

CIVIC AWARDS

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDAL

This medal has been awarded annually in Canada since 1873. It is designed to recognize excellence and academic achievement at different levels of education. The bronze award honours the top student in high school.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD

This award is given to a graduating student who has demonstrated community contribution or outstanding achievement through volunteer activity. This individual has gone above and beyond the required number of hours.

STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Maintained by the Honourable Costas Menegakis, the aim of this award is to encourage personal development progress and pursuit of higher education. This award is presented to students who demonstrated dedication to an achievement of academic success and contribution to the life of the school community.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

ALFRED STONG AWARD

In memory of Alfred Stong, former Chief of Richmond Hill Fire Department, this award is provided to a graduating student who has demonstrated leadership and sportsmanship in athletic and sports activities.

ANN GOLD COMMUNITY SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This scholarship is offered in recognition of the importance of our youth to our community. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize graduating high school students residing in Richmond Hill who exemplify "community" and to celebrate their achievements.

BOOTH AWARD

Douglas Booth taught Science and was a department head at RHHS from 1960-1989. In 1963 he established an award for the student demonstrating high achievement in Grade 12 Biology. This year, 2013, marks the 50th anniversary of this award.

CLAUDE VANCE WRIGHT BURSARY

Claude Vance Wright was a self-educated gentleman. A member of the Masonic Lodge in Richmond Hill, he has provided a bursary to be awarded to one graduating student. The recipients will have made a valuable contribution to school life and are pursuing a post-secondary education.

COSMO MUSIC AWARD

The Cosmo music award is given to a student demonstrating dedication to and passion for music.

DONALD LENO

Donald Leno was particularly proficient in modern languages. As such, this award goes to the student who has the highest average in Grade 12 French and German or the top mark in Grade 12 French.

EDNA IZZARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH / DRAMA

Miss Edna Izzard was a teacher and Head of the English Department at RHHS. She taught one of our renowned graduates - Farley Mowatt - and perhaps influenced him in his chosen career. This award recognizes a student who has shown proficiency in both English and Drama.

FRANK HOGG

Dr. Helen Hogg established this award in memory of her husband, Dr. Frank Hogg, who was active in the creation of the Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill. This scholarship is awarded to the student who has the highest average in two Grade 12 Math, Physics, and Chemistry courses.

J. DOUGLAS BONNELL AWARD FOR SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Douglas Bonnell attended RHHS and was involved in a variety of activities. In his memory, his former classmates, friends, and family established an award in his name for commitment to social activism inside or outside of RHHS.

THE HARDIE NELSON/LODGE OF FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Hardie Nelson was a long-time resident of Richmond Hill and a Past Master of The Lodge of Fellowship. The lodge established an annual award in his name to honor his keen interest in education. This award is presented to a graduating student pursuing post secondary education that has a good scholastic record, displayed leadership qualities, high moral values and is always available to help other students.

JEAN-MARC IAMMATTEO AWARD FOR HISTORY

The family of Jean-Marc Iammatteo, a former student of RHHS, presents this award to a student who has achieved a high level of success in history and has shown leadership in history department activities.

THE JOSTENS YEARBOOK TRADITION

Each year, Elaine Turcotte and Paul Robinson from Jostens, recognize the innovation, dedication and leadership of the yearbook editors. While learning real world skills, yearbook editors create a meaningful, inclusive yearbook for the entire school community to enjoy today, and for many years to come.

MARIE LOVIE AWARD

Marie Lovie was a well-loved audio-visual technician at RHHS. This award goes to a student who has the high achievement in Communications Technology courses, and contributed to school and community activities that make use of communications technology.

MARIE PICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Pick Family name is recognizable to people living in the Richmond Hill area through the Pick Seed Company. This scholarship is awarded to the student with the highest standing in Grade 12 English

MARK SIMMONS AWARD

Mark Simmons was a well-rounded student in the 1970's. He was involved in the academic as well as the extra-curricular and student life of the school. In his memory, friends and family have established this award for a student who has successfully completed 3 (Gr. 11/12) Business courses, 1 (Gr. 11/12) Science, (Gr. 11/12) Math and 1 (Gr. 11/12) Physical Education course. The student must also have participated in extra-curricular activities, in addition to pursuing a post-secondary education.

OSSTF AWARD

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation members at Richmond Hill High School present this award to a student who has demonstrated strong commitment to lifelong learning, personal success and contributions to a positive school environment during their time in our school community. This award may be received by a student who will be continuing their education at a College or University, entering an apprenticeship in a trade or beginning a career directly in the workplace.

RICHARD SULKER PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

Mr. and Mrs. Sulker, parents of a Richmond Hill student who died in a tragic accident, are offering an award to a graduating student achieving the highest standing in Grade 11 Boy's Physical Education.

ROBERT ENDEAN

Robert Endean was a student at RHHS, and after graduating from the Ontario Agricultural College, now part of the University of Guelph, worked in the family's nursery business and served as a York Central Board of Education Trustee. This award goes to a student who has excelled in high school studies and will be attending University of Guelph, preferably in the field of Science.

ROBERT P. MACDONALD AWARD FOR PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH

Robert P. MacDonald was a long-time teacher and Vice-Principal at RHHS who established this award for achievement in English.

ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club Organization is international in scope. Our local Rotary Chapter honours outstanding proficiency in Grades 11 and 12 Geography, reflecting its global perspective.

SHARON L. COLLIER AWARD

Sharon Collier spent many happy years working with the students in the Developmental Program at RHHS. Sharon's infectious enthusiasm and compassion for the students had a positive impact on the program. In her memory, Sharon's family recognizes the most improved student in the Developmental Program with this award.

STUDENTS MAKING AN IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP

Benson Kearley IFG Insurance Brokers and Financial Advisors are encouraged to see the students in their community taking initiative to make a positive impact. They are awarding scholarships to graduating students who have either initiated a philanthropic endeavor or who have started their own business while in high school.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

This is awarded to a student who demonstrates superior academic performance, original and creative thought and exceptional achievement in a broad context. They excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities.

WALTERS MUSIC AWARD

Mrs. Marjorie Walters, the mother of a former student, has offered an annual award to a graduating student at Richmond Hill High School who has achieved the highest standing in grade 12 music.

YORK CENTRAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AWARD

This is awarded to one graduating student who intends to pursue a University Degree in Health-related sciences. This individual has demonstrated academic excellence, responsibility and leadership.

SCHOOL AWARDS

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION AWARD

This award is given for proficiency in the Alternative Education Program.

ART AWARD - COMPREHENSIVE

This award is given to a student who has earned exceptional achievement in a grade 12 art course and who is pursuing further studies in Art at the post secondary level.

ART AWARD – SPECIAL FOCUS

This award is given to a student who has earned exceptional achievement in a grade 12 special focus art course, including computer art, ceramics, photography, film and animation and who is pursuing studies in Art at the post secondary level.

BARB RUSSELL HUMANITARIAN GUIDANCE AWARD

In 1987, after a rewarding ten-year career as a Registered Nurse, Barb Russell made the bold move to a second profession as a classroom teacher and guidance counsellor. Richmond Hill High School was fortunate to have her join its staff in 1992 where she remained here until her recent retirement. Her devotion and dedication to people, whether they were close friends or those in need, exemplifies her legacy of putting the needs of others before herself, regardless of challenges in her own life. Her commitments to humanitarian causes were passionate and selfless; they defined her. In her honour, this award goes to a graduating student who has demonstrated exemplary selflessness in their efforts to help others despite personal challenges.

BRONZE R AWARD

This award is given to a graduating student athlete who has accumulated a minimum of 400 Athletic Points and earned the recognition as an Ontario Scholar.

BUSINESS STUDIES AWARD

This award is given to the student who has demonstrated proficiency and excellence in three Grade 12 Business courses recognized under the York Region Business Endorsement Certificate.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD

The recipient is the student who shows overall excellence in Grade 12 Computer Science.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AWARD

This award is given for proficiency in Cooperative Education.

ECO SCHOOL AWARD

This is awarded to a student who shows leadership in environmental issues. The student has participated both in the school and the community championing green issues.

ELIZABETH KENNEDY CHEMISTRY AWARD

Liz Kennedy was a Chemistry teacher at Richmond Hill High School for 20 years. Her passion for teaching chemistry was apparent in all of her lessons. Her ability to motivate and raise the interest level of students through experiments and demonstrations speaks to her enthusiasm and dedication to her profession and to her commitment to her students. In her honour this award is being given to a student who has demonstrated a high level of dedication and interest in chemistry.

FAMILY STUDIES AWARD

This award is presented to a student who is dedicated to Family Studies and Social Science. This individual has demonstrated proficiency in and passion for this discipline.

GRADE 12 DRAMA AWARD

This award is given for proficiency in Grade 12 Drama.

GREEN HOUSE PROGRAM AWARD

This is awarded to a student who shows leadership in environmental and social issues. The student has participated both in school and community efforts to support our local food bank.

GREG WILKINSON PASSION FOR PHYSICS AWARD

Greg Wilkinson was a Science teacher and Department Head at RHHS for 30 years. His enthusiasm and dedication set a high standard for both teachers and students. In his honour, this award is being given to a student who has proficiency in Physics and shows a passion for Physics.

MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award goes to the student who has the highest standing in three Grade 12 Math courses.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

This is presented to a graduating student who has been a leader among his/her peers by demonstrating a strong commitment to school spirit. S/He has a global perspective toward learning, exemplifying the vision of our school. The student has pursued academic excellence during his/her four years at RHHS, acting as a role model for other students. S/He has displayed leadership qualities throughout a variety of activities, and has been a cooperative, respectful student leader with staff, students and the community.

RHHS STAFF AWARD

This award is being given to a graduating student who has made a major contribution to RHHS. They have been a role model and show tremendous potential.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AWARD

Presented to a graduating student of RHHS for outstanding leadership, excellent school spirit, high ethical standards and contributions to the school community.

TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES AWARD

COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

The recipient has consistently demonstrated excellence in both academic achievement and initiative in the study of Communication Technology.

TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES AWARD

COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

The recipient has consistently demonstrated excellence in both academic achievement and initiative in the study of Computer Engineering Technology.

TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES AWARD

TECHNOLOGICAL DESIGN

The recipient has consistently demonstrated excellence in both academic achievement and initiative in the study of Technological Design.

SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS

DIRECTOR'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Awarded to the Grade 12 student (or students) who have made significant accomplishments in their secondary school.

YRDSB AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Given to the male and female student with the highest overall average based on top 6 grade 12 marks.

YRDSB STUDENT TRUSTEE AWARD FOR CHARACTER

The award is presented to a student who exemplifies the character values of YRDSB and who is a role model to his or her peers.

YRDSB OYAP AWARD

Awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement by a graduation student pursuing post-secondary training as a registered apprentice.