

# PRIZES AWARDED IN 2026

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

Meaningfully engaged with his classes, athletic teams, and extracurricular activities, this student is a valuable community participant and an unassuming leader—genuine, readily approachable, morally grounded. Whether working on service projects, expanding his horizons through Round Square and Spanish trips, or being warm, friendly, and helpful to his advisory “siblings,” he demonstrates sincere kindness, understanding, and care for others.

MATTHEW ALEXANDER WALSH '26

**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 their education, talent, and time to assist those in need.

An exceptional student and extraordinary musician, this student shares his time and talents generously to support others within and beyond BB&N. By playing in the musical, orchestra and chamber ensembles, as well as spearheading the initiative to bring the Music for Food program to BB&N in 2024, his impact will endure well beyond their years at the Upper School.

VARTAN ARAKELIAN '26

Cherishing relationships above all, this student leader has been a welcoming presence to everyone he's encountered, whether at Bivouac, crew, debate, or a game of Spikeball. His altruistic spirit knows no bounds in or out of BB&N, and he leaves behind a legacy of meaningful connection and unwavering generosity.

LUKAS WELLESLEY '26

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

With a rare fusion of literary sensibility and scientific ambition, this scholar pursues knowledge with integrity, generosity, and boundless range. Whether enriching the community through BSU, SHADES, and EMPOWER, pushing the frontiers of her STEM passions at prestigious summer programs, or bringing a humanist's precision to the sciences and a scientist's rigor to the page, she embodies the school's highest ideals — and does so with warmth, grace, and a hunger for understanding as vast as the universe she hopes one day to explore.

MO MARIE LAUYANNE KOUAME '26

With grace, humility, curiosity, and joy, this leader has made an incredible impact at BB&N. Whether in the spotlight of the Theater, throughout the music rooms, on the Bivouac fields, or competing on the world debate stage, he cultivates Belonging and embodies Inquiry in his every move.

SALAR ALI SEKHAVAT '26

## Cum Laude Society

DIEGO ABADIE '26

JONATHAN MICHAEL ANDREOLI '26

VARTAN ARAKELIAN '26

ELLA FRANCES BOTEIN '26

CARL THOMAS CHEN '26

GABE GETNICK COOPER '26

GRANT X. DU '26

CAROLINE MAREN LUND DUDZINSKI '26

SOFIA EGAN '26

CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH GARRITY '26

HAILEY JIANG '26

MO MARIE LAUYANNE KOUAME '26

CAROLINE CECILIA KOVACS '26

SOOMIN LEILA KUNG '26

SHAY PATEL '26

SONJA RANDALL PEETZ-LARSEN '26

TIA HARDAGIRI DHARMA REDDY '26

SALAR ALI SEKHAVAT '26

LUCY MELISSA SORA SONG '26

MATTHEW ALEXANDER WALSH '26

JULIA WANG '26

YOU-YAN ANDERSON WANG '26

LUKAS WELLESLEY '26

DAVID ZHOU XIONG '26

CHENGLIN ZHANG '26

YANCHENG ZHAO '26

ANNIE ZHU '26

## Arts

**THE ARTS DEPARTMENT PRIZE** recognizes the following seniors who have challenged themselves and have shared their passion for their chosen art form with the school community.

VARTAN ARAKELIAN '26

ALEC ANDERSON BAILEY '26

IRIS EILEEN FAHY '26

MEEKA N. TOURÉ ORTIZ '26

MATTHIAS ARLAND KHUTSO PAULSON '26

DAVID ZHOU XIONG '26

**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.

KATHARINE VARADI '27

## Athletics

**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:

VARTAN ARAKELIAN '26

ALEC ANDERSON BAILEY '26

AMANDA BERLIN '26

SCARLETT JADE CHAN-MACRAE '26

RYAN STEPHEN CLAY '26

VIENA ANYA DESAI '26

IRIS EILEEN FAHY '26

RYAN JOSEPH FIGLIOLI '26

CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH GARRITY '26

CHRISTIAN HERNANDEZ '26

ALEXIS KATHERINE HIGGINS '26

HAILEY JIANG '26

EVREN MAVALVALA KHAN '26

FINN JOHN KONARY '26

SOOMIN LEILA KUNG '26

YANLONG LI '26

FINLEY DRAYTON LONG '26

ALEXIS MORGAN MACK '26

SAM ABIGAIL MINSKY '26

MEEKA N. TOURÉ ORTIZ '26

MATTHIAS ARLAND KHUTSO PAULSON '26

SONJA RANDALL PEETZ-LARSEN '26

SALAR ALI SEKHAVAT '26

ARJUN SUNIL SHROFF '26

WESTON CHOU TREGAY '26

ELIZABETH ASHTON VELANDER '26

LUKAS WELLESLEY '26

SYLVIE JOAN WELU '26

DAVID ZHOU XIONG '26

CHENGLIN ZHANG '26

YANCHENG ZHAO '26

XINYING ZHU '26

**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 careers.

SABINA KABA '26

BRETT FIELD RILEY '26

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

SKYLAR DOLLY HARTSHORN '26

JAIME VEGA ESPINOSA '26

**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.

ELLIS FRANK BARNES '26

ADDISON RUTH KALAW '26

**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.

AGATHA GRANT '26

JACK MCGAH ROSSITER '26

## 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 1883-1928.

SALAR ALI SEKHAVAT '26

**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.*

VALOR MCGRATH '28

## History and Social Sciences

**THE HISTORY AND 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.*

TIA HARDAGIRI DHARMA REDDY '26

## Mathematics and Computer Science

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

YANCHENG ZHAO '26

## 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.*

GRANT X. DU '26

ANNIE ZHU '26

**THE JOHN H. WALTERS SCIENCE PRIZE** *is named in memory of John H. (Doc) Walters, who taught science from 1949 through 1999, and recognizes a student who has demonstrated sustained enthusiasm and effort in physical science.*

DIEGO ABADIE '26

MO MARIE LAUYANNE KOUAME '26

## World Languages

**THE ARABIC PRIZE** *is presented to a student who has proven to be mutabamis/metabamisa (intensely enthusiastic) for Arabic language and cultures.*

MATTHIAS ARLAND KHUTSO PAULSON '26

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

CAROLINE MAREN LUND DUDZINSKI '26

**THE HELENE HERZOG FRENCH PRIZE** *was 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.*

YOU-YAN ANDERSON WANG '26

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

CAROLINE CECILIA KOVACS '26

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

CHLOE NICOLE RANKEL '26

**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.*

GABE GETNICK COOPER '26

DAVID ZHOU XIONG '26

**THE MARINA KEEGAN '08 SUMMER FELLOWSHIP** *was established in the spring of 2012 by family, alumni, faculty, and friends to honor the memory of Marina Keegan, Class of 2008. In multiple arenas, Marina stood out as a kind, intelligent, invested young woman known for her quick wit and irrepresible 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.*

MIRABEL GE '27

ERIN YU '27

**THE CRAIG B. STONESTREET '49 PRIZE** *was established in 1991 by family, friends, alumni, 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.*

KATHERINE GLANTZ '27

**THE ROUND SQUARE KING CONSTANTINE MEDAL** *is presented to an exceptional individual or group of individuals from every member school who has done unusual and outstanding work within their local or school community and truly embraces the spirit of the Round Square ideals: International Understanding, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership, and Service.*

OLIVIA MARIE-BEATRICE RICHTER '26

MATTHEW ALEXANDER WALSH '26



## Community

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

An indispensable community force, this student leads through steady presence, integrity, and quiet determination. Whether spearheading Community Day or guiding SHADES, she unites others with genuine empathy and grace. A persistent and talented scholar, she consistently uplifts those around her with a resilient kindness and sincerity that requires no recognition to be felt deeply.

ISABEL JENEL DORICENT '26

A selfless leader who has worked tirelessly on behalf of his class and the whole student body, this student always leads with kindness and integrity, always seeking to understand the needs of others. From organizing class dances, to completing a project to aid the visually impaired, to rallying the Knights tennis team to compete with grit and sportsmanship, his optimism and community spirit shine through all he does.

JONATHAN MICHAEL ANDREOLI '26

**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.*

This student embodies the BB&N motto through his kindness, intelligence, and dedication to his community and family. Whether he is helping peers grasp concepts in the classroom, commanding the stage, or competing on the track or soccer field, he approaches every endeavor with a smile and cheerful demeanor. His character and genuine care for others leave a lasting, positive impact on everyone around him.

DORAND LORENZO BLACKSTON '26

A positive force in the senior class, this student is a leader both in and out of the classroom. In his studies, he is a calm, mature presence who brings focused effort and thoughtful insight to every discussion. Outside of class, he has worked tirelessly to better BB&N; organizing HacKnights, editing *The Vanguard* and *CHASM*, leading Peer Tutors, founding the Designing for Impact club, and serving on the Student Council for years, most notably as this year's Senior Class President.

CARL THOMAS CHEN '26

**THE MERIWETHER OTIS KIMBALL PRIZE**, *was established in memory of a long-ago Browne & Nichols student to honor a senior who has used their talents to enrich the intellectual and extracurricular life of the school.*

A consummate bridge builder, this leader is adept at creating energetic, authentic, and inclusive spaces where students and adults alike feel welcome and seen. Whether leading a class discussion or a Latino Hispanic Student Association meeting, she has a knack for shepherding others along and lifting up those around her with tenacity, curiosity, maturity, and a sense of humor.

ABIGAIL MELISSA BROWN '26

This student is the kind of young person whose presence elevates every classroom, conversation, and community experience. Whether contributing thoughtful insights in discussions, engaging meaningfully with peers and teachers, or embracing every aspect of school life with authenticity and enthusiasm, he enriches the intellectual and communal spirit of our school. He leads not through recognition or attention, but through sincerity, curiosity, consistency, and respect for others.

YANCHENG ZHAO '26

**THE LUBETS PRIZE** *was established by Richard I. Lubets, Browne & Nichols Class of 1951, in memory of his parents, to honor a student who has made an outstanding contribution during their senior year.*

A visionary who leads by doing, this recipient has left an indelible mark on our community. Whether piloting *The Vanguard*, captaining the cross country and track teams, or organizing Class of 2026 activities, he approaches every task with joy and enthusiasm. He does not just participate; he empowers every team, class, and ensemble to reach its highest potential.

GABE GETNICK COOPER '26

Dynamic, confident, and vibrant, this student leads with her whole heart. Whether she is starring in the musical, running the senior class stealth tag, or leading a class discussion, she is a thoughtful and mature leader who has put in the hard work to make senior year a better experience for her classmates.

SYDNEY MARLEY FRANCIS '26

**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 Service Learning Program of the Upper School.*

A true beacon of empathy, this student has consistently turned words into action locally and globally. Through her leadership in CELB, Peer Counseling, and her magazine work amplifying diverse women's careers, she exemplifies what it means to use one's voice for the greater good.

OLIVIA MARIE-BEATRICE RICHTER '26

This student is known for his dry wit, common-sense approach to life, and willingness to roll up his sleeves to assist those in need both in and outside the BB&N community. As captain of the lacrosse team, a dedicated member of CELB, and a dependable service volunteer at a local church, he leads by example, graciously lending his time and support to others.

BRETT FIELD RILEY '26