General excellence medals for Academic Achievement for this school year are awarded to:

- **Grade 11**: Emmalee Graham
- **Grade 10**: Thérèse Mills
- **Grade 9**: Julia Halas

The Princeton Book Award is presented to a junior for outstanding academic achievement and exemplary community service. The book is presented this year to:

Maeve Moran

The Rensselaer Medal was first presented in 1916 with two purposes: to recognize the superlative achievement of young men and women and to motivate students toward careers in science, engineering, and technology. Each medalist who is accepted and subsequently enrolls at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute receives a special medalist scholarship worth $60,000 over 4 years. The medal is presented each year to a junior who has excelled in the areas of math and science. This year the award is presented to:

Sabina Maurer

Certificates and pins are presented to students in each academic course. The Academic Excellence Award is presented to the student who has performed the best in the course for this academic school year. The Honorable Mention award is presented to the student with the next highest average. The Excellent Effort Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated outstanding effort throughout the course.

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Two freshmen have achieved highest honors for their cumulative performance in the **WordWright Critical Reading Challenge** this year.

Competing against almost 13,000 freshmen nationwide, Jordyn Young was one of the 10 highest-scoring students and Maggie Roccato was one of the 16 highest-scoring students.

Congratulations to the class of 2018 for having tied for twelfth place in the country in the cumulative standings. I invite the entire freshman class to stand and be recognized for this achievement.

The following students have achieved distinction among only a few thousand top scorers nationwide on the **National French Exam**.

**Level 1**

**Bronze Medal**

Anne Dombrowski

**National Winner Runner-Up**
Kelly King
Jessica Lehman

Honorable Mention

Flora Cruz-Morales
Simone Fera

Level 2

Bronze Medal

Alessandra DiBenedetto

National Winner Runner-Up

Lara Garrity
Caitlin Melo

Honorable Mention

Kelsey Farkas
Emma Lynch

Level 3

Gold Medal

Emma Braun

Honorable Mention

Katherine Clementi
Victoria Donnelly
Jamie Marandola
Jenna Newman

Level 4

National Winner Runner-Up
Sara Jaskot

Honorable Mention

Sabina Maurer

The following students in the Latin Department have achieved beyond expectations through their exceptional performance in this year’s National Latin Exam.

Latin 1A

Cum Laude

Cara Rossi
Grace Young
Sophia Kennedy

Magna Cum Laude

Sinead Healy

Silver Medal for Maxima Cum Laude

Mary Arena
Natalie Holstein
Maryeileen Kent
Margaret McGrath
Lauren Viola
Zenia Nasevich
Megan Leahy
Gabriela Marziano
Katrina McDermott

Gold Medal for Summa Cum Laude

Emma Andrews
Kylie Campisciano
Mary McDermott
Erin Mullen
Jordyn Young
Jane Pham
Juliana Jaskot
Anna Norton

Latin 2A
Cum Laude

Cherokee Huff-Peete
Julia Moore

Silver Medal for Maxima Cum Laude

Sahara Caldwell
Avery Kirk
Lada Dzidic
Juliana Fiorilli
Jenna Newman
Cameron Toddy
Lindsay Messina
Nina Flick
Sarah Collington
Alison Zarella

Gold Medal for Summa Cum Laude

Nicole DiAntonio
Jennifer Ramirez
Gianna Penezic
Chiara Mancuso

Latin 3A

Cum Laude

Sofia Brignola
Alexandra Lee

Silver Medal for Maxima Cum Laude

Fiona Kennedy
Maeve Moran
Daniela Colavita
Taylor McClain
Isabelle Rosini
Meghan McDermott
Alexandra Duckworth

Gold Medal for Summa Cum Laude

Briana Quinn
Julia Leodori
Out of over 140,000 students who took the National Latin Exam around the world, one Merion student ranks among the top 1% who merited a perfect score for Latin 2A. The American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League bestow honor upon:

Hannah Bacso

The following students have achieved distinction in the National Spanish Exam.

Level 1

**Gold Medal**

Keara Gilligan

**Silver Medal**

Jenna Bertin  
Russ-Ahna Davenport  
Sara Jaskot  
Erin Mullen  
Margaret Roccato  
Megan Talke

**Bronze Medal**

Emma Davis  
Hannah Droogan  
Abigail Fisher  
Mary Elizabeth Passarella  
Madison Richards

**Honorable Mention**

Josephine Biancaniello  
Claudia Conway  
Meghan Devine  
Sara Ewing  
Caitlin Farkas  
Emma Iannone  
Katie Kubasko  
Kathryn Lynch  
Meredith MacKenzie  
Nina Malitas  
Julia Picciotti  
Devyn Russo  
Katrina Siki
Level 2

Gold Medal
Julia Halas
Thérèse Mills

Silver Medal
Maggie Browne
Caroline Hecht
Julianna Jaskot
Sumin Walker

Bronze Medal
Sarah Capuzzi
Nadia Carlino
Caroline DeVoto
Julianna Julia
Chiara Mancuso
Julia Moore
Gianna Penezic
Anna Rudegeair
Felicia Sciulli
Katherine Troy

Honorable Mention
Olivia Anderson
Brittney Bedrossian
Sarah Castor
Cameron Centrella
Hannah Crilley
Kathryn Eddowes
Elizabeth Gallagher
Kolbe Keating
Morgan Lamb
Emily Maminski
Jeannie McGill
Kelsey McMenamin
Josephine Messina
Brittany Ott
Alexandra Scannapieco
Sophia Scarpone
Daniela Sciulli
Theresa Stewart
Meredith Stitt
Kristina Sweeney
Janan Wilson
Margaret Wilson

**Level 3**

**Bronze Medal**

Kathryn Derewicz
Megan Gilligan
Emmalee Graham
Courtney Pellegrino
Briana Quinn

**Honorable Mention**

Lauren Bambach
Emma Barrera
Theresa Dierkes
Kristen Harrison
Sydney Hasson
Anne Hughes
Clare McCabe
Elizabeth McMonagle
Kelsey Mullen
Elizabeth Olson
Leah Palombi
Alyssa Pizzi
Alessandra Restifo
Devyn Schwarz
Morgan Sherman
Megan Stangis
Lauren Thomas
Brianna Vassallo
Rachel Weiss
Kennday Wright

**Level 4**

**Honorable Mention**

Maria Leone

Merion sophomores were invited this year to participate in the 66th annual American Mathematics Contest. With over 4,000 schools participating nationwide, its purpose is to spur interest in mathematics and to develop talent in problem solving through the excitement of competition in a timed format. The following students participated in the contest:
Thérèse Mills has also earned a pin for special recognition as Merion Mercy’s top scorer at this year’s American Mathematics Contest.

The Catholic Math League is a national math competition that offers contests to each advanced math level. This year, Merion Mercy participated in the Algebra 1A and Geometry A level. The students are tested four times throughout the year.

Algebra 1A:

1st Place: Jane Pham
2nd Place: Emma Andrews
3rd Place: Megan Talke

Geometry A

1st Place: Mary McDermott
2nd Place: Keara Gilligan
3rd Place: Meredith Mackenzie

The following awards are presented to the students who placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the regional Trig-Star Program Competition.

The Trig-Star Program Contest is an annual high school mathematics competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors based on the practical application of Trigonometry. The purpose of the Trig-Star Program is to promote the study of trigonometry in high school and to promote excellence in the mastery of trigonometry by honoring the individual students who have demonstrated superior skill among classmates at the High School level.

Third Place, and the winner of $50: Emma Barrera
Second Place, and the winner of $100: Madison Wang
First Place, and the winner of $200: Emmalee Graham

The ExploraVision Honorable Mention awards are given to the top 10% of over 500 entries in this division of that Toshiba-sponsored contest.
Merion students are to be commended for a job well done in demonstrating innovative thinking in their exploration of science and its impact on technology and the future.

For the project **The Playback Wayback Machine** – a tool for memory recall for Alzheimer patients and their doctors – certificates are presented to the following team members:

Mary Elizabeth Passarella, Zenia Nasevich, Mary McDermott, and Grace Young.

For the project **Vici Water** – a hand-held solar/mechanically powered water bottle that purifies and desalinates water – certificates are presented to the following team members:

Sumin Walker, Ciara Phillips-Darby, Russ-Ahna Davenport, and Madeline Walker

Recognition of **perfect attendance** for the **2014-2015 school year** is awarded to:

**Class of 2018**

Emma Andrews  
Annina Baccile  
Emma Braun  
Brijette Brown  
Kylie Campisciano  
Alannah Daly  
Russ-Ahna Davenport  
Janelle Ellis  
Keara Gilligan  
Caroline Hecht  
Sophia Kennedy  
Kelly King  
Caitlin Kwapisinski  
Gabriela Marziano  
Bridget McTiernan  
Mary Elizabeth Passarella  
Annalise Patti  
Cara Rossi  
Francesca Tronieri  
Christina Walker

**Class of 2017**

Tara Fowler  
Catherine Schrieber  
Julianne Shea
Class of 2016

Julie D'Agostino
Fiona Kennedy
Sabina Maurer
Elizabeth McMonagle
Amber Young

Recognition of **perfect attendance** for **two (2) consecutive years** is awarded to:

Class of 2017

Sarah Castor
Hannah Crilley
Nicole DiAntonio
Alay'na DiSanto
Elizabeth Gallagher
Kelsey McMenamin
Gianna Penezic
Jennifer Ramirez

Class of 2016

Theresa Dierkes

Recognition of **perfect attendance** for **three (3) consecutive years** is awarded to:

Class of 2016

Grace Campbell
Megan Stangis
Diana Strippet
Brianna Vassallo