

Outstanding Student Award

The Outstanding Student Award is given to a senior in each of the English, Math, Fine Arts and Science Departments. The departments give the award to a student who exhibits not only high academic achievement, but also curiosity in the subject, resilience and perseverance. These are students who work hard and go above and beyond, bringing enthusiasm and determination with them to the class. The members of each department decide on the winners of this award as a team.

Sr. Anita Marie Giampetro Award

The Sr. Anita Marie Giampetro, ASCJ Award, is named in memory of Cor Jesu Academy's founding principle, Sr. Anita Marie Giampetro. Sr. Anita Marie was truly an outstanding woman who loved the girls of Cor Jesu and whose life was devoted to giving both intellectual and spiritual guidance to her students. The award bearing her name recognizes a graduating senior who demonstrates the true spirit of Cor Jesu and who exemplifies Sr. Anita Marie's generous and caring attitude in outstanding service to Cor Jesu Academy. The administration selects only one recipient annually and has awarded Christina Gatti '07 in the previous academic year.

Jennifer Anne Metherd Memorial Award

The Jennifer Metherd Award is given to a senior who exemplifies dedication and conviction for LIFE: the unborn, the poor, the aged, the infirm, the challenged, etc. She is chosen by the sisters and can be recommended by other faculty and staff. This award was started by Jennifer's parents, two dedicated advocates of life. Jennifer is a CJ alum (class of 1990) who met an early death when she was only twenty-one. She died from flash flooding during her time as a camp counselor in the summer of 1993. Last year this award was given to Sarah Folks, who participated in the Pro-Life March as well as campus ministry during her years at Cor Jesu.

Katie Brooks Memorial Award

This award is given in memory of Katie Brooks of the Class of 2004. Katie was actively involved in Cor Jesu's C.A.R.E. organization. A junior who has exhibited dedicated Christian service through the C.A.R.E. organization receives this award. Last year, this award was presented to Amy Callanan '08.

The Archbishop May Award

The Archbishop May Service Award is an award given to one senior at each Catholic high school within the St. Louis Archdiocese each year. It is named after Fr. John May, who served the Church as the Archbishop of St. Louis during the 1980's. The seniors who receive this award are chosen based on their exemplification of community service during their high school career. The award is given to one who chooses to willingly offer her life unselfishly for others. Past Cor Jesu recipients of the award include: CJ Grad of 2006, Anna Russell, for her work with CARE; CJ Grad of 2007, Rachel Waller for her work with La Clinica; and this past year's recipient was Kathleen Russell, for her work with CARE and with KIWI through Cor Jesu's National Honor Society.

Vivian Pasetti Award

Vivian Pasetti, a member of the class of 1974, was a lively student who was loved by everyone. An active member in Cor Jesu's theater, she used her gorgeous singing voice to captivate the audience. Sadly, during a rehearsal for the 1973 production of *Hello, Dolly!*, Vivian collapsed on stage. She fought hard for the next several weeks, only to lose her battle to an undiagnosed condition. Vivian's death was hard for the Cor Jesu community, especially for the cast and crew of *Hello, Dolly!*, since their opening night was drawing near. "The show must go on!" was Cor Jesu's new motto – and it did. The production of *Hello, Dolly!* was unforgettable as the Cor Jesu community remembered their loved one, Vivian. The next spring, Vivian's best friend Laura Peters was the first to receive the Vivian Pasetti Award.

Today, the award stays within the Cor Jesu's theater family. The recipient is a Cor Jesu senior who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to Cor Jesu through her love of acting and theater. Vivian's natural passion for acting was one of her best qualities, and the recipient of her award should reflect this. The Vivian Pasetti Award does not necessarily go to the best actress, but rather to a Cor Jesu student who will leave Cor Jesu with a lifelong love and desire to perform. She should not only support the arts at Cor Jesu, but all around the St. Louis community. Vivian Pasetti set an example at Cor Jesu for all young actresses who walk through Cor Jesu's doors, to live each and every day with the love and the spirit of acting. Last year's recipient was Maria Becvar.

The Clelian Award

The Clelian Award was created to honor Clelia Merloni, the foundress of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart. Every year, the sisters choose a senior who will receive the award, and it is awarded by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart. It is given to a senior who exemplifies the character of Mother Clelia and the ideals of Cor Jesu Academy, including compassion, service, loyalty, and love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This individual shares in the love of the heart of Christ and is compelled by his love. Last year Kristin Merlo received the award because of how she exemplified these characteristics. Because it is considered the highest award that is given at graduation, the sisters always try to take into consideration how the person chosen relates to the entire Cor Jesu community.

The Robert Byrne Excellence in World History Award

The Robert Byrne Excellence in World History Award is an award given annually to an exemplary senior. The namesake of this award, Robert Byrne, was a long time Cor Jesu history teacher. He was a great teacher and a wonderful man. This award was created as a tribute after his retirement. The award is distributed by the Social Studies department and is decided upon through departmental nominations and discussions. The recipient of this award is a senior who has excelled in World History and Politics. Last year, Liz Hohenberger received this award.

Foreign Language Awards

The awards given in Foreign Language go to seniors who have shown an extremely high aptitude in foreign language as well as an interest and enthusiasm for the subject matter. The Foreign Language departments choose one individual from each of Spanish, French, and Latin.