

Ardsley Middle School

8th Grade Awards

June 1, 2022



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Departmental Awards

Academic Achievement Award

This award is given to eighth grade students who earned averages no lower than A- in English, Social Studies, Science, Math and World Language.

The recipients are:

- Haley Albano
- Joshua Bass
- Julia Berlin
- Colin Berry
- Madison Bortstein
- Nathaniel Caldara
- Alexa Casanova
- Tess Castellano
- Sophia Champion
- Anay Desai
- James Ding
- Vasiliki Doufekias
- Max Falek
- Justin Friedman
- Dorothy Garrity
- Samara Hadi
- Jonah Hawkins
- Sophie Huang
- Trisha Iyer
- Aayan Kapoor
- Khushi Karthikeyan
- Samuel Kaye
- Brodi Kessler
- Olivia Kligman
- Ayla Kowalsky
- Matthew Kraytman
- Maya Laglenne
- Sydney Levitan
- Abigail Lew
- Gabriella Luma
- Mioko Martin
- Avi Medar
- Gabrielle Monti
- Charlotte Murray
- Dylan Paley
- Kiarra Parikka
- Juliet Puliafico
- Lyvia Pulver
- Diya Sharma
- Ananya Shukla
- Masha Stern
- Claudia Strum
- Serina Tomioka
- Amelia Walsh
- Liam Walsh
- Shana Weinstein
- Dorian Williams

Academic Excellence in French

This award is given to a student who demonstrates great interest, enthusiasm, and success in their study of French and Francophone culture.

The recipient is:

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- Lucas Cohen

Academic Excellence in Italian

This award is given to a student who demonstrates great interest, enthusiasm, and success in their study of Italian and Italian culture.

The recipient is:

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- Isabella Porco

Academic Excellence in Spanish

This award is given to a student who demonstrates great interest, enthusiasm, and success in their study of Spanish and Hispanic culture.

The recipient is:

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- Matthew Kraytman

Art Award

This award is given to students who support and appreciate visual arts. They demonstrate overall creativity, quality, and participation in the artistic process.

The recipients are:

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- Kiarra Parikka
- Juliet Puliafico

Buddy Club Award

This award is given to students who go above and beyond the typical responsibilities of Buddy Club. They show tremendous empathy towards students with special needs, and go beyond the classroom to integrate students into the school community.

The recipients are:

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- Nathaniel Caldara
 - Evan Finegan
 - Mairead Gowran
 - Jesse Jaegar
 - Justin Jaegar
 - Samuel Kaye
 - Ayla Kowalsky
 - Ryan Nejad
 - Lyvia Pulver
 - Lyla Vega
 - Juliana Viggiani

Band Award

This award is given to students who go beyond the regular band class and participate in one or more of the following: Outcast, Jazz Band, NYSSMA and All-County Band. These students were selected because they are positive role models in the classroom and are dedicated musicians with a great interest in music.

The recipients are:

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- Colin Berry
 - Nai Chbat
 - Abel Eldho
 - Evan Finegan
 - Evan Matt

Chorus Award

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This award is given to those students who showed consistent dedication and focus throughout each and every rehearsal, and stood out as exemplars of successful choral performance.

The recipients are:

- Olivia Kligman
- Dylan Liodice

Orchestra Award

This award is offered to string players who display an exceptional combination of service towards the group, a positive attitude during rehearsals, and an elevated level of musicianship in performances.

The recipients are:

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- Avi Medar
 - Gabriela Nunes
 - Serina Tomioka

FACS Award

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This award is given to students who exemplify and grasp the importance of the family and consumer topics and demonstrate their knowledge in real life situations.

The recipients are:

- Peyton Francis
- Amari McLean
- Hayley Ryan
- Dorian Williams

Health Award

This award is given to students who exemplify enthusiasm, cooperation, leadership, and interest in health and wellness. These students are positive role models who demonstrate a healthy, active lifestyle, and a willingness to assist others in health education class.

The recipients are:

- Khushi Karthikeyan
- Ana Laurient

Musical Theatre Award

— This award is given to students who have been role models for others throughout the entire school musical process. These students have shown leadership, dedication, commitment and integrity during rehearsals as well as during performances.

The recipients are:

- Allan Archer
- Dorian Williams

No Place for Hate Award

This award is given to students whose actions go above and beyond to help to improve our school climate by incorporating activities that promote inclusion, kindness, and anti-bullying.

The recipient is:

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- Charlotte Murray

A/V Award

The AMS Audio/Visual club works closely with the cast and crew of musical theater. This award is given to a student who has shown dedication, and commitment throughout rehearsals as well as during performances.

The recipients are:

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- Abel Eldho
- Matthew Allen

Science Olympiad Award

The Science Olympiad team is a group of 35 students who participate in interscholastic competitions at the regional and state level. The 27 different biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, and technology related events require students to take a test, complete a lab, or engineer a system to accomplish a task. This year's Science Olympiad award winners performed at high levels in the Regional and State competitions.

The recipients are:

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- Aayan Kapoor
- Shawn Qiu

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Automation and Robotics:

In Project Lead The Way Automation and Robotics class, students investigate mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. The focus of this unit is the development of automation and robotics and their use to improve daily life. By using the VEX® Robotics platform, students design, build, and program real-world devices, such as automated cars, toll booths, and of course, robots. This STEM award goes to students who demonstrate outstanding achievement during this unit of study.

The recipients are:

- Joshua Bass
- Dylan Liodice
- Dylan Paley
- Claudia Strum

Student Council Executive Award

This award is given to 8th grade students who are members of the Executive Board and have demonstrated both a consistent level of leadership and dedication to improving the school community through the work of the Council.

The recipient is:

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- Ana Laurient

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Special Recognition Awards

Ardsley Middle School Award

This award is given to students who display an extraordinarily inquisitive nature, a love of learning, and an enthusiastic response to studies. These students offer valuable contributions to class discussions and earn respect from their teachers and peers.

The recipients are:

- Alexa Casanova
- Sophia Champion
- Vasiliki Doufekias
- Anna Gallante
- Samara Hadi
- Trisha Iyer
- Sienna Kay
- Olivia Kligman
- Matthew Kraytman
- Alexandra Kwitkowski
- Abigail Lew
- Sophia Manalang
- Gabrielle Monti
- Gabriela Nunes
- Dylan Paley
- Kiarra Parikka
- Juliet Puliafico
- Lyvia Pulver
- Maya Raman
- Hayley Ryan
- Diya Sharma
- Masha Stern
- Claudia Strum
- Amelia Walsh
- Liam Walsh

AMS Vision Award for Tenacity

Ardasley Middle School's Vision includes the character trait of tenacity. This award is given to students who have demonstrated this trait throughout their four years at the Middle School.

The recipients are:

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- Alessandra Finnerty-Vidal
 - Zaire Johnson Bell
 - Maria Nikolakis
 - Ilirian Novaj
 - Lily Tiernan

Attorney General Triple “C” Award

This award recognizes the "Character, Courage and Commitment" of hardworking students. These individuals have shown a commitment to learning, to their community, and to their fellow classmates.

The recipients are:

- Eduardo Diaz
- Ginger Salvaggio

American Association of Women in Math and — Science Award

This award is granted by the American Association of Women in Math and Science to promote equity for women. The award also celebrates education, lifelong self-development, and positive societal change. It is presented to three young women who excel in Math and Science.

The recipients are:

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- Sophie Huang
 - Maya Laglenne
 - Mioko Martin

AMS Outstanding Achievement Award

This award is given to the student with the highest overall average in the eighth grade.

The recipient is:

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- Khushi Karthikeyan

Ardsley Middle School Spirit Award

This award is given to students who are enthusiastic and share school-wide positivity about being a part of the AMS community.

The recipients are:

- Anya Fort-Milord
- Nicholas Khoury-Levy
- Claudia Lusha

Community Service Award

This award is given to a student who puts “service above self.” It distinguishes a student from others for leadership qualities and humanitarianism.

The recipient is:

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- Ananya Shukla

Congressional Certificate of Merit

— (Congressman Jamaal Bowman):

This award is given to two students who have earned excellent grades consistently through their hard work, courage, and commitment to their studies.

The recipients are:

- Serina Tomioka
- Shana Weinstein

Congressional Certificate of Merit and Trophy

— (Congressman Jamaal Bowman):

This award is given to honor an outstanding student who has demonstrated academic excellence and a potential for leadership.

The recipient is:

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- Haley Albano

New York State Comptroller Achievement

Award:

This is awarded to students who have shown academic excellence and the potential for leadership through involvement in activities that improved the school or community.

The recipients are:

- Ayla Kowalsky
- Avi Medar

Sonia Scaramella Memorial Art Award:

This award was established in memory of Sonia Scaramella. Sonia was a student in Ardsley Middle School when she lost her battle with lymphoma in 2004. She was a bright student, a friend to all and she loved the arts. The Sonia Scaramella award is presented to a student who has great passion for art and shows creativity.

The recipient is:

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- Olivia Collazo

The Jeffrey O'Donnell Award:

This award is in honor of a former principal and is given to students who exemplify great character and understand that education goes beyond the pages of curriculum.

The recipients are:

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- Julia Berlin
 - Olivia Collazo
 - Peyton Francis

The Patrick James Barbieri Memorial Award:

The Patrick James Barbieri Memorial Award is given annually to graduating eighth graders who have demonstrated qualities of sensitivity to others and maturity of spirit that Mr. Barbieri valued and considered important for personal growth.

The recipients are:

- Nathaniel Caldara
- Luella Otis
- Dorian Williams

The Stephen O'Connell Memorial Music Award:

The Stephen O'Connell Memorial Music Award is dedicated to the memory of our former principal, an enlightened educator and an avid musician. A strong supporter of the arts, Stephen O'Connell believed that we all have special talents: some academic, some athletic and some artistic. This annual award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm for, and participation in, the field of music.

The recipient is:

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- Jonah Hawkins

The Arthur M. Silliman Award:

This award was established to honor the memory of Arthur M. Silliman. In the days when the Ardsley School District had only one building, Mr. Silliman was its first principal and superintendent. Mr. Silliman was also an Ardsley resident and later a local historian. This award is given in his name to a special eighth grader for outstanding school citizenship and service.

The recipient is:

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- Charlotte Murray

Congratulations to all of today's award winners!

AMS Class of 2022

