

Mark T. Sheehan High School Honors and Awards

Honor Roll

There are two levels of honor roll at the high school. To achieve high honors, a student must earn a marking period GPA of 3.6 or higher, and to achieve honors, a MP GPA of 3.2 or higher. Students who have an incomplete, D's, and/or F are not eligible for honor roll.

National Honor Society

The Mark T. Sheehan Edward J. Kosinski Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) is open to students who meet the required standards of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Students are selected for membership by the Faculty Council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the Sheehan faculty. Students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 through the end of their sophomore or junior year are academically eligible for membership. (The Induction Ceremony takes place in the fall.)

Tri-M Honor Society

The Tri-M Honor Society recognizes students for their musical abilities, academic excellence, school involvement, and community service. Membership is open to students in grades 10 through 12 who meet the required standards of scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Specifically, students must participate in a school music ensemble, earn a B+ or better in music courses, maintain a 3.2 overall GPA with no failures. (The Induction Ceremony takes place in the spring.)

Varsity Scholar

Nomination as a varsity scholar is based on a cumulative GPA of 3.9 or higher based on completed coursework through the end of the first semester of senior year. Additional scholars will be acknowledged at graduation if they meet the cumulative GPA requirement at the end of eight semesters.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Designation as valedictorian and salutatorian is based on class rank. The ranking of students is the process of determining the relative academic standing of students within a class. For members of the Class of 2018, final class rank is based on the cumulative GPA of eight semesters. Beginning with the Class of 2019 and subsequent classes, final class rank will be based on the cumulative GPA of six semesters (calculated at the conclusion of junior year).

Spotlight on Students

This awards is designed to honor the student who adds to the positive climate in the classroom—the student who attends class regularly and on time, contributes, is caring and supportive—not necessarily the student with the highest grade average. Each month, one of the departments selects a student for this distinction.

CAS Arts Award (Connecticut Association of Schools)

Awarded to two seniors who excel in the performing and/or visual arts programs.

CIAC Scholar Athlete Award (Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference)

Awarded to a senior male and female student-athlete. In order to qualify for this honor, a student must participate in athletics at the varsity level, demonstrate academic excellence, and more importantly, serve as a role model to others.

SCC Scholar Leader Award (Southern Connecticut Conference)

Awarded to two seniors. In order to qualify for this honor, a student must demonstrate academic excellence, be considered a leader in the school community, and more importantly, serve as a role model to others.

CABE Leadership Award (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education)

Awarded to a senior male and female student. This award recognizes achievement and leadership qualities, particularly with respect to school and community activities.

SCASA Award (South Central Area Superintendents' Association)

Awarded to a senior male and female student. This award is presented to students who embody the mission of their school and are deeply committed to community and humanitarian service.

Rotary Citizen of the Year

This award is presented to two juniors (one male, one female) who are deeply committed to community and humanitarian service and demonstrates scholarship and good character.

Governor's Scholar Award

The Governor's Scholars Program recognizes academically talented high school students in schools throughout the state. At Sheehan, the number one ranked member of the junior class is invited to apply for this recognition.

Academic Awards

The following awards are bestowed by the high school departments at a ceremony held in May:

Outstanding Achievement in Art Foundations

Outstanding Achievement in Photography

Outstanding Achievement in Studio Art

Outstanding Achievement in Jewelry, Ceramics, & Fiber Arts

Excellence in Orchestra

Marjorie Wolfe Academic Excellence Award in Art

Excellence in Band

Excellence in Vocal Music

Outstanding Achievement in Technical Education

Outstanding Achievement in Business

Outstanding Achievement in Family & Consumer Science
Outstanding Work & Leadership in the Certified Nursing Assistant Program
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Medical Careers
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Literary Themes & Genres
Outstanding Work & Leadership in World Literature
Outstanding Work & Leadership in American Literature
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Senior Seminar
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Dramatic Arts
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Journalism
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Creative Writing
Exemplary Performance & Talent in Language Arts
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Advanced Placement Statistics
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Algebra
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Algebra I
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Algebra II
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Geometry
Outstanding Work & Leadership in Pre-Calculus
Exemplary Performance & Talent in Mathematics
Excellence in Physical Education (male)
Excellence in Physical Education (female)
Excellence in Health
Excellence in Earth Science
Excellence in Integrated Science
Excellence in Anatomy & Physiology
Excellence in Biology
Excellence in Chemistry
Excellence in Physics
Bausch & Lomb Award
Exemplary Performance & Talent in Science
Donald Caruth Award for Outstanding Science Achievement
Edward Kosinski Award for Citizenship
Excellence in Freshman Social Studies
Excellence in Sophomore Social Studies
Excellence in Junior Social Studies
Exemplary Performance & Talent in Social Studies
Excellence in Spanish 1
Excellence in Spanish 2
Excellence in Spanish 3
Excellence in Spanish 4
Excellence in Spanish 5
Excellence in Spanish AP
Excellence in French 1
Excellence in French 2

Excellence in French 3
Excellence in French 4
Excellence in French 5
Excellence in French AP
Excellence in Italian 1
Excellence in Italian 2
Excellence in Italian 3
Excellence in Italian 4
Excellence in German 1
Excellence in German 2
Excellence in German 3

Saint Michael's College Book Award

This award for academic achievement with a social conscience recognizes students who have demonstrated high academic achievement with a commitment to community service, leadership, issues of peace, justice & concern for others.

The Rensselaer Medal

This award serves to recognize the superlative academic achievement of young men and women and to motivate students towards careers in science, engineering, and technology. The Rensselaer Medalist, if accepted and enrolled at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, will receive a minimum of \$15,000 per year merit scholarship guaranteed for four years.

Harvard Book Prize

This book award is presented to an outstanding member of the junior class who demonstrates excellence in scholarship and achievement in academic and non-academic areas.

Student Council Award

The Mark T. Sheehan High School Student Council Award is presented to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average.