



MEMORIAL AWARDS' DESCRIPTIONS

Becca Haberman Memorial Music Scholarship

The Becca Haberman Memorial is presented to a graduating Claude Watson music major student involved in music or other artistic areas, such as piano and voice.

Douglas Napier Memorial Award

Background on Douglas Napier: Mr. Napier had three sons who attended Haig. He taught his sons and children of the Haig community the value of good sportsmanship. His one son, Mark, went on to be a professional hockey player. The Napier family believed strongly that sports is a valuable way to teach young people how to value life.

The recipient of this scholarship is pursuing a rigorous amateur or semi-professional sport vocation while at the same time, completing their high school education.

Jeff Collum Memorial Award

Background on Jeff Collum: Jeff Collum was in the prime of his life when he died. He was a very special and sensitive young man. His mother was a teacher in North York. His brother Phil also attended Haig.

The recipient of this scholarship has demonstrated good citizenship, good academic performance, and is a student who has contributed to the atmosphere of the school through personal deeds or extracurricular involvement. This most important criterion is that the student has been able to overcome some obstacle in life, whether physical or emotional.

Jenny Isford Memorial Award

Background on Jenny Isford: Jenny was a bright, beautiful and sensitive young woman. She had a lovely voice and she held lead parts in Haig's annual musicals. She planned a future career in the Arts, but was murdered one evening after leaving a bus on her street. At the time of her death, she was practicing to be an Argo cheerleader.

The recipient of this award will have demonstrated high scholastic achievement and creativity in the field of Arts, and as well, these talents will have been applied to extra-curricular activities. The student is dedicated to the dream of pursuing a career path in the field of the Arts.

Kana Jeon Memorial

Background on Kana Jeon: Kana was a wonderful young man who dies of cancer in his first year of Waterloo. He was an excellent basketball player. Kana also was a top student who contributed actively and thoughtfully to student government, clubs and social activity. He had a love for life and he never was without a big smile and a hug.

Nick Vanderboom

Background on Nick Vanderboom: Nick was a student of Earl Haig who died in a car accident in October 2005. After his friends and family, the most important aspect of Nick's life was sports – he was an elite athlete who loved the competition, the camaraderie, the physical exertion, the opportunity to stretch his skills past his natural talent and, most significantly, the connections he made by playing games.

The Nick Vanderboom Scholarship is awarded to a person who excels at sports but at the same time, has a wide scope of interests in academics, in the arts, in social causes – in any of the wonderful aspects of life and its pursuits.

Paul Lavertu

Background on Paul Lavertu: Paul was an excellent student and athlete. He lost his life while crossing Finch Avenue to catch a bus. His family has continued to honour his memory through his sister Helene. Paul had everything to live for – he was a caring, bright young man.

This award is intended for candidates in their graduating year who reflect the outstanding academic leadership and athletic qualities evidenced by Paul Lavertu.

Rachel Kohm Memorial

Background on Rachel Kohm: Rachel Kohm was a vivacious student involved in the Claude Watson Drama major program. After graduating in 1994 and having attended university, Rachel began an impressive career with Partners/Revolver Film Company. Her all too short time at Partners was marked with personal satisfaction, Juno awards and the respect of her colleagues.

This memorial award honours a Claude Watson drama graduate who has done extensive work in the Arts program and who is pursuing performing Arts at the post-secondary level.

Raynah Shenoy Memorial Award

Background on Raynah Shenoy: Raynah Shenoy was a respected and well-liked Procter & Gamble employee for many years. She was a co-worker who always had the right answer and a friend you could always depend on. She was a devoted wife, mother and daughter whose family as her foremost priority.

The recipient of this award is someone who approaches every aspect of his or her life by being the best that they can be. The student strives for excellence in both his or her scholastic and personal life. The student possesses strong interpersonal skills, works well with others, has a positive attitude and takes pride in the school.

Thomas Tu Memorial

Background on Thomas Tu: Dr. Tu was a wonderful teacher, scholar, husband and father. His four sons all participated in Haig's Academy Program. Dr. Tu was a chemist who loved to learn and inspire his children to love learning. He believed that education must be well-rounded, including sports and co-curricular activities. He was a strong supporter of all that we value at Haig.

The recipient must have achieved the status of an Ontario Scholar and must have shown a strong interest in pursuing a degree in the sciences at the university level. This award is not necessarily intended for the student with the highest grades, but rather, for the student who has made a considerable contribution to the school through his or her participation in extra-curricular activities.