

Academic Distinction – (Grades 9-12) Academic departments wish to recognize students for an exceptional work ethic throughout the year who have demonstrated improvement or above average performance in an academic subject area. Nomination for the award is determined by the instructor.

Academic Jacket Recipient – Bishop Dwenger High School places academics as a priority only after faith and family. Thus, the Academic Jacket Program has been initiated to make visible to the community the school's high regard for academics. A student satisfies the requirements for a given semester when they meet the following criteria:

1. 3.8 semester GPA
2. 97% attendance rate
3. Not enrolled in a study hall

Order of Awards When Above Criteria is Met (qualifying semesters need not be successive):

- First Semester: graduating year numerals
- Second Semester: academic "BD" letter
- Third Semester: academic jacket or chevron
- Subsequent Semesters: academic chevron(s)

Academic Leadership Award – (Grade 10-12) This student is enrolled in the leadership course directed by the social studies department and exhibits a high degree of intelligence while creating a leadership role among their peers. They have qualities that are necessary to produce great leadership. Two students per semester are nominated by the instructors.

Academic Team – The Indiana Academic Competitions for Excellence, IACE, operates under the auspices of the Association for Secondary School Principals. IACE competitions consist of the Hoosier Spell Bowl and the Academic Super Bowl. The Hoosier Spell Bowl competition is made up of ten rounds with a different team member competing in each round. Words are taken from Instant Spelling Dictionary and must also appear in The Webster's Collegiate Dictionary; 10th ed. Nine words are given in each round. Any student enrolled full-time in grades 9-12 is eligible.

The Academic Super Bowl competition is made up of five subject matter rounds (English, science, social studies, mathematics, and fine arts). Each year a theme is selected by a committee composed of coaches. The theme provides a focus for the five subject area rounds. Any student enrolled full-time in grades 9-12 is eligible.

Adam Smith World Economist Award – (Grade 12) This student has earned 95% or better in Economics for the semester as well as being a potential leader in the field who will invest their knowledge and expertise in improving the quality of life or profitability of a business.

Advanced Placement Mathematics Award – (Grade 12) This student demonstrates exceptionally strong ability in advanced placement mathematics (Calculus, Statistics). Students are nominated by the mathematics department.

Allen County Non-Public Schools Distinguished Senior Award – (Grade 12) This award is granted to one senior boy and one senior girl. These students have demonstrated strong moral character, excelled academically, and have been involved in school and community activities. Nominations are made through the guidance department.

American Citizenship Award – (Grades 9-12) This student participates in school/community service. They show a positive attitude toward classmates, school and community. They display an understanding and appreciation of civic responsibility and possess strength of character along with the courage to do what is right. The student promotes citizenship with the school/community through other activities. Students are nominated by the faculty through the Guidance Department.

Annie Leibowitz Award – (Grades 9-12) The student who earns this award demonstrated originality, skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision to that of Annie Leibowitz.

Apologetics Club – (Grades 9-12) These students are recognized for discussions based on the misconceptions about the Catholic Faith and leadership on how to engage with those who challenge their belief.

Armstrong - Thompson Award – (Grades 9-12) These students show exceptional demonstration of perseverance through class rigor in the subject of Earth & Space Science.

Ansel Adams Award – (Grades 9-12) This student demonstrates a creative skill in multi-media (photography, graphic design, animation). His/her works of art expresses inspiration similar to the famous photographer, Ansel Adams. Students are nominated by the art instructor.

Art Club – (Grades 9-12) The Art Club is an after school activity that creates a space for students to practice their artistic and creative skills together while providing materials and support.

Art Gallery of Excellence – (Grade 12) This student has shown outstanding achievement in the field of visual art. The student exhibits technical expertise and a highly developed sense of creativity demonstrated in their artwork. This student is selected from the following course areas: sculpture, ceramics, drawing and painting.

Aspiring Nobel Laureate Prize – (Grades 10-12) This student demonstrates outstanding academic insight into the field of Anatomy & Physiology and shows leadership during class lessons and is willing to assist other students. Students are nominated by the instructor & maintain an A average.

Audubon Achievement Award – (Grades 10-12) This student demonstrates outstanding academic insight into the field of Environmental Science and shows leadership during class lessons and is willing to assist other students. Students are nominated by the instructor and maintain an A average.

Aureate Award of Honor – (Grades 9-12) This student has devoted time and effort to the creation and publication of the school yearbook. The student has assisted in various tasks such as taking pictures, writing captions, editing pages, and interviewing students and faculty. This student is honored for their dedication and commitment to the journalistic representation of the school.

Aureate Gallery of Editors – (Grades 10-12) This student has led in the creation of the school publication for the entire year. The student has used creativity, editing skills, and time management in the development of the school yearbook. They capture the essence and spirit of the school through their page design, picture selection, and insightful captions. The editor position requires leadership of the staff as well as development of ideas and meeting deadline schedules. This student is honored for their dedication and commitment to the journalistic representation of the school.

BD Ambassador – (Grades 9-12) This student exhibits pride in Bishop Dwenger High School, maintains a high standard of character and works diligently as a contributing citizen. Assist recruitment team as Freshmen Mentors, conducting tours, and hosting students, as well as Open House, Saints Day, the Freshmen Merge, 9th Grade Registration, Alumni Thank-a-thon, grade school visits, and phone calls to prospective students.

BD Billboard Award – (Grades 9-12) Presented to the student who assists Bishop Dwenger High School in the marketing and promotion of our great school, within our halls and outside our walls.

BD Honor Roll – (Grades 9-12) 3.500 – 3.799 semester grade point average

BD Pillar Award – (Grade 12) Given to those Seniors who have demonstrated growth in one or more of the four pillars on which Bishop Dwenger High School's mission is founded: Faith Life, Service Life, Academic Life, and Active Life.

BD Scholar – (Grades 9-12) 3.800 and above semester grade point average

Belles-Lettres Award – (Grades 11-12) Awarded to the master wordsmith in Creative Writing

Bishop Dwenger Semper Fi Award – (Grades 9-12) Given to those students that exhibit a strong work ethic, self-motivation, and initiative regarding projects and tasks in each club or activity.

Bishop's Cross – (Grade 12) presented to the one senior male and one senior female that best represent the four BD Pillars – Faith, Service, Academics, and the Active Life. Nominated by faculty and staff, these students are presented with a crucifix that they will be able to hang in their home for years to come.

Book Club Award – (Grades 9-12) These students explore the world of literature and discuss a rich, diverse selection of books that cover all topics, races, customs, and a plethora of ideas.

Camille Claudel Award – (Grades 9-12) This student creates sculptures that illustrate skills as inspirational as the famous sculptor Camille Claudel. Students are nominated by the Art Instructor.

Central Catholic Alumni Scholarship – (Grades 9 & 12) Given to that a student who has expressed a passion and recognition for the value of his/her Catholic education.

Chemistry Olympiad Award – (Grades 9-12) This student is being honored for ranking as a top performing student in the field of chemistry. Qualification for the award is determined by GPA, attendance, and Science Department approval.

Christian Leadership Award (Serra Club) – (Grade 12) One senior boy and one senior girl are selected by their classmates as the seniors who best exhibit, in their everyday lives, strong moral character and Christian values.

Circle of Life Award – (Grades 9-12) This student has demonstrated an exceptional understanding of the biological sciences that sets them above all other students in this field. Qualification for the award is determined solely by a committee of biology instructors and Department Chair approval.

Competitive Club Member – (Grades 9-12) Given to those students that regularly participate in strategic, competitive activities (i.e., Scrabble, Table Tennis, Darts, etc.) and lead other competitors to do likewise.

DAR Good Citizen Award – (Grade 12) Nominations are first solicited from teachers. The top three nominees are then placed on a ballot. The senior class then chooses the student who best demonstrates:

1. Dependability – trustworthy, reliable and loyal
2. Service – willingness to work and volunteer when needed in school, church or community
3. Leadership – ability to assume responsibility and be a good role model
4. Patriotism – love and respect family, school, community, and country

DeWayne Florea Performing Arts Scholarship - (Grade 11-12) In loving memory of an incredible Bishop Dwenger High School supporter and his love for the stage, this scholarship is applied to recipient's following year's tuition. The recipient is a junior or senior that has shown remarkable talent in drama and is chosen by the fine arts director and qualified staff.

Disney Award for Animation – (Grade 9-12) This student has shown outstanding design in the area of animation. To create in the animation format, the student must have skills in drawing, sculpture, color application, story boarding, and an in-depth understanding of the design software that is used in this creation.

Double Helix Achievement Award – (Grades 10-12) This student demonstrates outstanding academic insight in the field of Genetics and shows leadership during class lessons and is willing to assist other students. Students are nominated by the instructor and maintain an A average.

Dramatic Literature Club - (Grades 9- 12) These participants study outstanding dramatic readings and the understanding of various plays.

Einstein Award – (Grades 9-12) Award to that student who demonstrates exceptional academic success and insight in the field of mathematics.

Elocution Award – (Grades 10-12) Awarded to the student who consistently demonstrates the highest skill level in the art of oratory.

Esprit De Corps Award – (Grades 11-12) Presented to that Marching Saint who consistently displays a positive attitude, a feeling of pride, fellowship and common loyalty modeled and shared to maintain a positive morale and spirit within the marching band.

Excellence in Drama Award – (Grades 9-12) recognizes those students that have demonstrated a commitment, dedication and excellence in acting at Bishop Dwenger High School.

French Club – (Grades 9-12) These students are recognized for organization, leadership, and regular participation through exposure to the French speaking world and its rich, diverse culture that leads to tolerance or differences regarding race, language, and customs.

French Global Citizen Award – (Grades 9-12) This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated an exceptional talent for and interest in the French language and culture and has continued the study of French beyond the requirement for any diploma. Qualification for the award is determined by the GPA, attendance and leadership in the French classroom setting.

Freudian Distinction – (Grade 12) Awarded in honor of Sigmund Freud, the founding father of psychoanalysis, to that student enrolled in Advanced Placement Psychology who shows an aptitude for the subject.

Frida Kahlo Award – (Grades 9-12) This student demonstrates a creative skill in painting. His/her works of art expresses inspiration similar to the famous painter Frida Kahlo. Students are nominated by the Art Instructor.

Future Business Leaders of America – Future Award – (Grades 9-12) Awarded to those members of the BD Chapter who have submitted documented advancement of business skills, community service and involvement in the local chapter.

Future Political Leader Award – (Grade 12) Awarded to those Government students who show initiative in the study of state and community system beyond what is expected in the classroom.

Future Pulitzer Prize – (Grades 11-12) Awarded to the writer with consummate communication and analytical skills in either Advanced Composition or Expository Writing.

The Gaming Club – (Grades 9-12) For students who played the card game, shared ideas about the game, and competed.

Golden Trumpet Editorial Leadership Award – (Grades 9-12) This student takes on responsibilities above his/her area and contributes to the total process of publishing in a news media. Leadership qualities are paramount for the recipients of this honor. Students are nominated by the moderator of the student newspaper.

Good Samaritan Award – (Grades 9-12) Awarded to the student who consistently displays a positive and helpful attitude in the classroom and towards the educational process in general.

Grammarians Award – (Grade 9) Awarded to the English 9 student who demonstrates meticulous grammar knowledge and usage.

Henry Clay Award – (Grades 10-12) Awarded to the Advanced Placement United States History student who persevered through class rigor and demonstrated determination to rise to the top.

Hispanic Heritage Pride and Leadership Award – (Grade 12) This award is presented to an outstanding and enthusiastic Spanish Heritage Learner, a student who is studying a language with some proficiency in or a cultural connection to that language through family, community, or country of origin.

Indiana Legislative Awards – (Grade 12) Given by the state senator and representative to each graduating senior. Indiana University Honors Program (Grade 10-12) These students complete a rigorous selection process through Indiana University to travel to Mexico, France, or Spain. While abroad, they take classes, study and live with a family, sightsee and learn about a country's culture and language.

Indianapolis Star Academic All Star Award – (Grade 12) Bishop Dwenger's candidate for this award is selected based on a formula utilizing SAT/ACT scores and all grades earned through seven semesters. The top 40 students in Indiana are recognized as Indianapolis Star Academic All-Star Award winners.

John Philip Sousa Band Award – (Grade 12) Honors outstanding dedication and superior musicianship in high school band. Nominations are made through the Band Director.

Journalism Award of Excellence – (Grade 12) This student is being honored for his/her aggressive, tenacious, and accurate reporting in a news media. He/she possesses attributes that could be developed into a successful news reporter. The student also may have displayed initiative in page editing by using creative ideas, efficient compilation of data, unique page designs and excellent overall quality of work. Students are nominated by the moderator of the student newspaper.

Katsushika Hokusai – (Grade 9-12) This student demonstrated originality, skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision likened to that of Katsushika Hokusai.

Keys Club – (Grades 9-12) These students are recognized for their successes attributed and time devoted to the club and community.

Leonardo da Vinci Award – (Grades 9-12) This student demonstrates a creative talent in drawing and shows great promise in the advancement of this art skill. They create illustrations that complement the teaching from the great artist Leonardo da Vinci. Students are nominated by the Art Instructor.

Literary Luminary – (Grade 12) Awarded to the senior student who manifests enthusiasm, insightfulness, and reverence for literary works.

Louis Pasteur Award – (Grades 10-12) This award is given to a student who excels scholastically in microbiology and demonstrates a potential to successfully advance his/her education in the field of science. Nomination for this award is determined by the science instructor and department chair. Class participation, GPA, attendance and mastery of the subject matter are all considered.

Lyle F. Cornell Scholarship – (Grades 11) This \$1,000 BD tuition credit is awarded by the Lyle F. Cornell foundation and is given to a student who demonstrates a dedication for Catholic education. This award is presented to the student who has written a winning essay.

Magellan Award in Geography – (Grade 9-12) This student demonstrates outstanding academic insight in the field of geography and shows leadership during class lessons and are willing to assist other students. Students are nominated by the instructor and maintain an A average.

Mark Twain Award – (Grade 10) Given to the outstanding student who demonstrates a love of and competency in American Literature.

Maslow Mark of Excellence – (Grade 12) Awarded in honor of Abraham Maslow, a theorist in psychological health, to that student enrolled in Advanced Placement Psychology who shows an aptitude for the subject.

Matsu Kosei Award – (Grades 11-12) Awarded to that student who demonstrates an inspirational vision in the medium of ceramics.

Matthew Fackler Perseverance Award – (Grade 12) This individual has displayed determination, dedication, diligence, persistence, endurance, stamina, steadfastness, tenacity, and a 'never give up' attitude throughout their high school career.

Michael R. Thompson Drama Award – (Grade 12) This award recognizes a senior who strives toward the highest level of professional accomplishment in drama. This individual has displayed commitment, dedication and acting at the highest level. Nominations are made from the Drama Director.

Milton Glaser Award – (Grades 11-12) This is awarded to that student who demonstrates an inspirational vision in Graphic Design.

National Honor Society – (Grades 11-12) Individuals of Bishop Dwenger High School are invited to apply for entrance to the Cives Mundorum Duorum Chapter if they have achieved a grade point average determined by the NHS Board by the start of their junior year. Those accepted must present themselves as leaders of the school in academics, service and Christian attitude.

The National Merit® Scholarship Program – (Grade 12) is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) during the junior year. The top 16,000 of the 1.5 million students are selected as National Merit Semi-Finalists. National Merit Finalists are selected based on academic performance in high school and their subsequent SAT scores. These students represent the top 1% of all students who took the PSAT.

The National Scholastic Awards in Art and Writing – (Grades 9-12) The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers celebrates the creative achievement of America's teens. The Awards were founded in 1923 to offer recognition and scholarships for students for their artistic talents. Students who excel in the visual arts and creative writing participate in The Awards to earn recognition, get their work exhibited or published, and to earn scholarships.

Nelson/Tierney Speech Award – (Grade 12) recognizes a senior who strives toward the highest level of professional accomplishment in Speech. This individual has displayed commitment, dedication and speaking at the highest level, and must be a member of the Speech Team. Nominations are made by the Speech Team Moderator.

Outstanding Musicianship and Leadership Award – (Grade 12) Earned by those students who demonstrate exceptional musical performance while modeling dedication to the craft.

Pastoral Ministry Award – (Grades 9-12) Students that share their gifts, talents and Christian faith through Retreat Planning, Ministering of Holy Communion, Liturgical Choir, Liturgical Ensemble, Proclaiming The Word.

Perfect Attendance Award – (Grade 9-12) Students are recognized for perfect attendance during the current school year. Seniors are recognized for 4 years of perfect attendance.

Principal Award – (Grade 12) These seniors are awarded for their demonstration of improvement in faith, academics, activities or service.

Publius Vergilius Maro Award – (Grades 11-12) In honor of the ancient Roman poet, Virgil, this award is presented to the student who demonstrates exceptional originality, skill and emergence of a personal voice in the study of the Latin Language.

Quill & Pen Award – (Grade 12) Earned by the Advanced Placement English student who demonstrates consummate rhetorical skills in both the areas of language and literary analysis.

SADD Recognition Award – (Grades 9-12) Presented to the student that has served the Bishop Dwenger High School's SADD Chapter and dedicated time and talent to the Students Against Destructive Decision Mission "To provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving and other destructive decisions."

Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton Peer Tutor Award – (Grades 9-12) This student unselfishly contributes his/her talent and times to assist other students who need special attention in academic disciplines. A special distinction is awarded if a student tutors for his/her entire high school tenure. Students are nominated by the Resource Room Supervisor.

Saint Francis Master's of Life Science – (Grades 9-12) This award is given to a student who maintains above average grades in biology and shows an interest in science. Students who participate intelligently in class discussions are so honored. Selection is made by the Science Department.

Saint Gabriel Development & Alumni Relations Award – (Grades 9-12) Presented to the student who most understands the importance of giving back to their school, both now and in the future. He/she has demonstrated a commitment, and pride in our school by involvement in Saints Alive!, the Thank-a-thon, Homecoming events and Grandparents Day. As a result, he/she has made a significant impact in our Dwenger Family.

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Award (Saints For Life) – (Grades 9-12) St. Gianna Beretta Molla was an Italian physician and surgeon. Active in Catholic Action, she had a strong compassion for the needy. In 1950, she started a clinic to care for mothers and their babies, the elderly, and poor. As Gianna and her husband were expecting their fourth child, complications led doctors to advise her to abort the child to save her own life. She refused. On April 28, 1962 a week after giving birth, she died, placing her child's life above her own. She was canonized on May 16, 2004.

Saint Mother Teresa Club – (Grades 9- 12) The members of this club follow the motto of St. Mother Teresa, "to do things with great love."

Saint Mother Teresa Service Award – (Grades 9-12) This award recognizes students who have at least fifteen service hours above the requirement. Student names are submitted by the Service Coordinator.

Saint Paul Award – (Grades 9-12) Given to students who extend an altruistic attitude to others, much like St. Paul. These students model hard work by completing God's tasks without complaint; always setting an example for others and being a conscientious student daily. This award is determined by the instructors and staff of the Resource Room.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Award – (Grades 9-12) This student demonstrates an outstanding knowledge of Theology. He/she models life after Jesus and serves as an example to other students. They show leadership during class discussions. Students are nominated by the Theology Department.

Saints Alive! Four-Year Volunteer Award – (Grade 12) Awarded to those students that have given freely of their time to the generation of financial aid for Bishop Dwenger and its students via participation in the Saints Alive! auction during each of the years he/she was a student at this school.

Saints Alive! St. Joseph the Worker Award – (Grades 9-12) Each year, the staff and volunteers who lead the Saints Alive! effort identify an outstanding student who has gone above and beyond the call-of-duty to assist in our school's major fundraiser. This student has demonstrated the importance of service, hospitality and kindness and his/her efforts are to be commended.

Salutatorian – (Grade 12) This student has the second highest grade point average of the senior class.

SEA Club – (Grades 9- 12) The Sustainable Environmental Action Club is a student organization focused on pioneering sustainability throughout the school. Various activities include Earth week, managing the schools recycling, and after school discussion events.

Senior Athlete Award – (Grade 12) This award is given to all senior athletes and managers who participated in an athletic activity during their senior year. Seniors play a pivotal role in providing leadership for teams and the student body and they are an integral part of developing success.

Senior Club Athletic Award – (Grade 12) This award is given to all senior athletes and managers who participated in a non-IHSAA sanctioned athletic activity that is school sponsored during their senior year. Seniors play a pivotal role in providing leadership for teams and the student body and are an integral part of developing success.

Senior Performing Arts Award – (Grade 12) Given to all senior performers who participated in the Performing Arts during their senior year. These include concert band, jazz band, concert choir, show choir, drama, etc. Seniors play a pivotal role in providing leadership for these organizations and they are an integral part of developing success.

Senior Superlatives – (Grade 12) A light-hearted designation elected by the members of the senior class.

Sertoma Outstanding Scholar/Athlete Award – (Grade 12) This student demonstrates leadership by excelling both academically and athletically.

Service to School – (Grade 12) Awarded to those students who volunteer time and aid to a given office/ department of the school.

Shakespeare Award – (Grade 11) Given to the outstanding student who demonstrates a love of and competency in English Literature.

Sir Isaac Newton – (Grade 12) Awarded to the student who shows exceptional demonstration of perseverance through class rigor in the subject of Honors Physics.

Spanish Club – (Grades 9-12) These students are recognized for organization, leadership and regular participation through exposure to the Spanish speaking world and its rich, diverse culture that leads to tolerance or differences regarding race, language and customs.

Spanish Global Citizen Award – (Grades 9-12) This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated an exceptional talent for and interest in the Spanish language and culture and has continued the study of Spanish beyond the requirement for any diploma. Qualification for the award is determined by the GPA, attendance and leadership in the Spanish classroom setting.

Spell Bowl Award – (Grades 9-12) These students participate in the Indiana Association of School Principals Spell Bowl competition season.

Spirit Club – (Grades 9-12) Presented to those students that display extraordinary school spirit and initiate spirit-driven activities. This student contributed to spirit related activities and their planning (i.e. pep sessions, locker signs, Homecoming activities, etc.)

Sterling Sentinel Nominee in Journalism – (Grade 12) This student has demonstrated true interest and talent in his/her respective categories throughout his/her high school career. Once selected to represent Bishop Dwenger, he/she competes among the top students in the area. Based on written applications and interviews, the scholarship winners are selected by a panel of journalism experts.

Students for International Topicality Awareness (SITA)– (Grades 9-12) SITA draws attention to human rights issues that are taking place in many parts of the world. The group discusses these issues in relation to the current events that surround them and the policies which have led to them.

Student of the Month – (Grades 9-12) Each academic department selects a student who has achieved the most success in his/her particular discipline in a given month.

Student of the Year – (Grades 9-12) This student is nominated as a Student of the Month during the school year for demonstrating academic achievement in one of ten academic disciplines. The social studies department awards the student of the year for their department in memory of former social studies instructor, Denvil Meadows.

Top 10 – (Grade 12) These students have the 10 highest grade point averages of the senior class.

Top 10% – (Grade 12) This student's grade point average is ranked in the top 10% of the senior class.

Top 20% – (Grade 12) This student's grade point average is ranked in the top 20% of the senior class.

Valedictorian – (Grade 12) This student has the highest-grade point average of the senior class.

Wordsmith Award – (Grade 9-12) Given to the student who displays outstanding knowledge of the meaning of words, their origin, and contextual use and applies this knowledge to writing appropriately.