

Dundas Valley Graduation Award



Allan A. Greenleaf Student Perseverance Award

The Alan A. Greenleaf Student Perseverance Award will be given to a graduating student at Dundas Valley Secondary School who has been identified as having persevered through personal and/or academic challenges to earn the OSSD.

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Bette Norton Music Participation Award

This award is given to a graduating student who has made a significant contribution to the musical life of the school and/or community and shown a commitment to participation in musical performance and/or education.

The BETTE NORTON MUSIC AWARD is sponsored by the LYNDEN SPRING REVUE and was established in 1992 to promote participation in music performance.

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Copetown Lions Karl Bruederle Science Award

Awarded to a student attending post-secondary in a science field

The Copetown Lions have established this award in the name of former Copetown Lion Member Karl Bruederle. The Copetown Lions have been volunteering in the community for over 42 years and are proud to sponsor the Copetown Lions Karl Bruederle Science Award to a graduating student attending post-secondary education either in college or university in a science field.

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Dr. Colin M. Day

*This award is presented to the student with the highest mark in 4U
Biology.*

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Dumfries Insurance Award

This award is presented to a student who has engaged positively in school and/or community life.

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Dundas Optometry Clinic Science Award

This award recognizes a student who has had academic success in all three sciences.

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DVSS Staff Pathway Scholarship

Funded by the DVSS staff, this scholarship is presented to a student pursuing post-secondary who has shown great potential.

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E.H. Mancinelli Learning & Education Centre

OYAP Graduation Award

The Graduating student demonstrated excellence in a Grade 12 co-operative education program in an OYAP placement exploring an apprenticeship trade. The student recipient will be continuing their learning in the apprenticeship pathway, hopefully with a registered apprenticeship. School award groups are asked to select a student that exemplifies co-op attributes and skills.

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Global CONNECT Award

This award is for a student who believes in helping others locally and globally and who has led others to act altruistically.

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Governor General's Academic Medal

The Governor General's Academic Medal is presented to the secondary school student who achieves the highest academic average in all grade 11 and 12 OSSD credits.

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Dundas Valley Secondary School Gryphon Award

This award is presented to a student who represents the spirit of the Gryphon. The student has soared to great heights and overcome challenges to meet his or her academic and/or personal goals.

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Grant Betzner Physics Award

This award is presented to a graduate who plans to pursue physics at post-secondary school, has excelled in physics, and has the highest mark in 4C or 4U Physics.

For over 30 years, Grant Betzner was a well-known teacher at Parkside High School. Mr. Betzner had a strong passion for teaching and has inspired thousands of students over his long career, many of whom have pursued the physical sciences. This award is being given to a student who has also demonstrated a strong passion for the physical sciences and the intent to pursue further studies in them.

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Harper Cup Scholarship

For an Indigenous student pursuing post-secondary education who has embodied the vision of Dundas Valley Secondary School: a culture of respect and learning through the lens of Human Rights.

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Harper Cup Social Science Award

This award is given to a student who has excelled in the field of social science.

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Harper Cup Student Leadership

This award is for a student who demonstrated exemplary leadership in our community.

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Harry Branson Craig Award

This is an HWDSB Foundation scholarship established at the bequest of Mr. Harry Branson Craig, and is given to two students who have contributed to student life at DVSS.

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J.L. Gibson Award

This award is given to the student with the highest combined average in English and Mathematics.

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Ken Turner Memorial Award

This award is presented by the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club to a student who demonstrates outstanding moral character and integrity, and who recognizes the importance of the community.

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Laura Miller Award in Public Speaking

This award is presented in honour of Laura Miller, a Speech Arts teacher with the Hamilton Board of Education, to recognize excellence in public speaking.

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Laurie Williams Memorial Award

This award is for a graduating student at Dundas Valley Secondary School who has been identified as having achieved academic success, and has demonstrated a willingness to help others, as well as strength of character including honesty, integrity, resilience and tenacity. The recipient will have a passion for nature and/or sports.

Laurie Williams was a dedicated teacher with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for 32 years. His career began in 1969 at Dundas District High School, upon closure of the school he moved to Highland Secondary School in 1982. In 1987 he moved to Parkside High School where he taught until his retirement in 2001. He was one of the few teachers who taught at all three secondary schools in Dundas. Throughout his time as a teacher Mr. Williams was a very dedicated football coach. He deeply cared about his students and had a significant positive influence on them well beyond the basics of classroom teaching. Laurie Williams was a gifted teacher, coach, friend to many and a man of unwavering faith, honesty, integrity and strength.

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Mackesy Smye Law Award

This award is presented to a student who earned the highest mark in the grade 12 Canadian and International Law course, CLN4U.

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Margaret “Pearl” Jones Memorial Award

This award is given to a graduating student who best represents the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

Mrs. Margaret Jones worked at Highland Secondary School (2 years) and Parkside High School (10 years) from 1988 until her retirement in 2002. She was loved and respected by students and staff. Mrs. Jones always had a kind word and warm smile for everyone she encountered and was a true example of a good citizen with great character.

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Michelle Hamilton Award

In memory of Michelle Hamilton, a Parkside student, this award is for a student who has shown an exceptional degree of enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication to activities in the classroom, the school and the community.

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Nadia Santoro Memorial Award

In memory of Highland student, Nadia Santoro, this award honours a senior student with a good academic average and who volunteers to help others at school and in the community of Dundas -- a student who demonstrates the spirit of giving of oneself.

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Ontario Principals' Council Award for Student Leadership

This award is presented by the Ontario Principal's Council. The intent of this organization is to provide exemplary leadership in public education. The recipient best exemplifies and models leadership qualities in both curricular and co-curricular activities.

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Parkside Legacy Award

This award is for a student who is continuing in education at a post-secondary level and who has contributed significantly to the life of the school.

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PATH to the Future Scholarship Award

The PATH to the Future Scholarship has been donated by PATH Employment Services. As well as intentions to pursue post-secondary education or training, the award recipient has demonstrated some or all of the following: the ability to deal with challenges, involvement in and outside of school, good interpersonal skills, and academic achievements.

PATH Employment Services subscribes to the definition of disabilities as outlined by the World Health Organization. Disabilities can be visible or invisible. Disabilities include: Physical, Developmental, Learning, Sensory, Emotional/Behavioural Disabilities; Mental Illness and Disorders.

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Schulich Leader Nominee

This is awarded to a promising student pursuing STEM studies.

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Specialist High Skills Major HWDSB Award

This award is presented to one student from the DVSS Arts and Culture SHSM program.

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Specialist High Skills Major HWDSB Award

This award is presented to one student from the DVSS Business SHSM program.

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Specialist High Skills Major HWDSB Award

This award is presented to one student from the DVSS Manufacturing SHSM program.

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Specialist High Skills Major HWDSB Award

This award is presented to one student from the DVSS Transportation SHSM program.

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Weiner Family Award for Leadership in Mathematics

This award is for a math student who has excelled and helped other math students altruistically.

Jack Weiner taught mathematics at Parkside High School in Dundas from 1977 to 1982. In September, 1982, he joined the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Guelph, where he happily taught until retiring in 2011 and is currently Professor Emeritus. In 2003, he established an annual scholarship at Parkside High School, called the Mattice/Weiner Mathematics Scholarship. Jim Mattice was the Mathematics Department Head with whom Jack co-taught. The Weiner Family Mathematics Scholarship is a continuation of that award, re-established at Dundas Valley Secondary School.

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Dundas Optometry Clinic Science Award

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated a passion and aptitude for the sciences, and who plans to pursue science post-secondary.

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Elva Kendall Newlands Literature Award

To be presented to the student achieving the highest standing in Grade 12 English.

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DVSS Excellence Award - Mark Castle Law Award

For a deserving student

Dundas Valley Grade 11 Award



CANADIAN MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION AND HAMILTON AND DISTRICT HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION AWARD

To be considered for this award, the students must be enrolled in two or more technological courses and demonstrate the following:

- 1) high achievement in the Technological Studies Program
- 2) good work ethic
- 3) positive attitude towards school and peers
- 4) intention to continue in a Technological program in Grade 12

Dundas Valley Grade 10 Award



J.L. GIBSON AWARD

The recipient will have shown a proficiency in both math and English courses.