

POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

Commencement Exercises Medals

The Power Memorial Academy Commencement Exercises Medal Awards

Do you remember the medal awards at the annual Commencement Exercises? While this is not a comprehensive history of the awards, it is a best effort attempt to provide information about the people the medals were named after.

At least as far back as 1951, medals recognizing student achievements and merit were awarded during the annual commencement ceremony. The 1951 yearbook suggests medals had been given out in prior years. That year the ten medals awarded were The General Excellence Award, the Apologetics Medal, the American History Medal, the Biology Medal, the Chemistry Medal, the English Medal, the French Medal, the Latin Medal, the Mathematics Medal and the Oration Medal. Senior Athletic Awards were made for Basketball, Track and Handball too.

By 1960, medals also included Physics, Spanish, Business Law, School Spirit, Journalism, Publications, Elocution and 2nd in Merit. 1962 saw the addition of a Debate medal and the introduction of the first medal named after a faculty member, The Brother Ryall Medal for Perfect Attendance, Punctuality and Deportment.

At some point after 1962 some medals were removed from the ceremony and others were named after figures connected to Power Memorial Academy's history. The 1968 commencement program is the first time that's seen but the practice may have started prior to that. The medals now honored not only the student and their achievement but also the person it was named after. From nine commencement programs available we know some medals were not awarded annually, some were renamed, and new medals were added from time to time. For example, the Albert L. Casseday Medal for Music was renamed the Gene Morra Medal for Music. That same year, the Albert L. Casseday Medal for Most Accomplished Musician was introduced. The West Side Association Youth Foundation Scholastic Scholarship was also known as the Victor E. Perley Award. The John P. Donohue Medal for Athletics was also known as the John P. Donohue Medal for the Scholar Athlete.

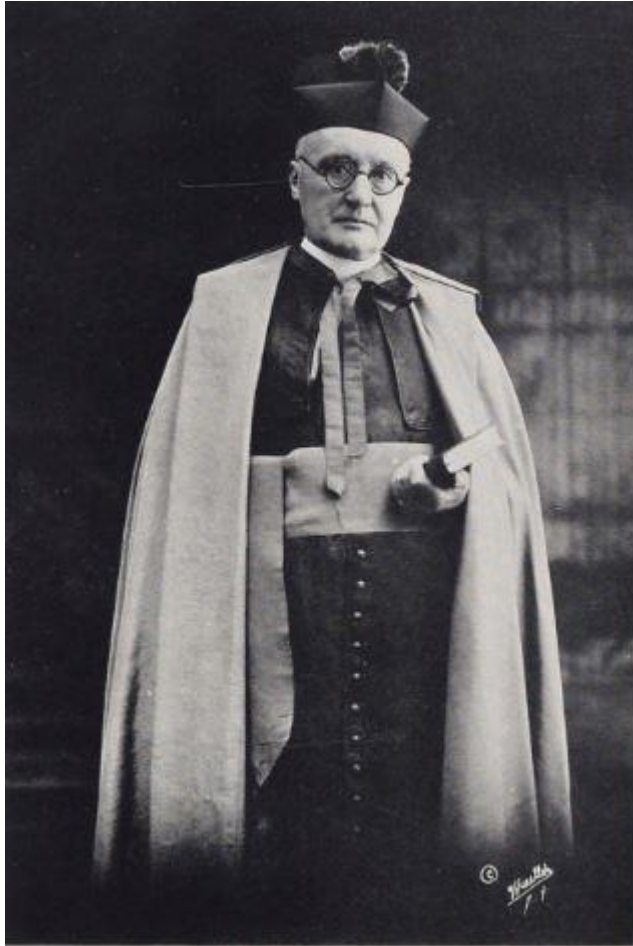
These pages list the medal awards found in available commencement programs. Using yearbooks, HOF bios and the internet, information about the individuals they were named after was added. These brief profiles are based on what was found.

If you have information to share about the history of Power Memorial Academy's Commencement Ceremony Medal Awards, please contact pmaTrack@yahoo.com.

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The Rt. Reverend James W. Power Medal for General Excellence



The Right Reverend James W. Power
Power Memorial Academy's namesake

The students of Power Memorial Academy will ever cherish the memory of the founder of the All-Saints Parish, that noble priest, Right Reverend Monsignor James W. Power, through whose efforts the Irish Christian Brothers were, in 1906, introduced into the United States and whose memory is perpetuated in the name of the school.

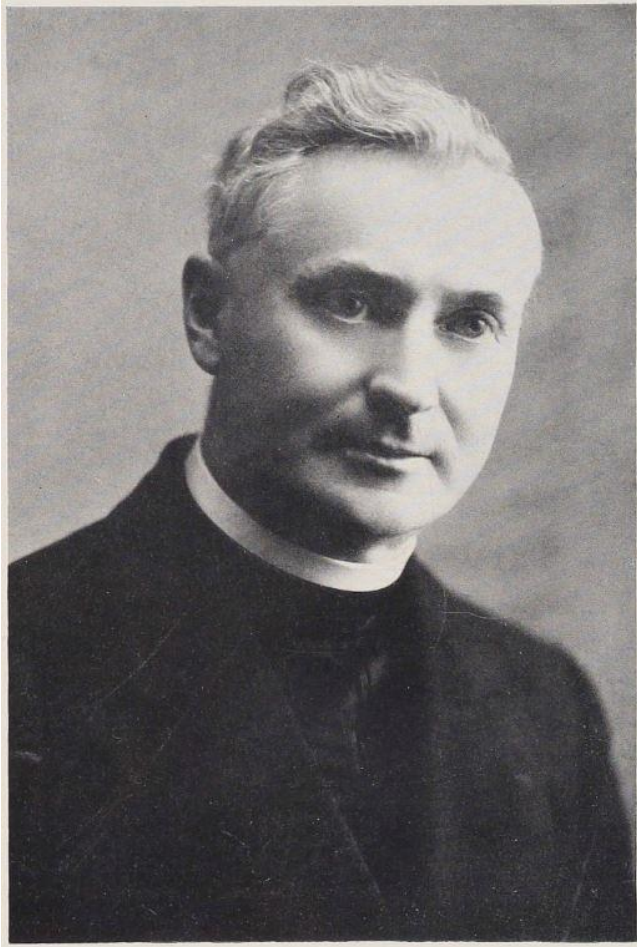
James W. Power was born on December 21, 1849, in Newtown, County Waterford, Ireland. As a young man he attended Mount Melleray College.

He immigrated to New York in 1869, and was ordained December 21, 1872, from St. Joseph's Seminary in Troy, NY. His first assignment was to the Church of the Annunciation and then the Church of the Holy Cross, both in Manhattan. In October of 1879, while serving at St. Teresa's on Rutgers Street, he was asked to form a new parish, All Saints, in East Harlem. He would remain there until his death in 1926. After thirty years, Power had built his parish to almost ten thousand people. In addition to the church, the parish had a rectory and schools—primary, grammar, high and commercial schools, day nursery and settlement house, all of which were fully paid for and free from any encumbrances. Msgr. Power was described as "...a retiring man, brisk of manner, direct in address, but with a soul that was filled with gentleness and kindness and good-will to all."

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**The Reverend Brother Eugene F. Ryall
Medal for Second in Merit**



Reverend Brother Eugene F. Ryall
Power Memorial Academy's First Principal
Served at Power for six years (1932 – 1937)

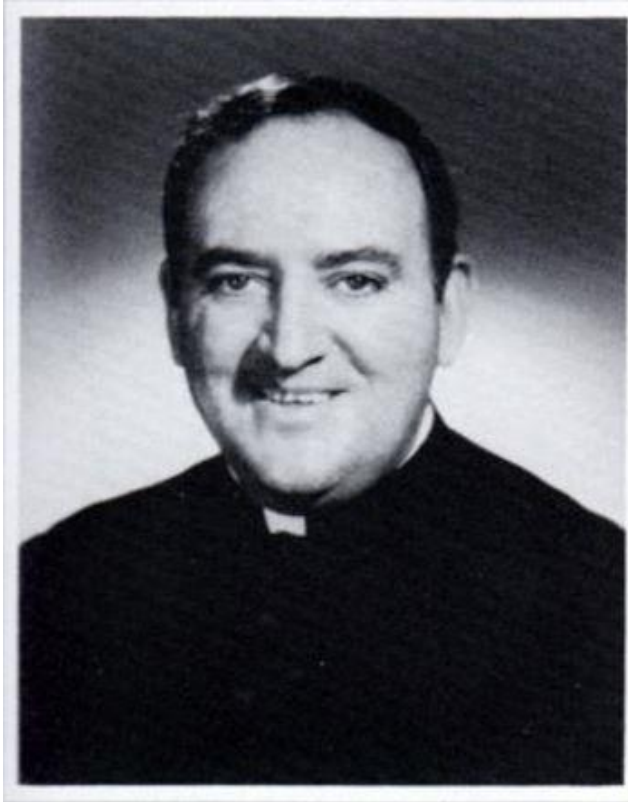
Born in County Cork, Ireland in 1881, Brother Ryall entered the Christian Brothers in 1897. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia and earned his Master's degree from Fordham University. Brother Ryall was one of the original Christian Brothers to come to the United States, arriving in 1907. In his first U.S. assignment, Brother Ryall served on the faculty of the All-Saints parochial school for 24 years, including seven years as Principal. In 1931 Brother Ryall founded Power Memorial Academy and guided its destinies during its first six years of existence. In 1938 Brother founded Rice High School, serving there until 1953. In 1947 he celebrated his Golden Jubilee. From 1923 to 1945 he was consultor to the Provincial for his congregation. From 1940 to 1952 he was a trustee of Iona College, New Rochelle.

As one of the pioneers of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, tuition assistance grants bearing his name are funded annually by the orders Eastern American Province.

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**The Reverend Richard W. Burns
Medal for Religion**



Reverend Richard W. Burns
Chaplain at Power Memorial Academy
Served at Power for six years (1960 – 1965)

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The Edmund V. Burns Medal for Mathematics



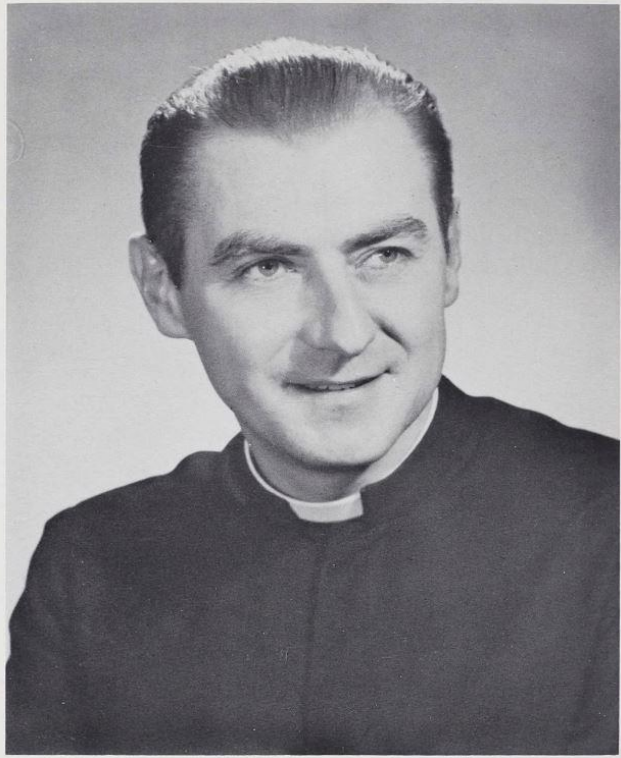
Mr. Edmund V. Burns
Power Memorial Academy's Longest Tenured Teacher
Served at Power for thirty-three years (1945 – 1977)

After graduating from All Hallows Institute, Mr. Burns studied at Manhattan College and New York University where he earned degrees in Mathematics and Physical Education. He taught a variety of subjects with a primary focus on Mathematics. During his career he served as the Mathematics Department Chairman and Director of Physical Education. He coached Varsity and JV Basketball and Varsity and JV Baseball. Mr. Burns served as moderator for Intramural sports, the Alumni Club, Math Club, and the National Honor Society.

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**The Reverend Br. Lawrence A. Killelea
Medal for English**



Reverend Brother Lawrence A. Killelea
Power Memorial Academy's 6th Principal
Served at Power for seven years (1951, 1959-1964)

Br. Killelea was born on November 2, 1925 at New York Nursery & Child's Hospital located at 161 West 61st Street, the future home of Power Memorial Academy, graduated from Power Memorial in 1943, taught at Power in 1951 before returning to serve as the school's sixth principal from 1959 to 1964. He was a founding member of the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association.

As a youth, he served as an altar boy and Boy Scout leader. He graduated from St. John Chrysostom Grammar School in 1940 and entered Power Memorial Academy. Brother graduated from Power in 1943. His first teaching assignment was at St. Cecilia's Grammar School in September 1945. He had assignments at Iona Grammar School, Cardinal Hayes High School, and Power Memorial Academy from 1950 through 1951. He returned to Power as Principal from 1958 to 1964. Other assignments as Principal were at Rice High School and Bergen Catholic. During his Sabbatical Year, he studied and traveled in Italy, France, Portugal, Spain, The Netherlands, Germany, and Luxemburg. He was Province Councilor from 2002 to 2003 and Assistant to the Province Leader and to the Christian Brother Institute Treasurer beginning in 2003. He retired in July 2011.

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The Reverend Br. Stephen C. Murphy Medal for Business



Reverend Brother Stephen C. Murphy
Served at Power Memorial Academy for twelve years (1951-1962)

A distinguished educator, Brother Murphy graduated from St. Mary's Training College with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees.

Before coming to Power, Brother Murphy taught at St. Joseph's and St. James in Dublin, Ireland, St. Patrick's, St. Bonaventure, Mount Cashel, and Holy Cross in Newfoundland, and St. Louis College in British Columbia.

Noted for his friendly attitude and smile, most students had him for Religion, but he also taught Mathematics and Social Studies.

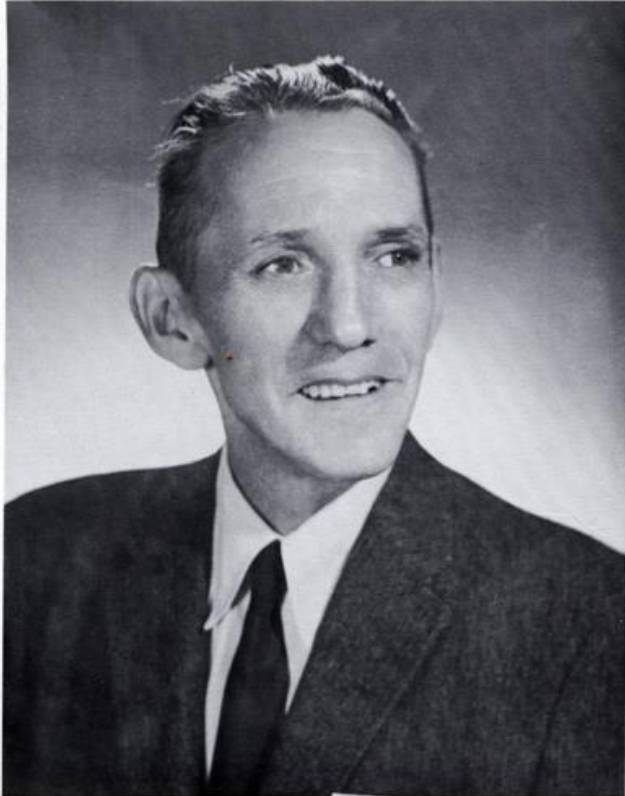
Brother Murphy was well known for his proficiency in math and his exactness making him the best choice to serve as bursar in charge of collecting tuition and School Treasurer.

In 1959, Brother celebrated his Golden Jubilee.

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The Daniel M. Rood Medal for Modern Language



Mr. Daniel M. Rood

Second longest tenure of any teacher at Power Memorial Academy.

Served at Power for twenty-eight years (1944 – 1971)

Mr. Rood earned his bachelor's degree from NY State Teachers College in Albany. Before coming to Power, he taught at St. Cecilia's and Sacred Heart.

At Power he taught English, Spanish, French, Biology, World Geography, Typing, Introduction to Business, Algebra and General Science. He served as Director of Audio-Visual Aids, Moderator of the Science Club, School Secretary, Moderator of Bowling, and Alumni Chairman.

To the students at Power, Mr. Rood represented warmth, friendship, and the interest of the Academy in them. When he joined the staff in fall of 1943 the student body numbered seven hundred. He witnessed with great satisfaction the tremendous growth of the school. As Registrar, he organized school files, created a system of personal files, and pioneered many practices still operating when the school closed in 1984. He was an integral part of both the tears and smiles of Power fortunes through the years. For him, the football win over Mt. St. Michael's, the Knights of Columbus Championship, and the dedication by Cardinal Spellman of the Gold Star Gymnasium for which he worked so long and hard, the Alumni affairs he organized, all part of Power's glorious past were verdant memories. Other moments were tragic and sorrowful such as the horrible shooting of Tom Brady.

Mr. Rood accounted for his time at Power as a gratifying lifetime experience and the school was immeasurably enriched by his presence.

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The Reverend Br. Thomas A. O'Hare Medal for History



Reverend Brother Thomas Aloysius O'Hare

I'm unable to find any record of Brother Thomas A. O'Hare in any Power Memorial Academy yearbook. The award in his name goes back at least as far as 1968.

In 1929 there was a seventh grade All Hallows student named Thomas A. O'Hare. In 1953 there was an Irish Christian Brother named Thomas A. O'Hare who taught history at Boys Central High School in Butte, MT. This same Brother A. O'Hare (with Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees) taught history at Iona College in 1958.

The 1929 student and 1950's teacher may be the same person or two different people. The Brother Thomas A. O'Hare we are looking for may be a different person altogether. No connection with this person/these people and Power Memorial's Medal for History been established.

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**The Reverend Br. Richard B. Power
Medal for Science**



Reverend Brother Richard B. Power
Served at Power Memorial Academy for seven years (1941 – 1947)

Brother Power earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees at Fordham University. At Power Memorial, Brother was a teacher of Science, Religion, French and Latin. He also served as Varsity Basketball moderator, Varsity Baseball Coach, JV Baseball Coach, Varsity Baseball Moderator and ran the bookstore.

He coached Power Memorial Academy to back-to-back CHSAA Varsity Baseball Championships, winning city titles in 1943 and 1944.

After leaving Power Memorial, his ministry brought him to Iona College in New Rochelle. His happy combination of intellectual and athletic prowess earned him the two-fold distinction of Professor of Biology and Athletic Director. He later served as Chairman of the Biology Department at Iona.

It's not known all the places Brothers ministry brought him but Power Memorial alumni recall being taught Biology by him at Iona during the 1973 school year.

Whether in the classroom or on the athletic field Brother Power supplemented his talents with the "*sine qua non*" of a good teacher – an ever-ready sense of humor.

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The Gene Morra Medal for Music



Mr. Gene Morra
Chief Musical Director & Instructor of Music Theory
Served at Power for seventeen years (1961-1977)

Egidio "Gene" Morra studied music under Dr. Percy J. Starnes, Professor of Music at Columbia University, receiving an honorary degree. In the 1930's Mr. Morra was a featured soloist for Victor's Symphonic Band in Asbury Park and Gotham's Symphonic Band. Other engagements included Giuseppe Creatore's New York State Symphonic Band and the Manhattan Concert Band under the direction of Anthony Giammatteo. During the 1946, 1947 and 1948 seasons, Mr. Morra was associated with the Charles Wagner Opera, the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, and the Sigmund Romberg Orchestra, holding the position of first trombonist. He gained a seat on the NBC, Radio City and CBS symphonic orchestras, also appearing on the Jackie Gleason Show. From 1948 to 1958 Mr. Morra was the featured euphonium soloist with the Cities Service Band of America conducted by Paul Lavallo over the NBC radio network. A music writer, Mr. Morra was a member of ASCAP. Many of his compositions were published by Carl Fischer, Inc. His works included an arrangement of "Midnight in Moscow" and "La Boheme". He also wrote the music to the Power Memorial Academy Alma Mater song.

Significantly, Mr. Morra wrote an "Ave Maria", dedicated to the late Pope Pius XII for which he was bestowed with the Apostolic Blessing for himself and his family. Mr. Morra appeared as a guest soloist and conductor for various New York park concerts during the summer months in the late 1950's.

Mr. Morra had the unique ability to bring out the very best musical talent in each student. The most significant accomplishment he achieved at Power was the band playing an annual concert at Lincoln Center. It made Mr. Morra so happy when he saw the pride in the eyes of the parents of "his boys." Referring to those Lincoln Center Concerts, we must note Mr. Morra's original arrangement for the Power Memorial Academy Band of "Midnight in Moscow". It became his and the band's signature performance. In addition to the Lincoln Center Concerts, Mr. Morra and the Power Memorial Band were regular participants in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City.

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The Albert L. Casseday Medal for Most Accomplished Musician



Mr. Albert L. Casseday
Chief Musical Director & Instructor of Music Theory
Served at Power for thirteen years (1948-1960)

Mr. Albert Casseday was chief musical director and instructor in the theory of music for the Power Band. His affability, warmth, and keen mental powers of the subject radiated through Power during his tenure.

Before coming to Power Memorial, he had thirty years' experience with professional orchestras, teaching and conducting. He studied at Baylor University Institute of Musical Art, was an Institute of Musical Art of the Juilliard Foundation graduate, and no less a celebrity. Mr. Casseday was known as one of the best trombone players in the east playing in many Broadway hit shows.

For fifteen years he performed for major New York radio and recording firms and was employed in the Symphony Orchestra. During the early stages of WWII, he went on nationwide tours for three seasons, playing for soldiers across the country.

A Texan endowed with uncommon and irrepressible enthusiasm for rhythm and sound, Mr. Casseday left Power a rich legacy of cultural achievement and appreciation. A generation of Power students learned the rudiments of music and brought harmony from dissonance under his skilled tutelage. In them, Mr. Casseday has molded for himself "a monument more lasting than bronze" – a group of young men upon whom he has imprinted his hallmark of Christian gentlemanliness refinement and good humor. He directed them in superlative performances and made them realize perfection and acclaim came through the medium of hard work.

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**The John P. Donohue
Medal for the Scholar-Athlete**



Mr. John "Jack" Donohue
Teacher, Basketball Coach
Served at Power for seven years (1959-1965)

Coached Power Memorial Academy's Varsity basketball team to three consecutive CHSAA City Championships. Before arriving at Power, Donohue coached basketball at St. Nicholas of Tolentine. At Power, Donohue had a career win-loss record of 163-30, including winning 71 straight games with star center Lew Alcindor (later known as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar). Donohue's 1963-64 Power Memorial team was named "The High School Team of The Century". In addition to coaching Varsity Basketball at Power, Mr. Donohue served as chairman of the Physical Education, Director of Athletics, Director of Public Relations, JV Basketball coach, Varsity Baseball coach, while teaching Social Studies, Business Arithmetic, Physical Education and Health Education.

Donohue went on to work as the head coach at the College of the Holy Cross from 1965 to 1972. With Holy Cross, he compiled a record of 106-66. Donohue was also the head basketball coach of the senior men's Canadian national basketball team from 1972 to 1988. Donohue coached Canada at three Summer Olympic Games (1976, 1984 and 1988), highlighted by two fourth place finishes in 1976 and 1984. He also coached Canada at the 1974, 1978, 1982 and 1986 FIBA World Championships. With Canada, Donohue won the silver medal at the 1980 Tournament of the Americas. He also won bronze medals at the 1984 and 1988 editions of the Tournament of the Americas. He also led the Canadian national university team to the gold medal at the 1983 Summer Universiade and the bronze medal at the 1985 Summer Universiade.

Jack Donohue has been inducted into the Canadian Olympic HOF, Canadian Basketball HOF, Ontario Basketball HOF, New York State Basketball HOF, Canadian Disability HOF, Canada's Sports HOF, FIBA HOF and the CHSAA HOF.

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The James A. Burns Medal for School Spirit



James A. Burns
Student, Gold Star Alumni

James Burns was a member of Power Memorial Academy's first graduating class in 1935.

He enlisted in the Air Corps on December 8, 1941, attaining the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. James was killed when a B24 Liberator Bomber, in which he was Navigator, crashed while on a mission to Dobodura, New Guinea.

James was the youngest brother of Mr. Edmund V. Burns, Power Memorial longest tenured teacher.

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The Bausch and Lomb Science Medal



Bausch and Lomb Science Medal

The Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award is an annual award recognizing high school students for their outstanding academic achievement, intellectual promise in science and math, and positive contributions to the school and community. The award has been given out since 1933, and more than 400,000 medals have been awarded to date.

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The John F. Kennedy Memorial Citizenship Award (Sach 's Stores)



The purpose of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Citizenship Award is to encourage student leaders to enter careers in government or other public service fields.

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The Peter L. Waters Athletic Award from Manhattan College



Pete Waters molded the first great Manhattan College Track & Field teams, coaching from 1923-43. He led the Jaspers to 11 Metropolitan, three Mid-Atlantic and three IC4A Championships.

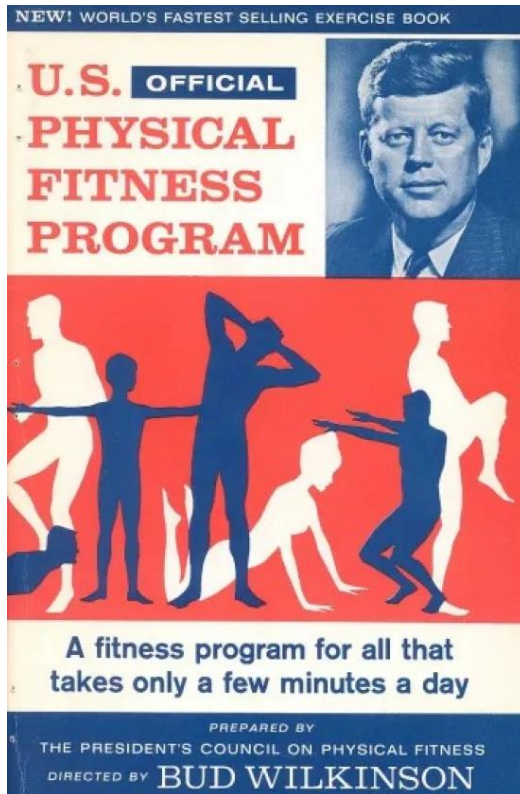
The coach was originally a football and baseball player with the Loughlin Lyceum in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn. He would play in gridiron double-headers on Saturday and on the following day run a quarter mile in 49 seconds at Celtic Park. He was also a star sprinter for the old Irish American Athletic Club, and he represented the Thirteenth Regiment of the New York National Guard and the Star Athletic Club. Earlier, Mr. Waters had been in the advertising and newspaper business. He became coach of the Manhattan Prep, the Thirteenth Regiment and De La Salle Institute. From 1923 to 1943 he coached at Manhattan College. His teams won indoor championships of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America in 1934, 1935, 1936, and 1939 and cross-country titles in 1932, 1938, and 1939. In 1935, 1936 and 1940 his teams won the Metropolitan outdoor championships. Later he coached at the New York Athletic Club where his squads won National Amateur Athletic Union crowns indoors in 1948, 1949, and 1950 and outdoors in 1946, 1947 and 1948.

In 1950 he became track & field coach of the Police Sports Association. William P. O'Brien, then Police Commissioner, was a former pupil of his, having run for him in the Loughlin Lyceum squad. After retiring from coaching, he continued to serve as an official and attended track & field events.

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The John F. Kennedy Award for Physical Fitness



The award, established during President John F. Kennedy's administration, recognized students who achieved high standards in physical fitness tests, highlighting his strong emphasis on youth health and activity levels across the nation.

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Generoso Pope Scholarship



Generoso Pope was an Italian-American businessman and the owner of a chain of Italian-language newspapers in major American cities. He lived at 1040 Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, the later home of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

The St. Francis College athletics complex, which houses the colleges NCAA Division I teams is named after Generoso Pope. In addition, Pope Hall at Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, NJ was dedicated to Generoso in 1971. There is a dedication mural for Generoso Pope at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, New York. The Generoso Pope Foundation is located in Tuckahoe, New York.

Generoso was a conservative Democrat who ran the Columbus Day Parade. He was closely associated with Tammany Hall politics in New York. His Italian language newspapers played a vital role in securing the Italian vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt's Democratic tickets. With his presidential friendships, Generoso was able to make Columbus Day into a national holiday in 1934. He also founded the Columbus Day Parade in New York City, which is still the world's largest Columbus Day Parade.

After the 1950 Columbus Day Parade his son Generoso Pope, Jr., sent a letter to Power Memorial principal Bro. Hennessey that said "Your school contingent was truly impressive, and you may be sure it was admired by the Reviewing Officers as well as by thousands of people who witnessed the parade.

While there is no other certain connection to Power Memorial, Generoso Pope, Sr. did have a son named Anthony and coincidentally, in 1955, in his only year at the school, a "Tony Pope" attended Power and played on the Freshman basketball team.

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<p>West Side Association Youth Foundation Scholastic Scholarship</p> <p>(Victor E. Perley Award)</p>	<p>Victor E. Perley was a philanthropist and the founder of the Victor E. Perley Fund.</p> <p>Through its programs and support, the fund aims to make a positive impact on the lives of young individuals. Victor E. Perley's commitment to philanthropy and his desire to uplift youth has left a lasting impact. His vision and generosity continue to resonate through the fund's activities.</p> <p>Victor E. Perley was administrator of the sugar control program under Herbert Hoover in World War I. After the war he developed an interest in the citrus industry and owned one of the top pineapple groves in Florida.</p>
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Athletic Association of Private Schools Award	The AAPS was a New York City interscholastic athletic programs designed to foster the quest for excellence by creating an educational and competitive experience within an atmosphere of sportsmanship.
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Driver Education Award	Rewards newer drivers for understanding and highlighting the importance of a safe and educated driver.
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Governor's Citation for Service and Scholarship	Honorees achieve measurable community impact and represent outstanding acts of public service, without the expectation of recognition or compensations. Recipients demonstrate unique vision, dedication, tenacity of heroic proportion and serve as an inspiration to others.
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Rt. Rev. James W. Power	Rev. Br. Eugene Ryall	Rev. Richard W. Burns	Mr. Edmund V. Burns	Rev. Br. Lawrence A. Killelea	Rev. Br. Stephen C. Murphy
					
Mr. Daniel M. Rood	Rev. Br. Thomas A. O'Hare	Rev. Br. Richard B. Power	Mr. Gene Morra	Mr. Albert L. Casseday	Mr. John P. Donohue
					
James A. Burns	Bausch & Lomb	John F. Kennedy Citizenship	Peter L. Waters	John F. Kennedy Physical Fitness	Generoso Pope
West Side Association Youth Foundation Victor E. Perley Award	Athletic Association of Private Schools A.A.P.S.	Driver Education Award	Governor's Citation for Service and Scholarship		

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Medal Awards

Senior Year

General Excellence.....Anthony DeLorenzo	Physics Louis Corsaro
Second in MeritAnthony Pignataro	Biology Frank Dundon
Apologetics John Juba	Spanish Robert Ramos
English Frank Gannon	Business Law Christopher Burgoyne
History Paul Fussa	School Spirit John Murphy
Mathematics Alexander Winogradoff	Music William Flaherty
Latin Paul Leone	Journalism George Carlin
French Robert P. LeGoff	Publications Raymond Nobiletti
Chemistry Anthony DeLorenzo	Elocution Frank Gannon

Junior Year

General Excellence Charles Bauer	Religion Francis Brignoli
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Sophomore Year

General Excellence William Sullivan	Religion John Gagliano
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Freshman Year

General Excellence Stanley Novakoski	Religion Peter Finn
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Special Senior Awards

New York State Regents Scholarships Arthur Bressan, George Carlin, Anthony DeLorenzo, Francis Dundon, Paul Fussa, John Marsalis, Anthony Pignataro, Victor Tesoriero
New York State Regents Scholarships—Alternates Edward R. Armas, William J. Daly, Robert D. Flynn, Frank Gannon, John P. Healy, Paul A. Leone
Iona College Scholarships Arthur Bressan, Walter Cohutt, Francis Dundon, Robert Pisani
Manhattan College Scholarships George Carlin, Anthony DeLorenzo
Saint John's College Scholarships John Doran, Frederick Holmes, Michael Radov
Saint Michael's College Scholarship William Alter
Stonehill College Scholarship John Murphy
Generoso Pope Memorial Scholarships Barry Byrnes, Vincent Flynn, Patrick Granaghan, Alexander Winogradoff
West Side Association Youth Foundation Scholarship Robert Pisani
Knights of Columbus Oratory Scholarship Frank Gannon
Green Foundation Scholarship Frank Gannon
Bausch-Lomb Honorary Science Award John Marsalis
New York University Poetry Festival Award Frank Gannon
American Legion Awards for Essay on Americanism Thomas McDermott, Michael Taylor
Mayor's Committee Citation for Outstanding Achievement Anthony DeLorenzo, Frank Gannon
Mayor's Citation of Honor to Outstanding Senior John Murphy
Babe Ruth Plaque, Senior 1960 Frederick Holmes

1960

courtesy of Kevin McGeary

Medal Awards

Senior Year

General Excellence William Sullivan	Business Law Theodore Young
Second in Merit William Lunsford	School Spirit John Deacy
Apologetics Charles Kowalski	Music Frank Rocco
English John Joyce	Journalism James Horan
History Francis Degen	Publications Richard Martin
Mathematics Roger Rearden	Elocution Thomas Lo Bianco
Latin Joseph Niola	Debate William Sullivan
French John McGeary	Brother Ryall Award for Perfect Attendance, Punctuality, and Deportment Thomas O'Connell
Chemistry Howard Gerhard	
Physics Emilio Paoloni	
Biology John Ferrandino	

Junior Year

General Excellence Francis Fenton	Religion Peter Finn
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Sophomore Year

General Excellence Richard Henighan	Religion John Mahoney
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Freshman Year

General Excellence Raymond Maher	Religion Walter De Las Casas
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Special Senior Awards

New York State Regents Scholarships..... Kevin M. Carlin, Robert C. Carter, Francis X. Degen, Stephen P. Didimamoff, Howard J. Gerhard, William J. Lunsford, Michael C. Maresco, John E. McGeary, Daniel J. McTiernan, Richard W. Miller, Michael A. Montenegro, Thomas J. O'Connell, Emilio C. Paoloni, Roger D. Rearden, Dean D. Spinei, William J. Sullivan, Henry T. Tramazzo, John C. Whelton, James P. Corcoran
New York State Regents Scholarships—Alternates Michael C. Calomino, Carmine A. Cannatello, Thomas J. Egan, Ralph L. Fernandez, Michael J. Holly, John P. Joyce, William N. Kettering, Allan C. Koehler, Niel F. Passaretti, Francis J. Reilly, Martin K. Schwartz, Stephen J. Stubits, Patrick S. Vallance, Theodore Young
Iona College Scholarships..... Robert Carter, Francis Degen, Michael Goonan, John Joyce, John McGeary, Richard Miller, Thomas O'Connell, Joseph Niola, Emilio Paoloni, William Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Henry Tramazzo, Richard Dugan, William Lunsford (William was also awarded 7 additional full scholarships for academic achievement.)
Marist College (Poughkeepsie, N. Y.) Kenneth Watson (Catholic Science Council Scholarship for First Place Gold Medal Award)
National Association of Retail Grocers of the United States Scholarship Emilio C. Paoloni
Local 32-B Building Service Employees' International Union Scholarship William Sullivan
Fordham University Scholarship William Sullivan
Generoso Pope Memorial Scholarships John Lynch, John Ihle, Bernard Gillespie, Michael Holly
Mayor's Citation of Honor to Outstanding Seniors..... John Gagliano, Patrick Gallagher
Manhattan College Honor's Award—Engineering Program Howard Gerhard
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Youth Leadership Award..... Stephen Didimamoff
Villanova University Scholarship..... John Hayes (John has also been awarded 2 other scholarships for his outstanding achievements in athletics)
National Merit Scholarship Letters of Commendation..... William Lunsford, Francis Degen
American Legion Awards for Essay on Americanism..... John McGeary, Joseph Niola
The Federation of French Alliances of the U.S. Award..... John McGeary
The Babe Ruth Plaque, Senior 1962..... John Hayes
Catholic High School-St. John's University Scholarship..... John J. Dyer
Providence College Scholarship..... Richard Dugan (Richard has also been awarded three other scholarships for his outstanding achievement in track.)

1962

courtesy of Kevin McGeary

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MEDAL AWARDS

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James W. Power Medal for General Excellence	Leonard Tonetti
The Rev. Bro. E. F. Ryall Medal for Second in Merit	William Fiederlein
The Rev. Richard W. Burns Medal in Religion	John Corrieri
The Edmund V. Burns Medal in Mathematics	John Vint
The Rev. Bro. L.A. Killelea Medal in English	William Fiederlein
The Daniel M. Rood Medal in Modern Language	Antonio Luis
The Rev. Bro. S. C. Murphy Medal in Business	Gilbert Thomas
The A. L. Casseday Medal in Music	Louis Panacciulli
The James Augustine Burns Medal for School Spirit	Denis Scaffidi
The Rev. Bro. T. A. O'Hare Medal in History	Charles Carberry
The Rev. R. B. Power Medal in Science	Bernard Powers
The John P. Donohue Medal for Athletics	Joseph Barbary

SPECIAL SENIOR AWARDS

New York State Regents Scholarships	Daniel Barry, Frank Bruen, Charles Carberry, Michael Caviano, Thomas Colasuonno, John Donaghy, William Fiederlein, Joseph Foster, John Garbieri, Jean Godzich, John Linitz, Kevin Murtha, John Noonan, Richard O'Brien, Bernard Powers, Leo Robles, Henri Schwan, Leonard Tonetti, John Vint
New York State Regents Scholarship — Alternates	John Hagan, Edward Hutter, Joseph Joyce, Richard Larios, Michael Murray, Francis Niegocki, George Smyth, Edward Szyklarz
National Merit Scholarship Certificate of Merit	Bernard Powers
Iona College Scholarships	Roland Carpenter, Thomas Colasuonno, John Garbieri, William Jones, Thomas Koch, Richard Larios, Anthony Mannarino, Kevin Murphy, Robert O'Connor, Thomas O'Donnell, Allen Ovsak, George Smyth, Michael Tuohy, John Vint

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MEDAL AWARDS

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James W. Power Medal for General Excellence	John Baldino
The Rev. Br. Eugene F. Ryall Medal for Second in Merit	Luis Carron
The Rev. Richard W. Burns Medal in Religion	Peter Woods
The Edmund V. Burns Medal in Mathematics	John Baldino
The Rev. Br. Lawrence A. Killelea Medal in English	Arthur Rakus
The Daniel M. Rood Medal in Modern Languages	Samuel Reveron
The Rev. Br. Stephen C. Murphy Medal in Business	George Courchesne
The Albert L. Casseday Medal in Music	Thomas Bellino
The James A. Burns Medal for School Spirit	Denis Zack
The Rev. Br. Thomas A. O'Hare Medal in History	Willie Moss
The Rev. Br. Richard B. Power Medal in Science	James Boland
The John P. Donohue Medal for Athletics	Francis Hanley
Bausch and Lomb Science Medal	John Baldino
Driver Education Award	Eugene Doyle
John F. Kennedy Citizenship Award—Sach's Stores	Andrew Walsh
Peter L. Waters Athletic Award—Manhattan College	John Lovett
Generoso Pope Scholarships	Michael Waldvogel, Thomas McGoldrick
Private Schools Athletic Award	Emil Gilbert
John F. Kennedy Physical Fitness Award	John Brady

SPECIAL SENIOR AWARDS

New York State Regents Scholarships:	
Walter Andrusyszyn	Peter Reynolds
Patrick McMahon	John Sico
Scott Milligan	Robert Stewart
Arthur Rakus	James Welsh
New York State Regents Scholarships (Alternates):	
Peter Alzapiedi	Anthony Larios
John Black	Thomas Legro
Alfonso Carotenuto	John McEnaney
James Desmond	George Morris
Lawrence Driscoll	Willie Moss
John Ehrman	James Smith
William Galbavy	Gary Wallace
Timothy Hagerty	Andrew Walsh
Patrick Kasaras	

1969
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Commencement Exercises Medals

MEDAL AWARDS

The Rt. Rev. James W. Power Medal for General Excellence	Peter Wang
The Rev. Br. Eugene F. Ryall Medal for Second in Merit	Thomas Shanahan
The Edmund V. Burns Medal in Mathematics	Peter Wong
The Rev. Br. Lawrence A. Killelea Medal in English	Edward Moran
The Daniel M. Rood Medal in Modern Languages	John Leroy
The Rev. Br. Stephen C. Murphy Medal in Business	Stephen Smith
The Rev. Br. Thomas A. O'Hare Medal in History	Raymond Slattery
The Rev. Br. Richard B. Power Medal in Science	Thomas Shanahan
Bausch and Lamb Science Medal	Brian Brady
The John P. Donohue Medal for Athletics	Raymond Slattery
Private Schools Athletic Award	James Campbell
The James A. Burns Medal for School Spirit	Salvatore Perrotta
Driver Education Award	George Melnyk
John F. Kennedy Citizenship Award — Sach's Stores	Edward Moran
Peter L. Waters Athletic Award — Manhattan College	Patrick Rafferty
John F. Kennedy Physical Fitness Award	Arthur Clark
Generoso Pope Scholarship	Raymond Slattery
Governor's Citation	Sheldon Graham Stephen Smith Edward Moran
Victor E. Perley Scholarship	Gerry Campos

1972
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MEDAL AWARDS

The Rt. Rev. James W. Power Medal for General Excellence	Mark Kim
The Rev. Br. Eugene F. Ryall Medal for Second in Merit	Manuel Mosquera
The Edmund V. Burns Medal in Mathematics	Kevin Strining
The Rev. Br. Lawrence A. Killelea Medal in English	Donald Troise
The Rev. Br. Stephen C. Murphy Medal in Business	Timothy Kolarik
The Rev. Br. Thomas A. O'Hare Medal in History	Thomas Nadramia
The Rev. Br. Richard B. Power Medal in Science	Louis Amblard
The Daniel M. Rood Medal in Modern Language	Carmine Perri
Bausch and Lamb Science Medal	Patrick Enright
The Albert L. Casseday Medal in Music	Michael Porco
The John P. Donohue Medal for Athletics	Patrick Torney
Private Schools Athletic Award	Robert Misevicius
The James A. Burns Medal for School Spirit	Joseph Conte
John F. Kennedy Citizenship Award — Sach's Stores	Joseph Randazzo
Peter L. Waters Athletic Award — Manhattan College	Daryll Everett
John F. Kennedy Physical Fitness Award	Matthew Duthie
Generoso Pope Scholarship	Manuel Mosquera
Victor E. Perley Award	Thomas Nadramia

1974
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MEDAL AWARDS

The Rt. Rev. James W. Power Medal for General Excellence	John Saur
The Rev. Br. Eugene F. Ryall Medal for Second in Merit	Gerald Hopkins
The Rev. Richard W. Burns Medal in Religion	John Saur
The Edmund V. Burns Medal in Mathematics	Ciro Toscano
The Rev. Br. Lawrence A. Killelea Medal in English	Sean Canning
The Rev. Br. Stephen C. Murphy Medal in Business	Raymond Tassiello
The Rev. Br. Thomas A. O'Hare Medal in History	Jose Padilla
The Rev. Br. Richard B. Power Medal in Science	Gerald Hopkins
The Daniel M. Rood Medal in Modern Language	Gerald Hopkins
Bausch and Lamb Science Medal	Ciro Toscano
The Albert L. Casseday Medal in Music	John Saur
The Most Accomplished Musician Award	Leonard DiVittorio
The John P. Donohue Medal for Athletics	Sean Canning
Private Schools Athletic Award	Alfred Fiorentino
The James A. Burns Medal for School Spirit	Patrick Murphy
John F. Kennedy Citizenship Award — Sach's Stores	James Rotan
Peter L. Waters Athletic Award — Manhattan College	Maurice Weaver
John F. Kennedy Physical Fitness Award	Joseph Castronuovo
Generoso Pope Scholarship	Jose Padilla
Driver Education Award	Anthony Todd

1976

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MEDAL AWARDS

<i>The Rt. Rev. James W. Power Medal for General Excellence</i>	<i>Paul J. Caviano</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Eugene F. Ryall Medal for Second in Merit</i>	<i>Ronald T. Ratigan</i>
<i>The Rev. Richard W. Burns Medal in Religion</i>	<i>James P. Flannery</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Ralph F. Franco</i>
<i>The Edmund V. Burns Medal in Mathematics</i>	<i>Kevin P. Williamson</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Anthony L. Kohutovic</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Lawrence A. Killelea Medal in English</i>	<i>Timothy D. Sullivan</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Frank J. Carriero</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Stephen C. Murphy Medal in Business</i>	<i>Dennis V. Price</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Erick L. LaMotte</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Thomas A. O'Hare Medal in History</i>	<i>Andres P. Vega</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Paul J. Caviano</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Richard B. Power Medal in Science</i>	<i>Ho Lam</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Thomas C. Ryan</i>
<i>The Daniel M. Rood Medal in Modern Language</i>	<i>James Flores</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Jose Ithier</i>
<i>Bausch and Lomb Science Medal</i>	<i>Marco A. Hernandez</i>
<i>The Gene Morra Medal in Music</i>	<i>Jacques V. DeJean</i>
<i>The Albert L. Casseday Most Accomplished Musician Award</i>	<i>Kevin T. McNamara</i>
<i>The John P. Donohue Medal for Athletics</i>	<i>James P. Flannery</i>
<i>Private Schools Athletic Award</i>	<i>Vincent F. Hogan</i>
<i>The James A. Burns Medal for School Spirit</i>	<i>Martin V. Ruf</i>
<i>The John F. Kennedy Award for Physical Fitness</i>	<i>Joseph A. Prystupa</i>
<i>Governor's Citation for Service & Scholarship</i>	<i>Paul J. Caviano</i> <i>James F. Daly</i>
<i>Driver Education Award</i>	<i>Michael Durkan</i>

1978

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AWARDS

<i>The Rt. Rev. James W. Power Medal for General Excellence</i>	<i>Leonardo Seguin</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Eugene F. Ryall Medal for Second in Merit</i>	<i>Thomas Mendez</i>
<i>The Rev. Richard W. Burns Medal for Religion</i>	<i>Paul L. Daley</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Luis Pallares</i>
<i>The Edmund V. Burns Medal for Mathematics</i>	<i>Dickens Celestin, Jr.</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Charles Chiarelli</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Lawrence A. Killelea Medal for English</i>	<i>Kevin M. Cassidy</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Thomas Mendez</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Stephen C. Murphy Medal for Business</i>	<i>Charles Chiarelli</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Leonardo Seguin</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Thomas A. O'Hare Medal for History</i>	<i>Brendan F. Gallagher</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Thomas Mendez</i>
<i>The Rev. Br. Richard B. Power Medal for Science</i>	<i>Stephen Francis Tone</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Thomas Mendez</i>
<i>The Daniel M. Rood Medal for Modern Language</i>	<i>Thomas Mendez</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Leonardo Seguin</i>
<i>The Gene Morra Medal for Music</i>	<i>Asif A. Talukdar</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Thomas Philip Chevalier</i>
<i>The Albert L. Casseday Medal for Most Accomplished Musician</i>	<i>Steven Vargas</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Asif A. Talukdar</i>
<i>Bausch and Lomb Science Medal</i>	<i>Glenn Rashid Valladares</i>
<i>The John P. Donohue Medal for The Scholar-Athlete</i>	<i>David Michael Garcia</i>
<i>Private Schools Athletic Award</i>	<i>James Alvin Willis</i>
<i>The Peter L. Waters Athletic Award from Manhattan College</i>	<i>Steven John Dorsey</i>
<i>The James A. Burns Medal for School Spirit</i>	<i>Kevin M. Cassidy</i>

1984

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