

# Senior Awards

Congratulations to the following seniors, who were recognized at the Upper School Awards Ceremony on April 26, 2018.

## Community Service Club Award

**Claire Henning** has been working behind the scenes on the Inland Northwest Blood Drives, always striving to get more people involved and more donors through our doors. She came up with creative themes and ideas like setting up a table at our US and MS open house to sign parents up to donate at our October Drive. She had mentored a strong team of underclasswomen to take over the drive, and their enthusiasm was evident at our March drive with increasing numbers of donors. Thank you for leaving us this legacy of a strong committee to continue promoting this great cause.

**Katie Thew** and **Alex Watkins** are passionate about the Spokane Guilds' School: attending meetings, promoting the Guild's School Mission, and recruiting students to be on the board. They have championed Mrs. Santa's Toy Drive in December and our all school Penny Drive for the Guild's School. Alex had the entire baseball team join in for the community Penny Drive this year. Katie is currently the vice president for the Guild's School's Teen Board. They quietly worked behind the scenes to make the community Penny Drive fun, so thank you to everyone who joined us and enjoyed a well-deserved milkshake (thanks to these two) for your efforts.

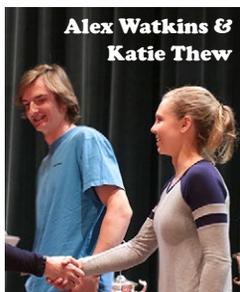
— Melanie Mildrew

## Athlete of the Year

**Ceci Bergquist** was a four year starter in basketball and a Team MVP three times. She has been voted to the all-league team twice. This year she was voted to the Associated Press 1st team All-State Team and selected to play in the Washington Girls Basketball Coaching Association Game. She finished with 1,036 points in her career.



Claire Henning



Alex Watkins & Katie Thew



Max Richardson

## Athletes of the Year

**Ashley Sande** is a dominant track athlete who currently holds the school record for the 100, 200, 400m, 800m, and is a member of the record 4 x 400m team. She has been on the podium 15 times including eight state championships with four in the 4x400m. She helped lead us to our second State Championship in Girls Track along with three 2nd place team finishes.

**Cade Peplinski** has played a sport in every sport season through his high school career. Cade is a two time state qualifier and school record holder in the high jump. He is a two time All-State Soccer player who competed on two state championship teams and a 2nd place finish. He is a four-year starter in basketball and was voted to the All-League team twice and selected to the WIBCA All-State game this year.

**Mitchell Ward** is a school record holder in the 400m in track and a two time state placer in track in the 400 and 4x400. He is a three-year starter in basketball finishing with 662 points in his career. He is a two time State Player of the Year in Soccer and one of the top goal scorers in Dragon history which led us to our two state championship, and 2nd place finish.

— Ryan Peplinski

## Engineering Inspiration Award

The Engineering Inspiration Award for robotics is not about the robot. It recognizes a student that actively works to promote the importance of STEM and create opportunities for others in our community to be involved. **Max Richardson** has played many roles with our team, each year taking on greater levels of responsibility and leadership. He understood the importance of many jobs that were often left unfilled on our team. Not only has he helped build the robot and compete on the drive team, his hours spent raising the level of professionalism in our safety program were recently recognized as best in the PNW. In addition, his efforts

organizing outreach efforts in our community and leadership with our presentation team has resulted in Chairman's awards the past two years. Max has left our team more complete and stronger for the future.

— Rick DeFord

## Elisabeth H. Gemberling English Award

**Loren Klim** deserves honor for his thorough preparation, his detailed knowledge of the texts, and his ability to discern important implications in the subtlest aspects of texts. His papers consistently reach rare depths; the sophistication of his writing is all the more impressive for its clarity.

**Hailey Poutiatine** loves to read and talk about books, and such natural predilection for the business of English shows in all her work. Her writing, often informed by ideas and texts beyond the assigned, asks original, difficult questions, and yet goes about the answers in a style so easy it often seems conversational. But this is not to say that everything comes easy to Hailey in English. Indeed, one of her most impressive traits is the confidence she brings to revision. As she proved in her extended essay recently, Hailey is not afraid to tear whole ideas down and start anew.

— Jeff Darnall

## Corlin I. Culler Foreign Language Award

**Ashley Sande** embodies a strong language student in every facet of her Spanish skills. The best example of Ashley's diligence can be seen in her choice to tackle her Extended Essay in both the topic and the Spanish language. Ashley's topic choice and overall paper reflected a level of work seen in students at the end of their Spanish studies at the university. Ashley has always been open to learning and using her language skills at all times in and away from class. From traveling and speaking throughout Spain, to Spanish summer camp and tutoring, Ashley is an example of how much a student can excel at a language by investing time, energy and interest.

— Cassey Buchmann

## Hannah L. Joss Social Studies Award

**Max Mihalick** is a polymath, capable of success in a number of fields. He has the mind of a scientist with the soul of a liberal arts major. While I am (sadly) sure the scientist will win out in the long-run, it has been refreshing to see a student choose to struggle with an area outside of his or her immediate strength. Max has all the requisite skills of a historian, a focus on detail and an analytical mind, along with an insatiable curiosity. A quiet presence in the classroom, Max has long been involved with History Bowl, driving them to Nationals and captaining a 2nd place finish at the State competition in his senior year.

**Solveig Baylor** has the mind of a musician with the soul of a humanities major. What is particularly impressive is Solveig's focus on theory. This separates her work from that of others, many of whom can memorize facts, but can't tie them into the bigger picture. A polymath, Solveig has demonstrated excellence not only in History, placing 2nd in the State competition as both a team and individual, but in Economics, where her team finished in 2nd place in the State competition as well.

— Josh Hayes

## Excellence in Science

**Katie Thew** is thoughtful, insightful, methodical, meticulous, and curious. (As well as being quite intelligent.) Those traits will carry her far in her studies of science in college and beyond. Katie works harder than anyone in the room and will not quit until she has completely mastered the material.

— Pete O'Brien

## Alexander R. MacKay Science Award

**Connor Cremers** improves every class he is in by asking great questions and offering well thought out answers during class discussions. Science comes naturally to him, but he works as hard as anyone in his pursuit of higher level understanding. Plus, he always has a smile on his face and a positive attitude about learning!

— Pete O'Brien





Cynthia Fan

### John A. Hern Jr. Mathematics Award

**Cynthia Fan** is an extraordinary student of mathematics. Her quiet, modest approach to learning belies her truly sharp intellect and questioning mind. While at Saint George's, Cynthia has sought out the most challenging courses and topics to study and mastered each one through consistent inquiry and practice. Her two big research papers, one on continued fractions and the other on Bessel functions, demonstrate an outstanding ability to view math from multiple perspectives. For Cynthia, math is both a language and a tool and she is both a fluent speaker as well as a master builder and problem solver. Eager to learn, asking insightful questions, and working collaboratively, she always makes the classroom a more enjoyable and productive place.

– Rachel Hildie



Mary Neder



Delaney Ennis

### Clare W. Gilbert Art Award

Committing to HL IB Visual Arts, one has to clearly document your journey from conception through planning, research, practice, reflect, re-direct, and sometimes repeat all those steps before arriving at a fully resolved piece of art. **Mary Neder** jumped into the challenge of this two-year course. From the beginning, her work has stemmed from her personal curiosity about trying new media and techniques and her genuine love and connection to the people and places around her. Hers is a quiet, gentle voice that gives us a view of her world. Sticking with the IB program in spite of multiple other commitments takes determination. Mary has quietly and steadily moved through the course—and in the process has continued to expand her creative and technical skills as an artist. It has been a pleasure walking alongside her on her journey.

– Judi Morgan



Susie Jones



Olivia Osborne

### Gertrude W. Cadzow Music Award

**Olivia Osborne** has participated in every part of the music and drama program throughout her high school years. She is a



Kate Tender

4-year member of the Symphonic Choir, a 2-year member of the Chamber Ensemble, which went on to win districts and attend state last year. Olivia is a 2-year member of the instrumental Ensemble singing lead, which led her to form her own band this year! On stage, she has been a valued member and singer of each musical including being one of the sisters in “The Little Mermaid” and an ensemble member of “The Secret Garden”, “The Pajama Game” as well as others.

– David Demand

### Patrick R. Neils Drama Award

**Delaney Ennis** is not only a terrific actress on stage, but has also helped back stage with painting and building sets. In addition to her theater work, Delaney coaches 6th grade students each week in a drama improv class at lunch. On stage, she was a comical Scuttle in “The Little Mermaid” a terrific Katherine in “Shakespeare’s Ladies” a wonderful Mrs. Medlock in “The Secret Gardens” as well as a great chorus member in “The Pajama Games”. As part of her CAS project, she has worked tirelessly with any willing Middle School student and produced an improv night at one of the SGS coffee house nights. She is always prepared in rehearsals and is a leader on the stage.

– David Demand

### Katy Reeves Performing Arts Award

**Susie Jones** is a 4-year member of the Symphonic Choir and a 2-year member of the Chamber choir and has been in virtually every musical in the last 4 years in High School with several leading roles. Susie is this year’s winner of the Alto voice division at the EWMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival district and will be competing at State at the end of April. Susie is a Saint George’s Spokane Scholar recipient for the 2017-2018 year. Along with her participation in the performing arts department at SGS, Susie has been involved in private voice and ballet instruction, performing numerous recitals and shows. She is a hard worker and a leader in her class.

– David Demand

## John McClain “Die Hard” Award

Every single one of **Olivia Osborne’s** coaches nominated her for the John McClain Die Hard Award. She is the consummate teammate, whether that means stepping in to play goalkeeper in a key playoff game or coming to school the day after the senior prank so she could work with her throwing coach. She made every team she was on better by modeling hard work and a positive attitude. Olivia has played 3 sports for all four years of high school while singing in the choir and handling the lead vocals in the pep band.

Every single one of **Kate Tender’s** coaches nominated her for the Die Hard Award. One coach said, “I watched Kate exemplify everything a coach wants out of their players. She is the definition of a true team player, who took what she was given and always had a team first attitude.” Kate has continually improved as a “three sports for four years” athlete, and came off the bench at the state basketball tournament to shut down the opponent’s leading scorer.

— Pete O’Brien

## Cum Laude Inductees

The Cum Laude Society is an organization devoted to recognizing superior scholarly achievement. Saint George’s School would like to acknowledge the members of the senior class who were admitted to the Society last year: **Adit Arora, Solveig Baylor, Connor Cremers, and Ashley Sande**. To this honored list we are pleased to welcome this year’s inductees: Seniors **Ceci Bergquist, Cynthia Fan, Loren Klim, Katie Thew**, and Juniors **Maddy Christiansen, Grace Generous, and Ethan Hunter**.

Students, your distinguished record at Saint George’s has won for you membership in the Cum Laude Society. As you pursue your education, it is our hope that you will accept the honor of membership in the Society as a responsibility to make some contribution to Humankind’s ongoing search for greater understanding of ourselves and of society.

— Josh Hayes

## Book Awards (for Juniors)

**The Harvard Prize Book Award: Marceline Tang**

**The Wellesley College Book Award:**

**Maddie Christiansen**

**The Bowdoin College Book Award: Kyrie Woodard**

**The Williams College Book Award: Charlie Darnall**

**The George Washington University Book Award:**

**Grace Generous**

## Other Awards (given to non-Seniors)

**Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award:**

**Claire Bennett (11th)**

**Tammy Dix Jensen Physical Education Award:**

**Alec Bunn (9th)**

**Michael I. Poutiatine Award for Excellence in Outdoor Pursuits:**

**Will Reiger (11th)**

**Michael M. McCarthy Speech and Debate Award:**

**Charlie Darnall (11th)**

**Excellence in English: Madeline Christiansen (11th)**

**Excellence in World Languages (Spanish):**

**Claire Bennett (11th)**

**Excellence in World Languages**

**(English Language Learner): Marceline Tang (11th)**

**Excellence in World Languages (Chinese):**

**Kyrie Woodard (11th)**

**Excellence in Social Studies (History):**

**Grace Generous (11th)**

**Excellence in Social Studies (Economics):**

**Adam Hasdorff (11th)**

**Excellence in Science: Adam Hasdorff (11th)**

**Excellence in Mathematics: Yao You (11th)**

**Excellence in Art: Marceline Tang (11th)**

**Excellence in Music: Jaxon Spackman (11th) &**

**Sarah Wu (10th)**

**Kindness Awards: Zadie Rigsby (9th),**

**Daniel Backlund (9th), Michael McCarthy**

**(10th), Adam Hasdorff (11th)**

