

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Bicknell Prize

This prize, given by the late Mr. Warren Bicknell, a loyal and long-standing Trustee of the Academy, is awarded to “that senior who has exerted the greatest influence in promoting school spirit, good manners and morals, and honesty in the classroom and leadership on the campus and the athletic field.”

Robinson Prize

This prize, offered in memory of the late Mr. R.H.M. Robinson, an alumnus of the Academy and a long-serving member of the Board of Trustees, is given to “That member of the senior class who in their career at the Academy has made the greatest progress in moral, mental and physical development.”

John W. Hallowell Award

Presented to “that member of the senior class who has contributed significantly to the intellectual or cultural life of the school by their creative ability in one or more fields of interest, especially in art, music, and writing, but also possibly in the fields of science and history. In this award, creativity, talent and their development are the qualities to be recognized.”

Harlan N. Wood Award

This prize, contributed by an anonymous donor, is awarded to “A senior whose work and accomplishments have been distinguished by exceptional effort and whose example has been of great value to academic morale.”

Angus M. Frew Award

Awarded at Commencement (as of 2009) by vote of the Varsity coaches. There is inscribed, on an individual cup, the name of a student in the senior class who, through sportsmanship, athletic ability, and commitment, most nearly achieved the athletic ideals of Western Reserve Academy. The recipient must participate in a team sport during each athletic season and exemplify strong leadership, consistent dedication, positive contribution to the school community, and high standards of character. Established 1950.

Marie K. Fiedler Award

Awarded at Commencement (as of 2017) by vote of the Varsity coaches. There is inscribed, on an individual cup, the name of a student in the senior class who, through sportsmanship, athletic ability, and commitment, most nearly achieved the athletic ideals of Western Reserve Academy. The recipient must participate in a team sport during each athletic season and exemplify strong leadership, consistent dedication, positive contribution to the school community, and high standards of character.

Turnbull Endeavor Award

This prize, established by Gordon & Karen Turnbull, parents of Clair L. Turnbull '03, consists of a Scottish quiach—a “friendship cup”—and certificate. It is awarded annually to a senior who has comported themselves with dignity, sincerity, and uncommon resolve.

Friendship Trophy

John Ryan, a native Australian and Fulbright Fellow, was a member of the Academy’s faculty and presented the trophy, a boomerang, to the Academy in 1955-56. This prize is awarded to “A senior who would especially well represent the U.S. abroad by their qualities of friendship, sincerity, courtesy and understanding.”

