnson
 ❁ Marie Kathleen Johnson
 Noah Scott Johnson
 ❁ Dylan David Joley
 Lily Christine Karapantos
 ❁ Dylan Michael Keister
 ❁ Aida Marie Kelly
 Nathan Thomas Kinder
 Lillian Grace Knight
 ❁ Adam Vincent Koehl
 Susanna Joy Korson
 ❁ Dennis George Kountouris
 Courtney Marie Krohn
 Bridget Ann Kumfer
 Matthew Luck Landrum
 ❁ Melanie Agnes Lapp
 Tommy Trung Le
 Kali Marie Leathers
 ❁ Avery Marie Ledo
 Avery Damien LeShore
 Katelin Grace Lessen

Faith Addison Lewis
 Anthony Michael Ley Jr.
 ❁ Christopher Jude Ley Jr.
 Peter Henry Litchfield
 ❁ Henry Ross Luley
 Spencer Scott Lyons
 Connor Joseph Macejak
 Alan Macias
 ❁ Kamal Kalim Macon III
 ❁ Katherine Elizabeth Magda
 Carly Lynn Majewski
 Isabelle Grace McDowell
 Keegan James McGreevy
 Madison Elizabeth McLaughlin
 ❁ Keegan John Robert McMahon
 Vicky Nube Mendez Llangari
 Ava Susanna Merryman
 Gregg Allen Meyers Jr.
 ❁ Alice Marie Miller
 ❁ Ella Christine Miller
 ❁ John Thomas Miller
 ❁ Remington Chase Miller
 ❁ Joseph David Moran
 Macy Rose Moser
 Lauren Marie Munson





✦ Derek Ryan Neuhaus
✦ Ashley Marie Nill
✦ Brendan McHugh Nix
✦ Abigail Kathryn Nusbaum
✦ Maura Lyn O'Boyle
✦ David Daniel O'Brien
✦ Dooley Patrick O'Connell
✦ Karley Paige O'Leary
✦ Isaac Paul Oberhausen
 Jett Isabella Odle
✦ Charleston Evan Olson
✦ Kathryn Grace Palmer
✦ Jacob Anthony Patrick
✦ Loretta Rose Pelkington
✦ Robert Vitalis Pelkington III
 Reagan Elizabeth Pereira Schmidt
✦ Oscar Louis Perez
 Gunnar Allan Peters
✦ Ethan Thomas Pflueger
 Molly Marie Pierson
 Camren Joseph Quinlan
✦ Ana Therese Quinn
 Stephen Andrew Rashevich
 Davis Ray Rednour
 Ava Marie Reed

Ellen Makenzie Reidy
Connor Jerald Reinking
✦ Nathan Jeffery Reith
 Noah William Robertson
✦ Nicole Elizabeth Robinson
✦ Victoria Helen Rodenbeck
 Ian Michael Rogers
 Keira Elizabeth Rood
 Preston Jon Ross
✦ Ethan Daniel Roy
 Malori Mae Rude
✦ Bella Rose Ruden
✦ Stellan Charles Ruston
✦ Kiersten Michelle Sabo
 Benjamin Leo Sarrazine
✦ Adam Joseph Schenkel
 David Paul Schenkel II
 Seth Roland Schiffli
✦ Gretchen Elizabeth Schleinkofer
 Mason Campbell Schneider
✦ Collin William Schreck
✦ Rachel Elizabeth Schreck
 Luke Wesley Schuckel
 Faith Lorraine Screeton



✿ Hayden Andrew Shane
✿ Riley Elizabeth Shane
Molly Ellen Sheehan
Ruth Virginia Simcox
Ashton Bradley Skarie
✿ Cassandra Frances Smith
Genevieve Christine Smith
Kylie Jane Smith
✿ Olivia Noelle Sorg
✿ John Patrick Speer
✿ Maggie Marie Steele
✿ Theodore David Steele
✿ Peter Clement Steigmeyer
Ryan Lorraine Stieber
Gabrielle Lynnette Stores
Pablo Julian Sutter
✿ Eliana Marie Suvar
✿ Zachary Edward Suvar
Ashley Carroll Szymanski
Macie Charlotte Teders
✿ Noah Daniel Thurber
✿ Ava Jacqueline Tippmann
✿ Elliot Xavier Tippmann
✿ Eric Henry Tippmann

✿ Jackson Thomas Tippmann
✿ Julia Alvarez Tippmann
✿ Julian Dion Tippmann
✿ Maggie Elizabeth Tippmann
✿ Maryellen Ann Tippmann
✿ Emma Christine Tone
Alexander Michael Topalov
Samuel Thomas Trabel-Weir
William Patrick Trahin
Douglas Uriel Trujillo
Sofia Alexandra Vazquez
✿ Hunter David Wallace
Charlie Jeffery Wampler
✿ Ashlyn Elizabeth Watson
Olivia Grace Weber
Elijah John Westhoff
✿ Ruth Naomi Wheeler
Caleb Michael Willmert
✿ Maxwell Gregory Witte
✿ Owen Ryan Woolard
Abigail Kay Worrel
Camryn Sue Wright
William James Wright
✿ Tyler Joseph Yaggy
Lexa Lynn Zimmerman

Descriptions of Academic Awards

Academic Distinction – (Grades 9-12) Academic departments wish to recognize students for an exceptional work ethic throughout the year who have demonstrated improvement or above average performance in an academic subject area. Nomination for the award is determined by the instructor.

Academic Jacket Recipient – Bishop Dwenger High School places academics as a priority only after faith and family. Thus, the Academic Jacket Program has been initiated to make visible to the community the school's high regard for academics. A student satisfies the requirements for a given semester when they meet the following criteria:

1. 3.8 semester GPA
2. 97% attendance rate
3. Not enrolled in a study hall

Order of Awards When Above Criteria is Met (qualifying semesters need not be successive):

First Semester: graduating year numerals
Second Semester: academic "BD" letter
Third Semester: academic jacket or chevron
Subsequent Semesters: academic chevron(s)

Academic Leadership Award – (Grade 10-12) This student is enrolled in the leadership course directed by the social studies department and exhibits a high degree of intelligence while creating a leadership role among their peers. They have qualities that are necessary to produce great leadership. Two students per semester are nominated by the instructors.

Academic Team – The Indiana Academic Competitions for Excellence, IACE, operates under the auspices of the Association for Secondary School Principals. IACE competitions consist of the **Hoosier Spell Bowl** and the **Academic Super Bowl**.

Adam Smith World Economist Award – (Grade 12) This student has earned 95% or better in Economics for the semester as well as being a potential leader in the field who will invest their knowledge and expertise in improving the quality of life or profitability of a business.

Advanced Placement Einstein Mathematics Award – (Grade 12) This student demonstrates exceptionally strong ability in advanced placement mathematics (Calculus, Statistics). Students are nominated by the mathematics department.

Allen County Non-Public Schools Distinguished Senior Award – (Grade 12) This award is granted to one senior boy and one senior girl. These students have demonstrated strong moral character, excelled academically, and have been involved in school and community activities. Nominations are made through the guidance department.

Annie Liebowitz Award – (Grades 9-12) The student who earns this award demonstrated originality, skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision to that of Annie Liebowitz.

Apologetics Club – (Grades 9-12) These students are recognized for discussions based on the misconceptions about the Catholic Faith and leadership on how to engage with those who challenge their belief.

Armstrong - Thompson Award – (Grades 9-12) These students show exceptional demonstration of perseverance through class rigor in the subject of Earth & Space Science.

Ansel Adams Award – (Grades 9-12) This student demonstrates a creative skill in multi-media (photography, graphic design, animation). His/her works of art expresses inspiration similar to the famous photographer, Ansel Adams. Students are nominated by the art instructor.

Art Club – (Grades 9-12) The Art Club is an after school activity that creates a space for students to practice their artistic and creative skills together while providing materials and support.

Aspiring Nobel Laureate Prize – (Grades 10-12) This student demonstrates outstanding academic insight into the field of Anatomy & Physiology and shows leadership during class lessons and is willing to assist other students. Students are nominated by the instructor & maintain an A average.

Audubon Achievement Award – (Grades 10-12) This student demonstrates outstanding academic insight into the field of Environmental Science and shows leadership during class lessons and is willing to assist other students. Students are nominated by the instructor and maintain an A average.

Aureate Award of Honor – (Grades 9-12) This student has devoted time and effort to the creation and publication of the school yearbook. The student has assisted in various tasks such as taking pictures, writing captions, editing pages, and interviewing students and faculty. This student is honored for their dedication and commitment to the journalistic representation of the school.

Aureate Gallery of Editors – (Grades 10-12) This student has lead in the creation of the school publication for the entire year. The student has used creativity, editing skills, and time management in the development of the school yearbook. They capture the essence and spirit of the school through their page design, picture selection, and insightful captions. The editor position requires leadership of the staff as well as development of ideas and meeting deadline schedules. This student is honored for their dedication and commitment to the journalistic representation of the school.

Baking Saints Club – (Grades 9-12) Baking Saints Club is a way for people to come together and make not only delicious treats, but new friendships as well. It is a club for all expertise levels, there is something for everyone either to teach new kitchen skills or learn them! As a brand-new club this year we have many dreams of how to expand in the coming years.

BD Ambassador – (Grades 9-12) This student exhibits pride in Bishop Dwenger High School, maintains a high standard of character and works diligently as a contributing citizen. Assist recruitment team as Freshmen Mentors, conducting tours, and hosting students, as well as Open House, Saints Day, the Freshmen Merge, 9th Grade Registration, grade school visits, and phone calls to prospective students.

BD Billboard Award – (Grades 9-12) Presented to the student who assists Bishop Dwenger High School in the marketing and promotion of our great school, within our halls and outside our walls.

BD Honor Roll – (Grades 9-12) 3.500 – 3.799 semester grade point average.

BD Pillar Award – (Grade 12) Given to those Seniors who have demonstrated growth in one or more of the four pillars on which Bishop Dwenger High School's mission is founded: Faith Life, Service Life, Academic Life, and Active Life.

BD Scholar – (Grades 9-12) 3.800 and above semester grade point average.

Belles-Lettres Award – (Grades 11-12) Awarded to the master wordsmith in Creative Writing.

Bishop's Cross – (Grade 12) Presented to the one senior male and one senior female that best represent the four BD Pillars – Faith, Service, Academics, and the Active Life. Nominated by faculty and staff, these students are presented with a crucifix that they will be able to hang in their home for years to come.

Book Club Award – (Grades 9-12) These students explore the world of literature and discuss a rich, diverse selection of books that cover all topics, races, customs, and a plethora of ideas.

Camille Claudel Award – (Grades 9-12) This student creates sculptures that illustrate skills as inspirational as the famous sculptor Camille Claudel. Students are nominated by the Art Instructor.

Central Catholic Alumni Scholarship – (Grade 12) Given to that student that has expressed a passion and recognition for the value of his/her Catholic education.

Chemistry Olympiad Award – (Grades 9-12) This student is being honored for ranking as a top performing student in the field of chemistry. Qualification for the award is determined by GPA, attendance and Science Department approval.

Circle of Life Award – (Grades 9-12) This student has demonstrated an exceptional understanding of the biological sciences that sets them above all other students in this field. Qualification for the award is determined solely by a committee of biology instructors and Department Chair approval.

Competitive Club Member – (Grades 9-12) Given to those students that regularly participate in strategic, competitive activities (i.e. Scrabble, Table Tennis, Darts, etc.) and lead other competitors to do likewise.

Catholic Relief Services, CRS – (Grades 9-12) This group meets for dedicated projects and strives to uphold the beliefs of the organization. "The joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ." Gaudium et Spec Pref I

DAR Good Citizen Award – (Grade 12) Nominations are first solicited from teachers. The top three nominees are then placed on a ballot. The senior class then chooses the student who best demonstrates:

1. Dependability – trustworthy, reliable and loyal
2. Service – willingness to work and volunteer when needed in school, church or community
3. Leadership – ability to assume responsibility and be a good role model
4. Patriotism – love and respect family, school, community and country

DeWayne Florea Performing Arts Scholarship - (Grade 11-12) In loving memory of an incredible Bishop Dwenger High School supporter and his love for the stage, this scholarship is applied to recipient's following year's tuition. The recipient is a junior or senior that has shown remarkable talent in drama and is chosen by the fine arts director and qualified staff.

Disney Award for Animation – (Grade 9-12) This student has shown outstanding design in the area of animation. To create in the animation format, the student must have skills in drawing, sculpture, color application, story boarding, and an in-depth understanding of the design software that is used in this creation.

Double Helix Achievement Award – (Grades 10-12) This student demonstrates outstanding academic insight in the field of Genetics and shows leadership during class lessons and is willing to assist other students. Students are nominated by the instructor and maintain an A average.

Dr. Edmond Locard Forensics Award – (Grades 11-12) The student is being honored for demonstration of exceptional skills of observation, inference, evidence collection, and content knowledge in Forensic Science.

Elocution Award – (Grades 10-12) Awarded to the student who consistently demonstrates the highest skill level in the art of oratory.

Esprit De Corps Award – (Grades 11-12) Presented to that Marching Saint who consistently displays a positive attitude, a feeling of pride, fellowship and common loyalty modeled and shared to maintain a positive morale and spirit within the marching band.

Excellence in Drama Award – (Grades 9-12) Recognizes those students that have demonstrated a commitment, dedication, and excellence in acting at Bishop Dwenger High School.

Excellence in Show Choir Award – (Grades 9-12) Recognizes those students that have demonstrated a commitment, dedication and excellence in performing with the Show Choir at Bishop Dwenger High School.

French Club – (Grades 9-12) These students are recognized for organization, leadership, and regular participation through exposure to the French speaking world and its rich, diverse culture that leads to tolerance or differences regarding race, language, and customs.

French Global Citizen Award – (Grades 9-12) This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated an exceptional talent for and interest in the French language and culture and has continued the study of French beyond the requirement for any diploma. Qualification for the award is determined by the GPA, attendance and leadership in the French classroom setting.

Freudian Distinction – (Grade 12) Awarded in honor of Sigmund Freud, the founding father of psychoanalysis, to that student enrolled in Advanced Placement Psychology who shows an aptitude for the subject.

Frida Kahlo Award – (Grades 9-12) This student demonstrates a creative skill in painting. His/her works of art expresses inspiration similar to the famous painter Frida Kahlo. Students are nominated by the Art Instructor.

Future Business Leaders of America – Future Award – (Grades 9-12) Awarded to those members of the BD Chapter who have submitted documented advancement of business skills, community service, and involvement in the local chapter.

Future Political Leader Award – (Grade 12) Awarded to those Government students who show initiative in the study of state and community system beyond what is expected in the classroom.

Future Pulitzer Prize – (Grades 11-12) Awarded to the writer with consummate communication and analytical skills in either Advanced Composition or Expository Writing.

Game Club – (Grades 9-12) A club where students play board games, card games, and other tabletop games to rest, relax, and have fun with friends and classmates.

Golden Trumpet Editorial Leadership Award – (Grades 9-12) This student takes on responsibilities above his/her area and contributes to the total process of publishing in a news media. Leadership qualities are paramount for the recipients of this honor. Students are nominated by the moderator of the student newspaper.

Good Samaritan Award – (Grades 9-12) Awarded to the student who consistently displays a positive and helpful attitude in the classroom and towards the educational process in general.

Grammarians Award – (Grade 9) Awarded to the English 9 student who demonstrates meticulous grammar knowledge and usage.

Henry Clay Award – (Grades 10-12) Awarded to the Advanced Placement United States History student who persevered through class rigor and demonstrated determination to rise to the top.

Hispanic Heritage Pride and Leadership Award – (Grade 12) This award is presented to an outstanding and enthusiastic Spanish Heritage Learner, a student who is studying a language with some proficiency in or a cultural connection to that language through family, community, or country of origin.

Indiana Legislative Awards – (Grade 12) Given by the state senator and representative to each graduating senior.

Indiana University Honors Program (Grade 10-12) These students complete a rigorous selection process through Indiana University to travel to Mexico, France, or Spain. While abroad, they take classes, study and live with a family, sightsee and learn about a country's culture and language.

Indianapolis Star Academic All Star Award – (Grade 12) Bishop Dwenger's candidate for this award is selected based on a formula utilizing SAT/ACT scores and all grades earned through seven semesters. The top 40 students in Indiana are recognized as Indianapolis Star Academic All-Star Award winners.

John Philip Sousa Band Award – (Grade 12) Honors outstanding dedication and superior musicianship in high school band. Nominations are made through the Band Director.

Journalism Award of Excellence – (Grade 12) This student is being honored for his/her aggressive, tenacious and accurate reporting in a news media. He/she possesses attributes that could be developed into a successful news reporter. The student also may have displayed initiative in page editing by using creative ideas, efficient compilation of data, unique page designs and excellent overall quality of work. Students are nominated by the moderator of the student newspaper.

Katsushika Hokusai – (Grade 9-12) This student demonstrated originality, skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision likened to that of Katsushika Hokusai.

Keys Club – (Grades 9-12) These students are recognized for their successes attributed and time devoted to the club and community.

Leonardo da Vinci Award – (Grades 9-12) This student demonstrates a creative talent in drawing and shows great promise in the advancement of this art skill. They create illustrations that compliment the teaching from the great artist Leonardo da Vinci. Students are nominated by the Art Instructor.

Literary Luminary – (Grade 12) Awarded to the senior student who manifests enthusiasm, insightfulness, and reverence for literary works.

Lorax Award – (Grades 9-12) This is to acknowledge those students who have served the school through SEA as an office holder. This acknowledges those who assisted with 50 hours or more by providing recycling services for the school.

Louis Pasteur Award – (Grades 10-12) This award is given to a student who excels scholastically in microbiology and demonstrates a potential to successfully advance his/her education in the field of science. Nomination for this award is determined by the science instructor and department chair. Class participation, GPA, attendance and mastery of the subject matter are all considered.

Magellan Award in Geography – (Grade 9-12) This student demonstrates outstanding academic insight in the field of geography and shows leadership during class lessons and are willing to assist other students. Students are nominated by the instructor and maintain an A average.

Mark Twain Award – (Grade 10) Given to the outstanding student who demonstrates a love of and competency in American Literature.

Maslow Mark of Excellence – (Grade 12) Awarded in honor of Abraham Maslow, a theorist in psychological health, to that student enrolled in Advanced Placement Psychology who shows an aptitude for the subject.

Matsui Kosei Award – (Grades 11-12) Awarded to that student who demonstrates an inspirational vision in the medium of ceramics.

Matthew Fackler Perseverance Award – (Grade 12) This individual has displayed determination, dedication, diligence, persistence, endurance, stamina, steadfastness, tenacity, and a 'never give up' attitude throughout their high school career.

Michael R. Thompson Drama Award – (Grade 12) This award recognizes a senior who strives toward the highest level of professional accomplishment in drama. This individual has displayed commitment, dedication and acting at the highest level. Nominations are made from the Drama Director.

Milton Glaser Award – (Grades 11-12) – Awarded to that student who demonstrates an inspirational vision in Graphic Design.

National Honor Society – (Grades 11-12) Individuals of Bishop Dwenger High School are invited to apply for entrance to the Cives Mundorum Duorum Chapter if they have achieved a grade point average determined by the NHS Board by the start of their junior year. Those accepted must present themselves as leaders of the school in academics, service and Christian attitude.

The National Merit® Scholarship Program – (Grade 12) An academic competition for recognition and scholarships. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) during the junior year. The top 16,000 of the 1.5 million students are selected as National Merit Semi-Finalists. National Merit Finalists are selected based on academic performance in high school and their subsequent SAT scores. These students represent the top 1% of all students who took the PSAT.

The National Scholastic Awards in Art and Writing – (Grades 9-12) The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers celebrates the creative achievement of America's teens. The Awards were founded in 1923 to offer recognition and scholarships for students for their artistic talents. Students who excel in the visual arts and creative writing participate in The Awards to earn recognition, get their work exhibited or published, and to earn scholarships.

Nelson/Tierney Speech Award – (Grade 12) Recognizes a senior who strives toward the highest level of professional accomplishment in Speech. This individual has displayed commitment, dedication and speaking at the highest level, and must be a member of the Speech Team. Nominations are made by the Speech Team Moderator.

Outstanding Musicianship and Leadership Award – (Grade 12) Earned by those students who demonstrate exceptional musical performance while modeling dedication to the craft.

Pastoral Ministry Award – (Grades 9-12) Students that share their gifts, talents, and Christian faith through Retreat Planning, Ministering of Holy Communion, Liturgical Choir, Liturgical Ensemble, Proclaiming The Word.

Philomena's Friends - (Grades 9 - 12) This group welcomes all skill levels of knitting and crocheting. This club teaches the knowledge, skills and abilities to actively carry out this wonderful art and lifelong skill.

Principal Award – (Grade 12) These seniors are awarded for their demonstration of improvement in faith, academics, activities, or service.

Publius Vergilius Maro Award – (Grades 11-12) In honor of the ancient Roman poet, Virgil, this award is presented to the student who demonstrates exceptional originality, skill and emergence of a personal voice in the study of the Latin Language.

Ralph Steadman Award– (Grades 9-12) This student demonstrates outstanding skill in cartooning. His/her works of art expresses inspiration/humor that can be likened to the artwork of Ralph Steadman.

Quill & Pen Award – (Grade 12) Earned by the Advanced Placement English student who demonstrates consummate rhetorical skills in both the areas of language and literary analysis.

SADD Recognition Award – (Grades 9-12) Presented to the student that has served the Bishop Dwenger High School's SADD Chapter and dedicated time and talent to the Students Against Destructive Decision Mission "To provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving and other destructive decisions."

Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton Peer Tutor Award – (Grades 9-12) This student unselfishly contributes his/her talent and times to assist other students who need special attention in academic disciplines. A special distinction is awarded if a student tutors for his/her entire high school tenure. Students are nominated by the Resource Room Supervisor.

Saint Francis Master's Of Life Science – (Grades 9-12) This award is given to a student who maintains above average grades in biology and shows an interest in science. Students who participate intelligently in class discussions are so honored. Selection is made by the Science Department.

Saint Gabriel Development & Alumni Relations Award – (Grades 9-12) Presented to the student who most understands the importance of giving back to their school, both now and in the future. He/she has demonstrated a commitment, and pride in our school by involvement in Saints Alive! and other Development and Alumni events. As a result, he/she has made a significant impact in our Dwenger Family.

Saint Mother Teresa Club – (Grades 9-12) The members of this club follow the motto of St. Mother Teresa, "to do things with great love."

Saint Mother Teresa Service Award – (Grades 9-12) This award recognizes students who have at least fifteen service hours above the requirement. Student names are submitted by the Service Coordinator.

Saint Paul Award – (Grades 9-12) Given to students who extend an altruistic attitude to others, much like St. Paul. These students model hard work by completing God's tasks without complaint; always setting an example for others and being a conscientious student daily. This award is determined by the instructors and staff of the Resource Room.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Award – (Grades 9-12) This student demonstrates an outstanding knowledge of Theology. He/she models life after Jesus and serves as an example to other students. They show leadership during class discussions. Students are nominated by the Theology Department.

Saints Alive! Four-Year Volunteer Award – (Grade 12) Awarded to those students that have given freely of their time to the generation of financial aid for Bishop Dwenger and its students via participation in the Saints Alive! auction during each of the years he/she was a student at this school.

Saints Alive! St. Joseph the Worker Award – (Grades 9-12) Each year, the staff and volunteers who lead the Saints Alive! effort identify an outstanding student who has gone above and beyond the call-of-duty to assist in our school's major fundraiser. This student has demonstrated the importance of service, hospitality and kindness and his/her efforts are to be commended.

Saints for All – (Grades 9-12) Saints for All strives to encourage diversity, by promoting understanding and celebrating the differences in our community, by educating students and staff about multicultural issues and racial inequality and by following the example of Christ.

Salutatorian – (Grade 12) This student has the second highest grade point average of the senior class.

SEA Club – (Grades 9-12) The Sustainable Environmental Action Club is a student organization focused on pioneering sustainability throughout the school. Various activities include Earth Week, managing the schools recycling, and after school discussion events.

Senior Athlete Award – (Grade 12) This award is given to all senior athletes and managers who participated in an athletic activity during their senior year. Seniors play a pivotal role in providing leadership for teams and the student body and they are an integral part of developing success.

Senior Performing Arts Award – (Grade 12) Given to all senior performers who participated in the Performing Arts during their senior year. These include concert band, jazz band, concert choir, show choir, drama, etc. Seniors play a pivotal role in providing leadership for these organizations and they are an integral part of developing success.

Senior Superlatives – (Grade 12) A light-hearted designation elected by the members of the senior class.

Sertoma Outstanding Scholar/Athlete Award – (Grade 12) This student demonstrates leadership by excelling both academically and athletically.

Service to School – (Grade 12) Awarded to those students who volunteer time and aid to a given office/department of the school.

Shakespeare Award – (Grade 11) Given to the outstanding student who demonstrates a love of and competency in English Literature.

Sir Isaac Newton – (Grade 12) Awarded to the student who shows exceptional demonstration of perseverance through class rigor in the subject of Honors Physics.

Socrates Award – (Grade 12) This is presented to a student for their excellence in the critical examination of course material, participation in course dialogue and in searching for the truth that can only be found outside the Cave.

Spanish Club – (Grades 9-12) These students are recognized for organization, leadership and regular participation through exposure to the Spanish speaking world and its rich, diverse culture that leads to tolerance or differences regarding race, language, and customs.

Spanish Global Citizen Award – (Grades 9-12) This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated an exceptional talent for and interest in the Spanish language and culture and has continued the study of Spanish beyond the requirement for any diploma. Qualification for the award is determined by the GPA, attendance and leadership in the Spanish classroom setting.

Spell Bowl Award – (Grades 9-12) These students participate in the Indiana Association of School Principals Spell Bowl competition season.

Spirit Club – (Grades 9-12) Presented to those students that display extraordinary school spirit and initiate spirit-driven activities. This student contributed to spirit related activities and their planning (i.e. pep sessions, locker signs, Homecoming activities, etc.).

Sterling Sentinel Nominee in Journalism – (Grade 12) This student has demonstrated true interest and talent in his/her respective categories throughout his/her high school career. Once selected to represent Bishop Dwenger, he/she competes among the top students in the area. Based on written applications and interviews, the scholarship winners are selected by a panel of journalism experts.

Student of the Year – (Grades 9-12) This student is nominated as a Student of the Month during the school year for demonstrating academic achievement in one of ten academic disciplines. *The social studies department awards the student of the year for their department in memory of former social studies instructor, Denvil Meadows.*

Top 10 (Grade 12) – These students have the 10 highest grade point averages of the senior class.

Top 10% (Grade 12) – This student's grade point average is ranked in the top 10% of the senior class.

Top 20% (Grade 12) – This student's grade point average is ranked in the top 20% of the senior class.

Valedictorian – (Grade 12) This student has the highest grade point average of the senior class.

Video Award of Excellence – (Grades 9-12) The Video Award of Excellence is given out to a student who displays skill and desire in the video segment of the Student Media class. The student is active in livestreaming and the production of videos in the class, including the video announcements. This student shows a dedication and commitment to the quality of the video work created in the Student Media class. Whether it be behind the camera or in front of the camera, this student strives to make the Student Media class look good on a screen of any size.

Wordsmith Award – (Grade 9-12) Given to the student who displays outstanding knowledge of the meaning of words, their origin, and contextual use and applies this knowledge to writing appropriately.



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Important Notes

Graduation Practice

Mandatory practice at 9:00 am Friday at The Embassy Theatre. No beverages permitted in the theater.
DO NOT park at the Cathedral!

Graduation Dress Code

Gentlemen: shirts, ties, dress pants, dress shoes, shaved & no piercings

Ladies: skirts, dresses, no flip flops, no extra piercings

Press your caps & gowns with a warm iron.

Do not forget your cap, gown, tassel, NHS stole, Top Ten chord & medals or pins received tonight.

No other decorations of cap and gown are permitted.

Students who do not comply with this dress code will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony

Schedule for the Evening

- 5:30 pm Doors open to the theatre
- 6:00 pm Video begins
- 6:30 pm Graduate candidates process into the theatre

Please remember that the graduation ceremony is in the context of a prayer service. We ask that attendees provide the respect deserved of all graduates and their families.

Please refrain from catcalls and overt displays.

Please share this concern with your guests.

We ask that all attendees remain seated until the faculty and graduates have recessed from the theatre.

If weather permits, the graduates will be led to the steps of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where families may meet them. If weather does not permit, the graduates will be led back to The Grand Wayne Center. Please cross Jefferson and Calhoun Streets at the crosswalks only.

Once again, we will provide live video streaming of the ceremony from The Embassy Theatre. Any friends or family unable to attend the event may access the link at bishopdwenger.com.

Miscellaneous

Also, in the awards packet, you may find an envelope that includes sensitive information shared with Bishop Dwenger High School upon Freshman Registration. These may include: birth certificate, immunization record, Social Security card, and Registration Form.

In the week following graduation, parents and students will receive an email with a link to a copy of the Senior Video, tonight's PowerPoint slides, and the Graduation PowerPoint slides. This email will include a password to access the files that will be available in several formats.



School Prayer

This is Bishop Dwenger
Let peace dwell here
Let our school be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of God
Love of mankind
And love of life itself
Let us remember that
Just as many hands build a house
So many hearts make a school
Amen



BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

With gratitude and prayers of thanksgiving, we wish
Kathy Bennett, Doris Derheimer, and Cathy Dillon
a 'Happy Retirement'.



Mrs. Kathy Bennett

Guidance Department
10 Years



Mrs. Doris Derheimer

Math Department
19 Years



Mrs. Cathy Dillon

Guidance Department
13 Years

“His master replied, Well done, good and
faithful servant! You have been faithful.
Come and share your master’s happiness!”
Matthew 25:21