

Saint Thomas Academy News Summary

May 13, 2009

College Book Prizes Awarded

Book prizes are awarded on an annual basis to high school juniors chosen by their principals and counselors for outstanding character and intellectual promise. The 2009 recipients are:

- Dartmouth College – C. McFadden '10
- Yale University – W. Rock '10

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Four Academy Students Rank in National French Contest

Four Saint Thomas Academy students have scored high enough on the National French Contest to place them in the top 20% of Minnesotan students. They are:

- J. Hartnett '12
- S. Kajunju '13
- DaD.niel Sosa '12 - ranked 10th in the nation
- TrT.yg Veker '12 - ranked 9th in the nation

The National French Contest (Le Grand Concours) is an annual competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French <<http://www.frenchteachers.org>> . Students of French in grades 1-12, in all 50 states and abroad, compete against each other for prizes. Students take a written test and compete against students with similar educational background for prizes including certificates, medals, books, DVDs, trips, and scholarships. More than 100,000 students in grades 1-12 competed in the 2009 competition.

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Students Take Honors at State History Day Competition

Several Academy students received recognition at the state National History Day competition held at the University of Minnesota on May 2, 2009. The recipients and their winning entries were:

- Fifth Place Group Performance: *"Fight for the League" (League of Nations)* by J. Clancy '10, C. McFadden '10, M. Neuberger '10 and C. Nitschke '10
- Honorable Mention Senior Group Exhibit: *Lafayette* by L. Ramsey '10, W. Schaefer '10 and T. Walsh '10

A highly regarded academic challenge, History Day is the fastest growing social studies enrichment program in Minnesota, receiving around 25,000 participants annually. The

program's goal is to promote the study of history by engaging both students and teachers in historical inquiry and creative presentation. Winners of the competition can win cash prizes and scholarships.

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Three STA Students Receive Service Award

Three Saint Thomas Academy seniors have been honored with a *Salute to Youth* award, recognizing their achievements in volunteer projects, academia, sports, spiritual development and family. Chosen for the award were: J. Bellomo, B. Lee and R. Robinson.

The awards program has recognized Twin Cities students in their senior years for more than 50 years. Originally hosted by the Inter-Club Council, the program is now hosted by Degree of Honor, a St. Paul fraternal insurance society.

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About Saint Thomas Academy

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, college preparatory, Catholic, military/leadership school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, morally and physically in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.cadets.com <<http://www.cadets.com>> .

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