

Dundas Valley Secondary School



Commencement Class of 2024

June 27, 2024

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Awards 2023-2024

Allan A. Greenleaf Perseverance Award

This 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 their OSSD.

Bette Norton Music Participation Award (Lynden Spring Revue)

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.

Dr. Colin M. Day Award

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

Copetown Lions Karl Bruederle Science Award

The Copetown Lions have established this award in the name of former Copetown Lion Member Karl Bruederle. This award is presented to a graduating student attending post-secondary education either in college or university in a science field.

Dundas Optometry Clinic Science Award

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

Dundas Studio Tour Award

This award will be given to a graduating student who has shown commitment to and strength in the visual arts during their time at Dundas Valley Secondary School and who will be pursuing visual arts at a post-secondary college or university education.

Dundas Valley Secondary School Gryphon Award (Student Council)

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

Dundas Valley Secondary School Staff Pathway Scholarship

Funded by the DVSS Staff, this scholarship is presented to three students pursuing post-secondary who has shown great potential.

Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club Graduation Award

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated integrity, participation in co-curricular activities, and community involvement/volunteerism.

Global Connect Award

This award is presented to a grade 12 student who believes in helping others locally and globally and who has led others to act altruistically.

Governor General's Academic Medal

This medal is presented to a graduating student who achieved the highest academic average in all Grade 11 and 12 OSSD credits.

Grant Betzner Physics Award

This award will be given to a graduating student who intends to pursue a post-secondary education in physics. The student has demonstrated achievement in physics and has earned the highest mark in grade 12 university or college pathway physics.

Harper Cup Scholarship

This award is presented to an Indigenous student attending post-secondary who embodies the values of Dundas Valley Secondary School.

Harper's Cup Community Leadership Award

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership within our community.

Harper's Cup Social Science Award

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

Harry Branson Craig Award

This award is presented to a student who has contributed positively to student life at DVSS.

J.L. Gibson Award

This award is presented to a Grade 12 student who has shown general proficiency in English and mathematics.

Joel A. Hartwell Community Service Award

This award is presented to a graduating student residing in Dundas who has demonstrated an ongoing interest in making this community a better place to live through their volunteer work, past and present, in the community, at school, or at church.

Ken Turner Memorial Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who is pursuing post-secondary education, achieved a minimum average of 70%, has an outstanding moral character, participated in co-curricular activities, and has demonstrated exemplary community involvement.

Laura Miller Public Speaking

This award is presented to the Grade 12 Valedictorian.

Laurie Williams Memorial Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who has achieved academic success and demonstrated a willingness to help others. This student has a passion for nature and/or sports.

Lieutenant Governor’s Community Volunteer Award

This award is presented to a Grade 12 student whose efforts and dedication have had a significant impact on civic life in our province. Their exemplary volunteer service went above and beyond the 40 hours required to graduate.

LiUNA 837 Skilled Trades Graduation Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who demonstrated excellence in a Grade 12 co-operative education program in an OYAP placement exploring an apprenticeship trade. This student is continuing their learning in a registered apprenticeship pathway.

Mackesy Smye Law Award

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

Margaret “Pearl” Jones Memorial Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who best represents the "Character Counts" Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

Mark Castle Law Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who has excelled in Canadian and international law.

Michelle Hamilton Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who has shown an exceptional degree of enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication to activities in the classroom, the school, and the community.

Nadia Santoro Memorial Award

This award is in memory of Highland Secondary School student Nadia Santoro and is presented to a senior student with a good academic average and who volunteers to help others at school and in the community.

Norman E. Reid Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who has attained honour standing in senior geography and has contributed to the overall life and spirit of the school.

Ontario Principals’ Council Award

This award is presented to a Grade 12 student who best exemplifies and models leadership qualities in both curricular and co-curricular activities.

OYAP Award - Accelerated OYAP Truck & Coach

This award is presented to a graduating student who demonstrates a commitment to excellence in achievement, attitude, ability, and perseverance in the college and work-place setting.

Parkside Legacy Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who is attending post-secondary education and has contributed significantly to the life and spirit of the school.

Path To The Future Scholarship Award (Path Employment Services)

This award is presented to a graduating student who is attending post-secondary and has demonstrated some or all of the following qualities: an ability to deal with challenges; academic achievement; participation in school and community activities; and has good interpersonal skills.

Petra Janjic Memorial Award

This award will be given to a graduating student who has shown a commitment to the Humanities and Canadian and World Studies departments by successfully completing multiple social sciences and history courses and will be pursuing post-secondary education in a related field. In addition to a strong academic standing, the student recipient will have contributed positively to their school community through participation in team sports, clubs, and activities.

Richard VanDuzer History Award

Richard VanDuzer was a teacher of history for his entire 35-year career at Parkside High School in Dundas and this award is presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated a passion for history.

Schulich Leader Nominee

This certificate is presented to a student pursuing STEM studies and who was selected as the DVSS Schulich Leader Nominee.

SHSM Award - Arts & Culture

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

SHSM Award - Business

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

SHSM Award - Manufacturing

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

SHSM Award - Transportation

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

University of Toronto Book Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who excels in academic pursuits, demonstrates enthusiasm for intellectual exploration, and has a strong involvement in the life of their school and community.

Weiner Family Mathematics Award

This award is presented to a graduating student who has achieved at least 80% in mathematics and has contributed altruistically to help their fellow students.



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Class of 2023-2024

Aicken, Isabella	Bruce, Michael
Andrew, Kael	Burnett, Adam
Arafat, Logan	Button, Sophie
Ashawasagai, Skyler	Canton, Zackery
Ashley, Noah	Carol, Jill
Ashley, Sophia	Casey, Chloe
Asuncion, Logan	Clark, Brennan
Badger, Callum	Combs, Jaida
Baker, Lincoln	Comeau, Emma
Baker, Payton	Cooper, Ella
Barud, Rage	Cox, Owen
Bauer, Nora	Crannie, Lauren
Bienenstock, Samuel	Crespo De Marzo, Olivia
Bill, Izabella	Croft, Devin
Bishop, Abigail	Crowder, Kayden
Bisson, Audrey	Curtis, Liam
Blain, William	Cussons, Carter
Blanchette, Kianna	Dahmer, Alexander
Blanchette, Makayla	Dajani, Ayden
Blawatt, Renee	de Koning, Kate
Bragdon, Colby	Deighton, Chloe
Briscoe-Bryce, Maxwell	Dent, Declan
Brophy, Patrick	Desjardins, Seth
Brown, Joshua	deVries, Cole
Brown, Mitchell	Dinelle, William

DiVincenzo, Alexander	Giles, Claire
Donato, Jefferson	Gillard, Jake
Donnelly, Patrick	Gilmour, Madison
Dorsman, Jayne	Goncalves Ledger, Cohen
Doyle, Kendall	Grunewald, Linnea
Dumbre, Mayura	Gyorffy, Eric
Dupuy, Ava	Handiya, Nchimunya
Dykman, Renee	Hanisco, Robert
Edmonds, Austin	Hassel, Zane
Edwards, Adam	Hawley, Nikita
Eldridge, Robyn	Heaton, William
Eterno, Francesca	Heyer, William
Evans, Hayden	Hicks, Austin
Ezzeddine, Eva	Hils, Danielle
Fairley, Grant	Hogeterp, Sadie
Fama, Rowan	Hojsan, Estera
Fazzari, Nicholas	Holmes, Quinn
Fiddes, Myles	Huard, Adam
Field, Felicity	Hulme, Basil
Floren, Kaylee	Hunt, Andrew
Formiglio, Gabriella	Hutchinson, Sadie
Forster, Meg	Ichine, Alexander
Forth, Declan	Johnson, Sydney
Foster, David	Johnston, Mya
Fria, Cydrik	Kavouras, Christina
Gabriel, Wynton	Kayser, Alice
Gagarine, Alexander	Kelly, Slayde
Gardner, Lucas	Kenehan, Samantha
Gazzola, Alex	Kent, Roni
Ghosh, Anamika	Khaira, Prabhveer
Ghosh, Anoushka	Kirkwood, Bennett

Klapman, Zack
Klein, Jemma
Koblyk, Miranda
Kornberg, Elizaveta
Kornberg, Sasha
Kortmann, Nicole
Kosempel, Megan
Kovach-Kowalski, Zofia
Kriak, Andrea
Kubryn Humeniuk, Marley
Kurtz, Julia
Lack, Talia
Laur, Kellam
Lawson, Eileen
Lee McBride, Cabot
Lekhram, Jaiden
Lima, Gabriela
Ljucovic, Keith
Lombardo, Lucas
Lowe, Sophia
Lugowski, Adam
Luke, Gavin
MacKenzie, Alaina
MacNay, Sophie
MacPhee, Katie
Main, Noah
Mason, Cameron
Mawson, Abigail
Mazza, Sienna
McCormack, Dakoda
McCuish-Bolton, Gemma

McGuigan, Liam
McNicol, Alexandria
Medlock, Meredith
Mielke, Cameron
Mills, Hannah
Mirza, Kaynaat
Mitchell, Laurelle
Moorhead, Elizabeth
Morris, Logan
Murphy, Leah
Neely, Ethan
Nicholson, Jeremy
Nyakundi, Sylvia
Nyland, Jordan
Pasyeka, Dennis
Paszkat, Gracey
Patrick, Ava
Peebles, Jack
Phillipchuk, Dusty
Piriano, Makai
Pivtoran, Victor
Pottinger, Maddox
Pyle, Radley
Racz, Colin
Radrigan, Sofia
Rapson, Wyatt
Reid, Eliana
Rigor, Daniella
Rockwood, Cassius
Robillard, Jonny
Robinson, Alea

Rodley, Marcus	Travers, Charley
Said, Mason	Tsarynny, Gregory
Sangster, McKenna	Tsarynny, Katherine
Senaratna, Andrew	Tutt, Sean
Shafaq, Faisal	Twiss, Spencer
Shannon, Nathan	Vaillancourt, Johanna
Shea, Mason	Van Belle, Jason
Shergill, Gurmanvir	VandenHeuvel, Martin
Sherring Thurgar, Gabrielle	Vander Schee, Elizabeth
Sherring Thurgar, Grace	Verschoor, Joshua
Sherwood, Karson	Vince, Thomas
Shmara, Rukaya	Vissers, Paige
Silliker, Nathaniel	Voisin, Myles
Sneyd, Logan	Wagner, Abigail
Sodnompil, Amar	Wagner, Hannah
Sonier-Edwards, Samarah	Warren-Snowball, Breanna
Sousa, Domino	Watson, Oriana
Spence, James	Weber, Gordon
Spencer, Freya	Weir, Shannon
Strumas, Angeline	Wheeler, Katelyn
Sulentic, Kai	Wignall, Ian
Sundukovsky, Sophia	Wilbrink, Brooklyn
Tapscott, Seth	Woolsey, Joey
Tat, Kayla	Younghusband, Morgan
Taylor, Dakota	
Taylor, Matthew	
Taylor, Rosie	
Tew, Jex	
Thomson, Iain	
Thorogood, Evan	
Thorp, Jackson	



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A most sincere thank you to:

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The various Commencement Committees who spent countless hours putting together all of the details for today's ceremony.

DVSS staff, office administrators, and student volunteers who worked behind the scenes - and without whom this ceremony could not happen - thank you!

DVSS School Council for their support throughout the year.

Holland Park Garden Gallery for generously lending the beautiful arrangements that we have here on our stage.

The staff at Michelangelo Events & Conference Centre for creating a lovely space for our Commencement celebration today.

Our families and caregivers for their unconditional love and constant support to help Dundas Valley students reach this milestone.



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