

## Prizes Awarded in 2021

### Arts

**THE ARTS DEPARTMENT PRIZE:** *The Arts Department has chosen to recognize the following seniors who have challenged themselves and have shared their passion for their chosen art form with the school community.*

*Nicholas Tao '21  
Sophie-Marie Chadha '21  
Oliver Shapiro '21  
Samuel Rabieh '21  
Catherine Bertolini '21*

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### THE JOHN B. PETROPOULOS ART EXHIBITION

*Commemorates a great teacher and friend. The following students were chosen to exhibit in this year's Petropoulos show:*

*Dana Yesson '21  
Sofia Dushku '21  
Leah Grealish '21  
Siena Lerner-Gill '21  
Nanako Ruping '21  
Ella Wolff '21  
Lily Garvey '21  
Keesha Theodore '21  
Emma Worthington '21  
Sofia Chen '22*

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**THE DESIREE ROGERS KING FUND** *was created by Sherwood King in memory of his wife, a member of the Buckingham Class of 1936, who had a life-long interest in the arts. The income from the fund is to be awarded annually to a promising student of the arts at BB&N. This award may be applied to scholarship assistance, or to after-school or summer study in the arts.*

*Hanah Shemsu '22  
Alejandro Moro-Araujo '24*

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### Athletics

**THE PATRICIA H. BIGGAR PRIZE** *is awarded to students who have achieved a standard of excellence in performance, spirit, and leadership by example throughout their athletic career.*

*Raia Schluter '21  
Sam Bernstein '21  
Jaden Young '21*

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**THE CLASS OF 1933 ATHLETIC AWARD** was established by the Class of 1933 and is awarded to the best all-around boy and girl athletes in the graduating class, faithful in practice, skillful in play, and winning or losing true to the highest ideals of good sportsmanship.

Aimee Seppenwolde '21  
Matthew Thompson '21

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**THE NICHOLS PRIZE** is given in memory of former Headmaster Edgar Hamilton Nichols to two athletes in the upper classes who, throughout the year, attain the highest distinction jointly in scholarship and athletics.

Mia Biotti '21  
Russell Cambell '21

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**THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL LEAGUE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE** is presented at each Independent School League member school to that student athlete who best exemplifies the Independent School League ideals of integrity, sportsmanship, fair play and good citizenship while participating as a multi-sport athlete during their ISL career.

Victoria Huang '21

### English

**THE GEORGE HENRY BROWNE ENGLISH PRIZE** commemorates one of our School's founders. A friend of Robert Frost, whom he several times invited to speak at the School, Mr. Browne was a highly esteemed English teacher, the writer of several books, and the headmaster of Browne & Nichols from 1883 until 1928.

Sophie-Marie Chadha '21  
Elise Hawkins '21

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**THE PAUL M. JACOBS PRIZE** was established by Mrs. Emilie K. Jacobs to honor the memory of her late husband, a former Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Buckingham. The award is given to that member of Grade 10 who has shown outstanding skill in debating.

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Gabrielle Martin '23

### History

**THE HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE TEACHERS' PRIZE** is awarded annually to the senior who has demonstrated exemplary achievement, commitment, and potential in the study of history and social science. This year the prize is awarded to:

Abigail Rabieh '21

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## Mathematics

**THE HARRY DAVIS GAYLORD PRIZE** is given in memory of the former mathematics teacher to a deserving senior for outstanding work in the field of mathematics.

Andrew Zhao '21

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## Sciences

**THE JEAN GORDON CAIRNIE CASTLES SCIENCE PRIZE** was established in 1982 through a bequest from Mrs. Gordon C. Cairnie in honor of her daughter, Jean Gordon Cairnie Castles '54 and is given to a graduating student who has demonstrated exceptional scientific ability in biological science.

Alex Wu '21  
Zoe Berman '21

**THE JOHN H. WALTERS SCIENCE PRIZE** is named in memory of John H. (Doc) Walters, who taught science from 1949 through 1989 and is given recognition of sustained enthusiasm and effort in physical science.

Nanako Ruping '21  
Jayden Personnat '21

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## World Languages

**THE ARABIC PRIZE** is presented to a student who has proven to be mutahamis/mutahamisa (intensely enthusiastic) for Arabic Language and cultures.

Alan Bers '21

**THE CHINESE PRIZE** is given to the student who excels in the study of Chinese.

Claudia Cortell '21

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**THE HELENE HERZOG FRENCH PRIZE** is funded by faculty and friends of the former French teacher, and is presented for excellence in French and for consistent commitment to the study of French and French civilization.

Bea Scanlon '21

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**THE JAMES ARTHUR REEVES LATIN PRIZE** is presented for excellence in translation and comprehension.

Zoe Berman '21

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**THE GEORGE DEPTULA RUSSIAN PRIZE** is presented in honor of the founder of BB&N's Russian program in 1956 and is given to a student who has distinguished him/herself by excellent academic performance in the Russian language and who has demonstrated a continuous passion for Russia and its people.

*Gabriella Blanco '21*

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**THE SPANISH PRIZE** is given to the student in the upper grades who excels in the Spanish language and who demonstrates interest and enthusiasm for Hispanic literature and culture.

*Hattie Grant '21*

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**THE MARINA KEEGAN '08 MEMORIAL FUND** was established in the spring of 2012 by family, alumni/ae, faculty, and friends to honor the memory of Marina Keegan, BB&N class of '08. In multiple arenas, Marina stood out as a kind, intelligent, invested young woman known for her quick wit and irrepressible energy. This fellowship is awarded annually to one or more BB&N students pursuing projects focusing on either artistic pursuits or activist causes that reflect Marina's spirit, talents, and ideals.

*Annie Stockwell '21*

*Katie Baker '21*

*Chloe Fandetti '21*

*Mary Randolph '21*

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**THE CRAIG B. STONESTREET '49 PRIZE** was established in 1991 by family, friends, alumni/ae, and parents to honor the memory of BB&N's respected alumnus, teacher, administrator, and coach. The prize is awarded to a student of the junior class in recognition of high scholarship, excellence in athletics, constructive influence within the School, and is to be used for travel or other personal enrichment of an educational nature.

*Jack Pappendick '22*



## **Citizenship**

**THE BARRETT HOYT AWARD** was established in 1972 in memory of a student and is awarded to a senior who acts responsibly and represents his or her classmates and School with honor.

Kind, considerate, humble, and mature, this student holds herself to a high standard as a learner, a classmate, and a friend. Whether it's in A Capella or in Chinese class, during semester away or on the cross country team, she can be found putting in her best effort, supporting her peers, and overcoming obstacles with integrity, hard work, and determination.

*Priya Devavaram '21*

This student is an artist, an environmentalist and is passionate about social justice. She is a caring individual who acts not only in the BB&N community but also in her wider community, promoting an awareness and respect for the natural resources available and the inequalities that exist surrounding access to these resources. She demonstrates a determined approach to overcoming challenges in situations that are close to her heart, she cares deeply about and advocates for human rights and is a kind, sensitive and supportive friend.

*Clio Quilter-Vagts '21*

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**THE ANNETTE JOHNSON PRIZE** *honors the memory of a student whose life exemplified courage and commitment to scholarship. The prize recognizes optimism, perseverance and dedication to the community and its ideals.*

A scholar whose range of interests begins with her highest-level academic courses and goes on to “broaden” the word ‘scholarship’ to include her numerous achievements in Orchestra and Chamber Music, her co-presidency of Model UN, and her role as an editor for the Vanguard, this dedicated student has added much to the BB&N experience of her peers and the community at large.

In Orchestra and Chamber Music, this student's exquisite musicianship paired with a tenacious will to collaborate on every possible project and to share in the joys of ensemble playing with her peers. She is 'viola power' personified.

*Abigail Rabieh '21*

Cheerful and outgoing, this student strives to make everyone feel welcomed. His perpetual smile, joyful nature, and concern for others make him the ideal Peer Counselor and *Vanguard* Opinions editor. In good times and in bad, he somehow manages to make those around him have a brighter day.

*Daniel Gross-Loh '21*

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**THE MERIWETHER OTIS KIMBALL PRIZE**, *established in memory of Meriwether Otis Kimball '32 by his parents and is awarded annually for faithful, conscientious work and cheerfulness in meeting and overcoming difficulties.*

With her big heart and big smile always present, this young woman contributes in various ways that improve our community. In the classroom, she builds strong relationships with her peers and teachers by asking questions, engaging the discussion, and challenging both her own and her peers’ opinions. Whether playing on a team or in attending SHADES, Empower, GAINS or other interests, she demonstrates that through kindness, dedication, and activism, one can change her community for the better

*Ruthie Osagie '21*

Enthusiastic, kind, and thoughtful, this student always takes the time to celebrate her classmates and create team spirit. Whether helping lead varsity soccer to a New England championship or cheering on classmates with their projects and presentations, she always brings out the best in herself and in those around her and brightens each community of which she is a part.

*Charlotte Huang '21*

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**THE LUBETS PRIZE** was established by Richard I. Lubets, Browne & Nichols class of '51, in memory of his parents, to honor a student who has made an outstanding contribution during her or his senior year.

This student has been described as respectful, careful, thoughtful, calm, steady, trustworthy, and caring deeply about the quality of his work. Whether serving as a biv junior guide, creating music with his peers, or jumpstarting BB&N sports blog website *The Benchwarmer*, he has demonstrated a consistent commitment to bettering the BB&N community, and an ability to lead through action more than words. Future BB&N seniors will continue to learn and benefit from the exemplary model set by this young man.

*Jayden Personnat '21*

Quite simply put, this student is a force of nature. Witty, dedicated, thoughtful, ambitious, and curious, she is a gift to any classroom and to our school. She arrived just last fall, one of the only transfer juniors in the class. It is unusual for students to make such a seamless transition to BB&N, but she did just that, leaping into the classes, athletics, and clubs in a way that made everyone forget she had just arrived. She is a leader in the class, confident yet inclusive, willing to push others yet patient with those who have not yet caught up to where she is. These two years have gone quickly, but it is hard to imagine this class without her in it.

*Samirah Moody '21*

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**THE DAVID R. POKROSS PRIZE** was established by the Pokross children and grandchildren to honor their father and grandfather, a former trustee at Buckingham Browne & Nichols. It is awarded to the student whose commitment to people in need best embodies the ideals expressed in the Community Service Program of the Upper School.

This student has worked with Housing Families, Inc a non-profit program that works to end homelessness for families throughout his highschool career. He has spent countless hours tutoring, providing support to students after school, and working as a summer camp counselor. He has raised over \$20,000 by hiking 70 miles of the Appalachian trail, writing grants, and selling Origami through a website he and his sister operate. As a member of CELB this year, he has been instrumental in getting the website organized and usable. Extremely kind, thoughtful, humble and selfless, he took it upon himself to use his talents with website design and computers to help make our service learning hub better. His leadership and work will leave a lasting legacy at BB&N as the service learning program continues to evolve.

*Alex Wu '21*

This dedicated and compassionate leader has given generously of her time and energy to educate, support and serve the community. Her joyful personality is evident whether it be in service to her class as an elected officer, her volunteer work, or tutoring during the pandemic.

*Aanika Patel '21*

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**THE APRIL TERUEL PRIZE**, given in memory of a former student, is awarded this year to a senior who is kind and understanding to his peers and has been an active participant in the life of the School.

Always happy, optimistic and energetic whether he was participating in class or Shades, helping a fellow student as a Peer Counsellor or playing in the Varsity soccer team. He was hardworking and committed to make BB&N a better place while embodying carefreeness and kindness with his signature smile.

*Nikhil Datta '21*

This young woman's kindness and care for her classmates helps to nurture the social dynamic of the class of 2021. As a captain for various sports, a member of myriad clubs/activities, an officer for her class, a member in Chorale, a Junior Guide for BIVOUAC, she demonstrated that inclusion means that everyone belongs. We'll miss seeing her on the sidelines at friends' games, listening to her sing at events, and watching her work her magic in any given social situation.

*Patricia Halliday '21*

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PRIZE** was established by George Deptula, a former member of the faculty, to recognize strength of character, sensitivity to the needs of others, and willingness to use his or her education, talent, and time to assist those in need.

Guided by his own inner compass, this student moves towards personal excellence and social justice with the same commitment, focus, work ethic, and passion. His even-keeled leadership reflects genuine caring whether tutoring 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in English at the Benjamin Banneker school, or articulating the purpose of BSAE (Brothers Seeking Academic Excellence) or cheering teammates on when things don't go well on the pitch - be it for BBN or Chelsea FC. With deep curiosity, with high expectations of himself and others, with supportive engagement, and with courage to stand up for an ethical perspective, this student explores possibilities for making the world better

*Mehdi Epee-Bounya '21*

Dedicated, sincere, kind, and empathetic are just a few words that describe this outstanding human being. On a given day, this student can be seen studying diligently, grabbing her violin for an orchestra rehearsal, heading with music in hand to a chorale or Voices of the Knight rehearsal, lugging hockey gear for a practice or game, or reading over submissions for the Spectator. No matter what she is doing, this student is always thinking about the needs of her friends and of the BB&N community.

*Sophie Marie-Chadha '21*

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**THE HEAD'S PRIZE** is awarded to those students in the graduating class who, in addition to fine scholarship, have contributed generously to friends and the school community, and whose lives exemplify the School's motto: Honor, Scholarship, Kindness.

The class of 2021 would not have been the same without this young man. From the very first day when he decided to take “groupies” of his peers with an imaginary camera at BIVOUAC, it was obvious this young man cares about creating an inclusive, kind, and fun experience for everyone, which lasted for his four years at the US. In the classroom, his genuine curiosity drives his academic pursuits and interests, and his humble nature encourages others to learn without a fear of failure. And, by working equally hard at improving himself as an athlete and leader on the field, he demonstrates how one balances personal achievement with team success. We'll miss hearing his infectious giggle, his booming, “Hello!”, and seeing his welcoming smile each day.

*Jaden Young '21*

Genuinely engaged with the community, keenly aware of others, and dedicated to serving the greater good, this student—as a valued classmate, Student Council co-president, junior class president, and organizer of racial and social justice work—has led by unassuming, stellar example. Resilient, principled, and friendly, she garners gratitude from students and faculty alike for her crucial voice, her consequential involvement in the daily life of the School.

*Siena Lerner-Gill '21*

### **Cum Laude Society**

*Berman, Eloise Mitzi*

*Berman, Zoe Lee*

*Bernstein, Samantha Tamara*

*Chadha, Sophie-Marie*

*Cortell, Claudia Celeste*

*Datta, Nikhil*

*Grant, Harriet Mathers*

*Hawkins, Elise Draper*

*Hong, Matthew Meyer*

*Huang, Victoria Avery*

*Kim, Jonathan Jiyu*

*Levy, Ines Louise*

*Lichtenberger, Jackson*

*Liu, Quinn*

*Mo, Jane Jinjin*

*Padmanabhan, Karthik Sai*

*Personnat, Gerson E.*

*Personnat, Jayden Egbert*

*Qiu, Jack Yaowei*

*Rabieh, Abigail Marisa*  
*Ruping, Nanako Kuze*  
*Scanlon, Beatrice Shay*  
*Shapiro, Oliver William*  
*Wang, Dylan*  
*Whitney, Samuel McKenna*  
*Wu, Alexander Chen*  
*Zhao, Andrew Peng-yu*