

Anthropology

Alan Mason Prize in 4th year

This prize is awarded to the graduating student with a Major or Honours in Anthropology who has achieved the highest academic standing in Anthropology courses in this academic year. This award honours Dr. Alan Mason, who taught Anthropology at St. Thomas University for more than 30 years. *Recipient: Tyler McCormick*

Michael Nicholas Prize in Anthropology in 4th Year

This prize goes to the graduating student with a Major or Honours in Anthropology who has the highest grade point average in Anthropology courses and honours Michael Nicholas. Michael was a graduate of Fredericton High School and St. Thomas University where he was active in the Native Student Council and the Archaeological Society. A proud member of the Wolastoqiyik, he was passionate about his life's work in his chosen field of archaeology. *Recipient: Eugenia Flores Rodriguez*

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Abdul Lodhi Prize for Highest Standing

This prize is awarded to the student with the highest accumulated grade point average in all Criminology courses. Dr. Abdul Lodhi was the founder of the Atlantic Human Rights Centre and was instrumental in the development of the Certificate Program in Criminology and Social Justice, which would lead to the development of the Criminology Major. *Recipient: Emma Richard*

Economics

Prize for Economics in 4th Year

This honour goes to the student with the highest accumulated grade point average in all Economics courses. *Recipient: James Brennan*

English Language and Literature

Bishop Hill Prize for English in 4th Year

Named in honour of Bishop James Michael Hill, former rector of St. Thomas, this prize is awarded to a student graduating with a Major or Honours in English who has achieved the highest grade point average in English courses at the 3000-level or above in that academic year. *Recipient: Ryan Martin*

Dr. Lissa Beauchamp Memorial Prize for English Research

This prize is awarded to a student Majoring or Honouring in English who submits the best research paper. Dr. Beauchamp was an English Professor at St. Thomas University for some 15 years, during which time she taught hundreds of students. She always had a dedicated

following of students who admired her intellect, generosity, and sense of humour—she was known to go out of her way to assist and work with students, and mentored many students into graduate programs across the country. *Recipient: Ryan Martin*

Robert Clayton Casto Prize for Poetry

This prize is awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in writing poetry. Robert Clayton Casto was a Toronto poet and former coordinator of York University's creative writing program. In addition to his academic work, Casto also published several volumes of poetry including *A Strange and Fitful Land* (1959), *The Arrivals* (1980) and *Human Gardens* (ca. 1998), and had individual poems appear in numerous journals, reviews, and magazines. *Recipient: Jessica Smith*

David Adams Richards Prize for Fiction

This prize is awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in prose or fiction. There can be little doubt that David Adams Richards is one of the most accomplished writers to pass through the doors of St. Thomas University. His iconic novels have earned a prominent place in the landscape of Canadian literature, and have earned Richards the most prestigious awards a writer can receive – two Governor General Awards and a Giller Prize. In 2009, Richards was named to the Order of Canada for his contributions to Canadian literature. *Recipient: Joelle Richard*

Environment and Society

Dr. Gloria Paul Memorial Graduating Prize

This prize is named in honour of Dr. Gloria Paul and is generously funded by her estate. Gloria received an honorary degree from St. Thomas and maintained a strong relationship with the university for many years. She often spoke to students about environmental effects of war and military conflict. Gloria was affiliated with the Conservation Council, Sierra Club, and The Voice of Women. She was a lifelong social activist and promoted peace in all her work. *Recipient: Emma Fackenthal*

Fine Arts

Fine Arts Prize for Musical Theatre

This prize is awarded to a graduating student majoring in Fine Arts and recognizes their contribution to Musical Theatre. *Recipient: Emily Bessey*

Fine Arts Prize for Chamber Music

This prize is awarded to a graduating student majoring in Fine Arts and recognizes their contribution to Chamber Music.
Recipient: Brooke Grothe

French

Marguerite Michaud Prize for French Canadian Literature

This prize is awarded to a graduating student with the highest accumulated grade point average in all French language courses. Marguerite Michaud was instrumental in removing educational barriers facing francophone women and girls in New Brunswick. She graduated with distinction from St. Francis Xavier in 1923, becoming the first Acadian woman to receive a university degree. Michaud taught at St. Thomas from 1968–1973, receiving an honorary degree in 1971.

Recipient: Ryan Martin

Ambassador of Switzerland Prize

The recipient of this prize has demonstrated outstanding performance in French language skills, with advanced and superior levels of second-language literacy development, resulting in an increased awareness of the crucial role communication skills - oral and written - play in developing and expressing complex ideas and arguments.

Recipient: Sarah Veniot

Gerontology

Dr. Gary Irwin-Kenyon Graduation Prize in Gerontology

Named after long-serving Gerontology professor Dr. Gary Irwin-Kenyon, this prize is awarded to a graduating student with a Major in Gerontology with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in required GERO courses. The student will have demonstrated community service with/for older adults and involvement in research related to older adults.

Recipient: Reese Nickerson

Great Books

Prize for Highest Standing Major

This prize is awarded to a graduating student Majoring in Great Books with the highest grade point average. *Recipient: Monica Riccio*

History

Chuddy McCarthy Memorial Prize in 4th Year

This prize is awarded to a fourth-year student with the highest average in all six full-year History courses. The award honours Charles (Chuddy) McCarthy, who graduated with a BA and BEd from St. Thomas, and who is remembered as a beloved member of The Thomists.

Recipient: Emma Craib

David Lister Myles Prize in History

Awarded annually to a 3rd or 4th year student majoring or honouring in History based on achieving excellence in material history, experiential learning, or public history. Generously funded by the family and friends of David Lister Myles, a noted material historian, restoration expert, and preservationist. *Recipient: Ellie Weir*

Lawrence Desmond Prize for Medieval History

This prize is awarded to a student with an outstanding performance in a Medieval History course. The prize honours the memory of Lawrence Desmond, a graduate of St. Thomas College and an Honorary Degree recipient, whose academic specialty was in late Medieval Political Britain, Medieval Monastic History, and Social History.

Recipient: Sarah Somerville

Human Rights

Craig J. Carleton, K.C., Essay Prize in Human Rights

This prize is awarded to a third or fourth-year student in the Human Rights program, based on the quality of a submitted essay or paper. This essay prize honours Craig J. Carleton, K.C., a respected lawyer in Bathurst, NB, for more than two decades, who earned a King's Counsel designation, and subsequently was Clerk of the Court in Fredericton and Woodstock. *Recipient: Jonathan McDonald*

James & Judith DiPaolo Moot Court Graduating Prize

In honour of her parents, Judith and James, Dr. Amanda DiPaolo, Chair of the Human Rights Program at St. Thomas created this prize. As long-time supporters of STU's Moot Court Program, which was founded by Dr. DiPaolo, Judith and James DiPaolo recognize the impact STU Moot Court has on the students who participate. *Recipient: Ellie Namit*

Lasha Chojcan (Alys Murphy) Prize in Human Rights

This prize is awarded to the graduating HMRTS Major with the highest GPA in HMRTS courses, and the highest cumulative GPA. This prize was established by Dr. Shannonbrooke Murphy in honour of her greatest influence, her mother, Lasha Chojcan (Alys Murphy).

Recipient: Jonathan McDonald

Italian Studies

Ambassador of Switzerland Prize

The recipient of this prize has demonstrated outstanding performance in Italian language skills, with advanced and superior levels of second-language literacy development, resulting in an increased awareness of the crucial role communication skills - oral and written - play in developing and expressing complex ideas and arguments.

Recipient: Michaila Bassett

Journalism & Communications

Christine Morris Prize in Journalism

This prize is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence in fourth-year Journalism courses. Christine Morris, a former writer for the Halifax Herald, the Canadian Press, and the Telegraph-Journal, served as a Washington correspondent during the Bill Clinton presidency. She has been nominated for National Newspaper Awards four times and won twice. Morris has also received lifetime achievement awards from St. Thomas and the Atlantic Journalism Association. *Recipient: Katherine Del Salto*

David Adams Richards Prize for Non-Fiction

This prize is awarded to a student who demonstrates excellence in writing non-fiction or creative non-fiction. There can be little doubt that David Adams Richards is one of the most accomplished writers to pass through the doors of St. Thomas University. His iconic novels have earned a prominent place in the landscape of Canadian literature, and have earned Richards the most prestigious awards a writer can receive – two Governor General Awards and a Giller Prize. In 2009, Richards was named to the Order of Canada for his contributions to Canadian literature. *Recipient: Frey Blake-Pijogge*

Dr. Micheal Camp Prize in Journalism

This prize is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence in fourth-year Journalism courses. Dr. Camp, recently retired from teaching at St. Thomas University. He has a Master's degree in Politics from the University of New Brunswick and a BA from Trent University. He started in journalism in the early 1980s at the Telegraph Journal in Saint John, NB. Dr. Camp is credited with the development and evolution of STU's current journalism program. *Recipient: Sarah Tapley*

Frank McKenna Prize in Communications and Public Policy

This prize is awarded to a graduating student who demonstrates academic excellence in fourth-year Communications and Public Policy courses. Frank McKenna, PC, OC, ONB, is a lawyer, politician, businessman, diplomat, and was premier of New Brunswick between 1987-1997. Frank and his wife Julie are generous supporters of St. Thomas, establishing the Frank McKenna Centre for Communications and Public Policy and the Ruth McCrae Endowment in support of Moot Court. *Recipients: Kimberly Kilpatrick & Sarah Tapley*

Kevin Malone Prize in Communications and Public Policy

This prize is awarded to a graduating student who demonstrates academic excellence in fourth-year Communications and Public Policy courses. *Recipient: Valeria Nicola Auria*

Native Studies

Native Studies Graduating Prize

This prize is awarded to a graduating student with a Major or Honours in Native Studies based on the highest grade point average in all Native Studies Courses. *Recipient: MacKenzie Mitchell*

Philosophy

Mark Adams Prize for Philosophy in 4th Year

The recipient of this prize has the highest grade point average in all Philosophy courses. This prize honours Mark Adams, who graduated in 2006 with double Honours in Philosophy and Great Ideas. An accomplished student, Adams was awarded one of the three Social Sciences and Humanities Research Masters scholarships given to St. Thomas graduates that year. Mark Adams died in 2008, two years after graduating from St. Thomas. *Recipient: Ruby Pfeifle*

Political Science

Best Honours Thesis in International Relations

This prize is awarded to the graduating student with the best honours thesis in the International Relations program. *Recipient: James Brennan*

Charles Kuun Prize for Best First-Year Essay

Awarded on the basis of outstanding performance on a major essay in POLS 1103, 1603 and 1013. *Recipient: Megan Bowen*

Juergen Doerr Prize for Best Essay in Comparative Politics

Awarded on the basis of outstanding performance on a comparative politics paper. Generously funded by the Political Science Academic Prize Endowment. In 1969 Juergen Doerr was appointed by St. Thomas University to teach European History, his specialty being German History. During his 32-year career at St. Thomas Juergen was well respected among his colleagues and students for his sense of fairness and his commitment to his teaching. *Recipient: Adam Pelkey*

Dr. Rick Myers Prize for Best Essay in Political Philosophy

This prize is awarded to the student with an outstanding performance on a political philosophy paper. Dr. Rick Myers taught at St. Thomas University from 1984 – 2010 and has made a significant contribution to the University and the province. A noted teacher, he has taught Political Science, Humanities, Great Ideas, Ancient Greek, and Political Philosophy. He played a leading role in creating the Great Ideas and Journalism Programs. *Recipient: James Brennan*

George Harrington Prize for Political Science

This prize is awarded to a graduating student with the highest cumulative grade point average in all Political Science courses. The prize honours Father George Harrington, who taught Sociology and Philosophy, as well as serving numerous roles at St. Thomas, including Vice-President. Father Harrington was awarded an honorary degree in 1964 and Harrington Hall was named in his honour.

Recipient: Emma Craib

William Vaughn Prize for Best Essay in International Relations

This prize is awarded to a student with an outstanding performance on an International Relations paper. A long-standing and well-respected professor of Political Science, William Vaughn was a founding member of the Political Science department, and the designer of the St. Thomas Model United Nations travel study course. *Recipient: Maelie Couture*

Winfield Poole Prize for Best Honours Thesis in Political Science

This prize is awarded to a graduating student with the highest grade in a 4th year honours thesis. A Bachelor of Education graduate from St. Thomas, Dr. J. Winfield Poole went on to earn an MA from Fordham University in New York, following which he returned to St. Thomas to teach Mathematics. Poole also served as Acting Vice-President from 1975-1977, held the position of Academic Vice-President until 1982, and was the Interim President in 1990. *Recipient: Emma Craib*

Psychology

Prize for Psychology in 4th Year

This prize is awarded to a fourth-year student for outstanding performance in Psychology.

Recipients: Emilee Collins & Sid D'Entremont

Psychology Department Award for Outstanding Performance in Honours

This prize is awarded for outstanding academic performance by an Honours student in Psychology. *Recipient: Gavin Woodward*

Ray and Lorain Irving Prize for Best Thesis

This prize is awarded to a fourth-year student with an outstanding Honours thesis. The prize was made possible by the family of Ray and Lorain Irving. Ray Irving attended St. Thomas and was also enrolled in the Canadian Officers' Training Corps. He was an employee of the former CFB Chatham and the New Brunswick Community College, Miramichi Campus, and a member of the 254 Miramichi RCAF Wing.

Recipient: Sarah Kasprzak

The Canadian Psychological Association's Certificate of Academic Excellence for Honours in Psychology

This prize is awarded to a fourth-year student who is graduating with an Honours in Psychology. The program of Certificates of Academic Excellence was implemented to recognize outstanding achievements made by students at all levels of study in each Canadian university's Department of Psychology. Recipients: *Nicolel Duron, Sid D'Entremont & Gavin Woodward*

Religious Studies

Congregation of Notre Dame Prize for 4th year

Awarded to a graduating student in the Department of Religious Studies who has had a noteworthy undergraduate academic career. The Congregation of Notre Dame is a Catholic community of religious women of apostolic faith founded in the 17th century by Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, first educator of Montreal and a pioneer of New France. *Recipient: Rebecca Lilley*

Social Work

Fay Nagler Levine Memorial Prize in Social Work

This prize is awarded to a student with outstanding performance in Social Work. It honours Fay Nagler Levine, a graduate of the University of British Columbia, the University of Toronto, and the London School of Economics. *Recipient: Mia Stewart*

Sociology

Prize for Sociology in 4th year

This prize is awarded to a fourth-year student for outstanding performance in Sociology.

Recipients: Bianca Prajescu & Tyler McCormick

Spanish

Madres de Plaza de Mayo

Awarded to the student who has obtained the highest grade in the Collective Memory course. *Recipient: Sarah Veniot*

Women's Studies and Gender Studies

Prize for Women's Studies and Gender Studies in the 4th Year

This prize is awarded to a graduating student with an outstanding performance in the Women's Studies and Gender Studies program.

Recipient: Emily Bessey