

Malibu High School Senior Awards Night

May 17th, 2023



Senior Awards and Scholarship Program

Welcome

Patrick Miller, Principal

Presentation of Awards and Scholarships

Patrick Miller, Principal

Cindy Smith, Assistant Principal

Linh Snyder, College Counselor

Makenna Samsel, School Counselor

Katie Dahm, School Counselor

Presentation of Department Awards

Carla Bowman-Smith, Art Faculty

Thor Evensen, Art Faculty

Krysta Sorensen, Art Faculty

John Kibler, Art Faculty

Jodi Plaia, Art Faculty

Sean Ryan, Social Studies Faculty

Sarah Lipetz, Science Faculty

Kimberly Auer, Language Faculty

Alex Mayle, English Faculty

Rachel Stowell, English Faculty

Closing Remarks

Patrick Miller, Principal

Reception on Patio

Departmental Awards

Departmental awards are chosen by faculty members and are presented to seniors who are outstanding in the areas cited.

Department of English

Exemplary Achievement in English: **Betsy Baker**

Special Achievement in Literature: **Ethan Marshall**

Special Achievement in Creative Writing: **Betsy Baker**

Special Achievement in Writing: **Charlie Flores**

Exemplary Achievement in Journalism: **Lucia Granados**

Special Achievement in Journalism: **Mathea Lasky**

Exemplary Achievement in Film: **Reyn Smith**

Special Achievement in TV Production: **Leo Alexander**

Special Achievement in TV Production: **Emma Bivens**

Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Overall Achievement in Visual Arts: **Dylan McGuirk**

Overall Achievement in Performing Arts: **Reyn Smith**

Exemplary Achievement in Drawing: **Olivia Williamson**

Exemplary Achievement in Painting: **Isabelle Burke**

Special Achievement in Painting: **Claudia Bell**

Exemplary Achievement in Ceramics: **Jack Conkling**

Special Achievement in Ceramics: **Keira Norrell**

Exemplary Achievement in Choir: **Reyn Smith**

Exemplary Achievement in Technical Theatre: **Keira Norrell**

Exemplary Achievement in Theatre: **Ethan Marshall**

Exemplary Achievement in Musical Theatre: **Marsaille Wells**

Exemplary Achievement in Orchestra: **Jake Sichta**

Exemplary Achievement in Orchestra: **Sophia Sabag**

Exemplary Achievement in Band: **Ethan Marshall**

Exemplary Achievement in Photography: **Patrick Mickens**

Exemplary Achievement in Photography: **Kade Kelly**

Exemplary Achievement in Yearbook: **Jade Nelson**

Department of World Language

Exemplary Achievement in Spanish: **Sebastian Ezpeleta-Stewart**

Exemplary Achievement in French: **Dylan Rem**

Department of Mathematics

Exemplary Achievement in Math: **Christyn Kim**

Special Achievement in Math: **Charlie Flores**

Department of Science

Exemplary Achievement in Science: **Cooper Norby**

Special Achievement in Science: **Keira Petkus**

Department of Social Studies

Exemplary Achievement in Social Studies: **Betsy Baker**

Special Achievement in Social Studies: **Ethan Marshall**

Department of Athletics

Exemplary Achievement in Athletics: **Whitney Shanahan**

Exemplary Achievement in Athletics: **Lloyd Bema**

Exemplary Achievement in Athletics: **Harold Bema**

School Service and Academic Awards

Each year, the Malibu High School Administration Team selects a special group of students to be recognized for their exceptional leadership, service, character, and accomplishments.

Exceptional Leadership:

This award recognizes a student whose leadership has made a difference at Malibu High School: **Garrett Button**

Exceptional School Service

This award recognizes a student who serves at Malibu High School without seeking self-recognition: **Charlie Flores**

Principal's Leadership Award

This award recognizes a student who combines academic excellence and leadership: **Betsy Baker**

Exceptional Academic Progress

This award recognizes a student who has shown exceptional growth in academics, extracurricular activities, and personal growth:

Harold Bema

Exceptional Academic Dedication

This award recognizes a student who has shown exceptional dedication to his or her academic studies: **Jordi Garcia**

Valedictorian Candidates

Students who are valedictorian candidates have earned all A's throughout all of their coursework here at Malibu High School. They will graduate Malibu High with a 4.0 GPA.

Charlie Flores
Lucia Granados
Ethan Marshall
Patrick Mickens

Cooper Norby
Estelle Shah
Jake Sichta
Reyn Smith

State Seal Of Biliteracy

The California State Seal of Biliteracy is a special recognition for seniors who have a high level of proficiency in two languages.

Eros Brunel
Charlie Flores
Lucia Granados
Gabby Jemelian
Jacquelle Kapland

Ethan Marshall
Cooper Norby
Dylan Rem
Galen Selbert

CTE Certificate of Completion

We recognize these students for their participation in the inaugural year of our Career Technical Education pathway in Film & Television and journalism.

Leo Alexander
Emma Bivens
Bebe Bushnell

Izac Stoilkovich
Charley Lewis

Malibu High School Scholarships

Baha'is of Malibu for Higher Education Scholarship

The Baha'is of Malibu supports the defense of article 26 of the University Declaration of human rights, which guarantees education as an inalienable right of every human being. The award is for a "Goals for Graduation" student in the name of Education Under Fire, a human rights campaign against the current discriminatory policies in Iran preventing Baha'is High School students from pursuing higher education. **Dylan Rem and Betsy Baker**

Henry Cariati Memorial Scholarship

Henry Cariati was a caring and dedicated teacher, with a keen interest and talent for the creative and technical aspect of the arts. Henry's wife, Jeanne, was a teacher at MHS, where she did a wonderful job of bestowing on special education students the same dedication and care. This scholarship is given by Marie and Jim Smith, whose three children attended Malibu High, in gratitude for the nurturing environment created by the Cariatis. **Jordi Garcia**

The Corrigan Engineering & Robotics Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student who has excel in Engineering at Malibu High School and is interested in pursuing a career in Engineering. **Christyn Kim**

David Torrence Track and Field Scholarship

This scholarship is given to an exemplary student who has shown dedication to sports while excelling academically. This scholarship was given in David's memory, an Olympian elite athlete, who was fiercely competitive, kind and compassionate. David believed in giving back to the athletes that train hard both in sports and academics. **Cooper Norby**

The Dusty Peak Environmental Leadership Scholarship

Dusty Peak, a true environmental leader, died at the young age of 58. As an adult, he was a passionate advocate for clean ocean water, at his beloved Little Dume Beach and the rest of Malibu. He was a member of Heal the Bay and recently worked diligently on the Marine Preserve Issue for the coastline. He was always "scouting" issues and encouraging others to be involved. The Peak family is proud to award this scholarship to a student passionate about the ocean, as much as Dusty was. **Keira Petkus**

Johnny Strange Scholarship

Given by Brian Strange and Dianette Wells, this scholarship is awarded in honor of their son Johnny Strange. This scholarship is given to a student who exemplifies the following qualities: someone who has boundless energy coupled with inspiration and determination, someone with a freedom of spirit, has respect and love of nature, someone who is courageous, someone who has a life of love over the love of ease, and someone who believes in the limitlessness of themselves and others and what we can accomplish. **Anthony Sanchez**

Kent and Ellen Francisco Athletic Scholarship

Kent and Ellen Francisco were both physical education instructors and coaches at Santa Monica High School and encourage the participation in athletics, both competitively and recreationally. **Phoebe Knox and Kade Kelly**

The Malibu Association of Realtors-Future Leaders Scholarship

This scholarship is given to an outstanding student who has demonstrated an interest in entrepreneurial activities. It is the desire of the Malibu Association of Realtors to foster creativity in the business world. **Garrett Button**

Malibu High School PTSA Scholarship

The MHS PTSA has raised money to provide support for the school and its student's needs. Their efforts and support of students and teachers of MHS are endless. **Trevor Nickerson & Gabby Jemelian**

The Malibu Art Association- Visual Arts Scholarship in honor of Marie Stapel

The Malibu Art Association is a non-profit organization. It was founded in 1963 and is dedicated to art appreciation and education. The association supports, develops, and inspires the arts, and is involved with the community in promoting art appreciation and education. In an effort to launch young artists, they provide scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to continue their education in the field of art.

Maxine Kelly

Malibu High School PTSA Memorial Scholarship Honoring Frank Page

Frank Page served for five years as the Malibu High School ASB accountant, athletic secretary, coach for cross-country & track, and the Men's soccer team. His fierce loyalty and dedication to his athletes, and his love for MHS is honored through this scholarship.

Lucia Granados

Malibu High School PTSA Memorial Scholarship Honoring Louis Leithold

Louis Leithold loved calculus and teaching. Those who were privileged to have him as a teacher shared and became a part of his passion for both. He touched countless lives, both as a high school teacher, and as a teacher of teachers. **Christyn Kim**

Marie Smith Me₂O Scholarship

Marie was a mother and an educator. But, prior to that, she was a scientist. As a student, then as a medical professional, she frequently encountered a world, and a mentality, that considered science to be something that wasn't for girls or women, even as they demonstrated more and higher achievement. She would have been happy to see the way the clouds are finally parting and light now shines increasingly on these achievements. The Marie Smith Me₂O Award recognizes the best achievement in science by a female student. **Vanessa Clarke**

Marie Smith Student Runner's Scholarship

Marie Smith was a mother of three Malibu High student athletes and a runner all her life. For almost 15 years, she helped MHS as an assistant coach and team mom extraordinaire, in which she loved nothing more than to work with the cross-country and track runners, whether in pre-season training in Mammoth, timing meetings or just making the best pasta feed ever. She was passionate in her beliefs that even, or especially, in a team sport, every runner has his or her own story and that with the right encouragement and support, every runner can improve, no matter what level they start from. This award goes to the runner who, through dedication and commitment, as well as ability, makes the most improvement in running performance during their high school career. **Lucella Costa**

Rotary Club of Malibu Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Malibu is a major service organization that supports education. These scholarships are presented to students who are good citizens and role models for others. **Will Caceres and Mai-Anh Tarnay**

Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTA Scholarship

The Santa Monica-Malibu Council or PTSA is the combined organization of all the PTA/PTSA organizations in the school district. The Council provides this scholarship to foster academic achievement. **Zoe Pollack**

Stevenson Family Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is given by the Stevenson Family Foundation to provide living expense assistance to a student who demonstrates academic achievement and a strong work ethic. **Brandon Alvarado**

Webster Elementary School PTA Scholarship

Webster's PTA supports the students and faculty of Malibu High School in various activities and continues its support through this scholarship. This scholarship honors a former Webster Elementary School alumni who is college bound. **Callie Randall**

Once Upon a Time Theater Scholarship

Once Upon a Time Scholarship is given by Dee Dee Porter and Kim Stefanko and is awarded to students who have been involved with the performing arts and will continue to pursue theatre, music or the arts in college. **Marsaille Wells**

Once Upon a Time Choir Scholarship

Once Upon a Time Scholarship is given by Dee Dee Porter and Kim Stefanko and is awarded to students who have been involved with choir and will continue to pursue theatre, music or the arts in college.

Reyn Smith

Rob LeMond Aquatic Sports Scholarship

Rob LeMond teaches ocean and pool swimming to the children of Malibu and is a strong supporter of water safety and water sports.

Jake Sichta

Boys and Girls Club of Malibu Scholarships

Dorn Family Scholarship

This award is given to an individual who has shown outstanding leadership and initiative in youth mentorship and has made long lasting contributions in the creation of a positive Club environment. This individual embodies the elements of a leader through strength of character, team effort, and honor when dealing with adversity. Through enthusiasm and industriousness this person has fulfilled his/her potential as a Club member and is continuing his/her journey to succeed as a caring, productive and contributing citizen. **Anthony Sanchez**

Mental Health Advocate

Boys & Girls Club of Malibu and the Wellness Center are dedicated to making social and emotional wellness available to all, at no cost, and with no barriers to access. The Mental Health Advocate award will be given to an individual who demonstrates leadership and is passionate about being an advocate for mental health. **Caleb Newman**

Youth of the Year

Each year, one exceptional young person from a Boys & Girls Club rises to the role of National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year serves as both an exemplary ambassador for Boys & Girls Club youth and as a strong voice for all of our nation's young people. The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and the Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles. **Anthony Sanchez**

Goals for Graduation

This award is given to an individual who has been a dedicated member of Goals for Graduation and has chosen to continue their education post-graduation. The mission of Goals for Graduation is to provide resources, education, and support for high school students to confidently take on their postsecondary education. The recipient of this award will be an individual who is driven to achieve their academic goals. **Jordi Garcia**

Associated Student Body Leadership

ASB President: **Zoe Pollack**

Senior Class President: **Phoebe Knox**

2023 Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Coordinator: Linh Snyder

Principal: Patrick Miller

Counseling Department: Makenna Samsel

Counseling Department: Katie Dahm

Science Department: Brian Corrigan

Special Education Faculty: Anna Deshautelle

Visual and Performing Arts Faculty: Carla Bowman-Smith, Jodi Plaia,
Krysta Sorensen

Physical Education: Chris Neier

Special Gratitude

Our special appreciation goes to all of our donors who helped to make these scholarships possible by providing their generous scholarships for our students. We could not have this special night without your contribution and kindness. Thank you so much.

Baha'is of Malibu

Mr. Brian Strange

Mr. Jim Smith

Mr. Kent and Mrs. Ellen Francisco

Mr. Randy Stevenson & The Stevenson Family Foundation

Mr. Rob Lemont

The Boys and Girls Club of Malibu

The Malibu Art Association

The Malibu Association of Realtors

The Malibu High School PTSA

The David Torrence Legacy Foundation

The Malibu Riviera II Property Owners' Association

The Rotary Club of Malibu

The Santa Monica- Malibu Council of PTA

Dee Dee Porter and Kim Stefanko From Once Upon a Time Theater

Webster Elementary School PTA

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