

**MERCERSBURG ACADEMY  
COMMENCEMENT 2020 PRIZES AND AWARDS**

The Visual Arts Prize  
**Ali Nurkhaidarov**

The Music Director's Prize  
*in recognition and appreciation for a great enthusiasm for music*  
**Natalie Titus and Dalton Fitzsimmons**

The Head of School's Purchase Prize  
*For artwork chosen by the head of school for purchase by the school so that other students in the future can be challenged by the quality of work done by members of this class*  
**Naeemah Winter**

The Austin V. McClain '26 Prize in Fine Arts  
*for industry, interest, and understanding in the fine arts*  
**Julee Rodgers**

The Hamilton Vocal Music Prize  
*for contributions to the vocal music program*  
**Megan McGregor and Max Yang**

The Senior Instrumental Music Prize  
*for contributions to the instrumental music program*  
**Sean Fiscus and Will Maurer**

The Dance Director's Award  
*for outstanding progress and exceptional accomplishment in dance*  
**Keli Flanagan and Shannon Fan**

The Excellence in Dance Prize  
**Riley Wick and Shannon Fan**

The Stony Batter Prize  
*for sustained contribution and exceptional achievement in drama*  
**Paige Cromwell**

The Irwin Cohen (1923) Scholar/Athlete Prize  
*for the female student with the highest scholastic average who has also won a varsity letter*  
**Maggie Quick**

The Frank Hoffmeier (1896) Scholar/Athlete Prize  
*for the male student with the highest scholastic average who has also won a varsity letter*  
**Sean Fiscus**

The Darrell Ecker Award  
*To a female student-athlete for dedication, hard work, sense of fair play, outstanding achievement, and sterling leadership, on the athletic field and in the school*  
**Grace Lewis**

The Leonard Plantz Award  
*To a male student-athlete for dedication, hard work, sense of fair play, outstanding achievement, and sterling leadership, on the athletic field and in the school*  
**Diego Morgan**

The Community Engagement Award  
**Rosina Beritela**

The Keil Hall Excellence Award  
*to the student resident of Keil Hall who has contributed most to dormitory morale*  
**Campbell Prentiss**

The Dr. Julius Shamansky Prize  
*for the most outstanding contribution to The Review*  
**Birdy McDonnell**

The William C. Heilman (1896) Prize in English Composition  
**Aidan Ferrin**

The Poetry Prize  
*established by the Class of 1980 for the strongest work of poetry*  
**Birdy McDonnell**

The Pratt L. Tobey Prize  
*for outstanding contribution to The Fifteen*  
**Clarissa Thompson**

The John Mountain '31 Prize  
*for the best essay on "An Appreciation of American Poetry"*  
**Clay Prichett**

The Harry F. Smith Prize  
*for outstanding performance in Senior English*

**Natalie Titus**

The Gordon M. Macartney Prize

*For the senior who has shown the most significant improvement in English composition*

**Patrick Di Tullio**

The AP Comparative Government Prize

**Maggie Quick**

The Advanced Level German Prize

**Ceara Weiss**

The H. Eugene Davis Prize in Spanish

*for the greatest improvement and general excellence in Spanish*

**Grace Lewis**

The John H. Montgomery Prize in Advanced Level French

**Rosina Beritela**

The Colonel D.F. Wills Prize

*to the senior with the highest grade in economics*

**Sean Fiscus (first prize) and Jiachen Sun (second prize)**

The Statistics Prize

**Mia Nguyen**

The Linear Algebra Prize

**Shannon Fan**

The Eugene Bershatsky Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Mathematics

*to a senior whose academic record has shown him or her to have significant aptitude for mathematics and who also intends to pursue a STEM degree in college*

**Brandon Lamer-Connolly**

The Persis F. Ross Award

*To the senior who has contributed most to the success of outdoor programs*

**Aidan Ferrin**

The Brent Gift Environmental Science Prize

*for excellence in the study of environmental science*

**Jiachen Sun**

The William O. Allen AP Biology Prize  
*for originality and interest in the study of biology*  
**Megan List**

The Wilmarth I. Jacobs Physics Prize  
*for excellence in the study of physics*  
**Sean Fiscus**

U.S. Military Academy Appointment  
**Berklee Cohen**

U.S. Naval Academy Appointments  
**Cory Daly**  
**Jake Evert**  
**Anna Freyman**  
**Jonah Harm**  
**Zach Powers**

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*May 22, 2020*