

## PSAT Excellence Award

These students have exemplary scores on the PSAT and are congratulated on their pursuit of recognition by the National Merit Board.

**Special recognition is extended to  
Richard Tang  
for a perfect score on the PSAT.**

### Freshman

Brian Friedlander  
Jamie-Anh Ouynh Tran  
Leah Brown  
Kevin Ngo  
Cassidy Shea  
Victor Omojola  
Joshua Helstrom  
Rachael Roberie  
Jennifer Young Tu  
Rebecca Farley

### Sophomores

Grace Gemeinhardt  
Sarah Oberhelman  
Elena Figueroa  
Harrison Grieb  
Zoe Sulkes  
Laura Harrelson  
Jacqueline Coughlin  
Nicole Collins  
Cody Henson  
Jingxuan Wang  
Helen Li  
Katherine Baus  
Caroline Stallard  
Andrew Chang

### Juniors

Michael Friedlander  
Lauren Reeks  
Ariana Rupp  
Kelsie Stovall  
Julian Lutz  
Brendan O'Byrne  
Shannon Macika  
Christian Kay  
David Phelps  
Uday Nandipati  
Shamit Dua  
Richard Tang

## Principal's Award

The principal's award honors those students who, through words and deeds, build and strengthen the community at Benjamin Franklin High School.

Shannon Macika, 11  
Theresa Cao, 11  
Corinne Bart, 11

Paige Owens, 10th  
Emma Tyler, 10th

## Benjamin Franklin High School



## Awards Ceremony For Underclassmen

May 18, 2009

## Top Student in Each Course

Faculty members recognize the following as the best student in the course specified.

### English

<b><u>English I</u></b> Jessica Nguyen, Yi Annie Shao,	Mr. Calagna Ms. Maher	Alexis Hernandez Celeste Knudsen, Caroline Muneoka,	Ms. Finnegan Mr. Luetzelschwab Ms. Finnegan
<b><u>English II</u></b> Rachel Barnes Amanda McCarthy	Mrs. G. Gill Mr. Calagna	<b><u>Creative Writing II</u></b> Nastassia Porto, 11	Ms. J. Gill
<b><u>English III</u></b> Justin Carter Anagha Hanumante	Dr. Hightower Dr. Hightower	<b><u>Publications I</u></b> Kelley Pettus, 11	Ms. Finnegan

### Electives

<b><u>Choir</u></b> Caroline Pitts, 9	Ms. Noble	<b><u>Art I</u></b> Jaimie Semmes, 9	Mr. Calas
<b><u>Talented in Visual Arts I</u></b> Renee Legaux	Mrs. Rinehart	Thuy-Mai Nguyen, 11	Mrs. Rinehart
<b><u>Talented in Visual Arts II</u></b> Lauren Reeks, 11	Mrs. Rinehart	<b><u>Art II</u></b> Sarah Oberhelman, 10	Mr. Calas
<b><u>Speech I</u></b> Jennifer Tu, 9	Mrs. Fontenot	<b><u>Art History AP</u></b> Alexis Hernandez, 11	Mr. Calas
<b><u>Speech II</u></b> Naomi Slack, 10	Mrs. Fontenot	<b><u>Talented in Theatre I</u></b> Brittany Benjamin, 10	Mr. Kraus
		<b><u>Talented in Theatre II</u></b> Paige Owens, 10	Mr. Kraus

### Foreign Language

<b><u>Spanish I H</u></b> Christian Nguyen, 9	Ms. Alcoriza	<b><u>German III</u></b> Kelsie Stovall, 11	Mrs. Becker
<b><u>Spanish II H</u></b> Alistair Phinney, 10	Mrs. Donaire-Cirsovuis	<b><u>French I H</u></b> Joseph Koefelr, 11	Dr. Beelman
<b><u>Spanish III H</u></b> Katherine Baus, 11	Ms. Melendreras	<b><u>French II H</u></b> Yi Annie Shao, 9	Dr. Beelman
<b><u>German I Honors</u></b> Danielle Doty, 9	Mrs. Becker	<b><u>French III H</u></b> Brittney Shipley, 11	Ms. Alford
<b><u>German II</u></b> Grace Gemeinhardt, 10	Mrs. Becker	<b><u>Latin II H</u></b> Erin Macika, 11	Dr. Pearce

## Literary Rally

### District Literary Rally

<b>First Place or Superior, Overall</b>	
Biology I:	Alexander Clay, 10
English I	Yi "Annie" Shao, 9
Interpretive Reading	Florence Clements, 10
Interpretive Reading,	Angha Hanumante, 11
<b>First Place or Superior</b>	
Chemistry	Andrew Chang, 10
Free Enterprise	Amelia Muhs, 10
French 3	Siobhan Doremus, 11
Impromptu Speaking	Sarah Sweet, 11
Spanish I	Christian Nguyen, 9
Spanish II	Alistair Phinney, 10
<b>Second Place or Excellent</b>	
Biology I	Ashlyn McRae
Biology II	Shannon Macika, 11
Chemistry	Jingxuan Wang, 10
English I	Serena Bethala
English II	Caroline Stallard, 10
English III	Helen Farley, 11
Extemporaneous Speaking	Naomi Slack, 10
Free Enterprise	Harrison Grieb, 10
French I	Joseph Koefelr, 11
French II	Shakthi Unnithan, 9
French III	Celeste Knudsen, 11
Original Oratory	Jingxuan Wang
Spanish	Helen Li
<b>Third Place</b>	
Advanced Math	Corinne Bart, 11
Environmental Sci	Brendan O'Byrne, 11
French I	Hai Ni Nguyen, 9
French II	Briana Harrison, 11
Geometry	James Tran, 9
Journalism	Kelly Pettus, 11

Latin I	Shamit Dua, 11
Spanish I	Anna Rees
Spanish III	Anagha Hanumante, 11

### State Literary Rally

<b>First Place or Superior, Overall</b>	
Biology	Alexander Clay, 9
<b>First Place or Superior</b>	
English II	Caroline Stallard, 10
French I	Joseph Koefelr, 11
Free Enterprise	Amelia Muhs, 10
French II extemporaneous	Grace Treffinger, 9
French III extemporaneous	Haley Robinson, 10
French II interpretive	Sarah Devlin, 9
French III interpretive	Amanda McCarthy, 10
German I	Nastassia Porto, 11
German II	Grace Gemeinhardt, 9
German Dramatic Skit	Patricia Lopez, 11
Interpretive Reading	Anagha Hanumante, 11
Spanish interpretative	Megha Fernandex, 9
<b>Second Place or Excellent</b>	
Interpretive Reading	Florence Clements, 10
Spanish II	Alistair Phinney, 10
German II	Wyatt Ferguson
German III	Nick Lutz, 11
German Dramatic Skit	Daniel Shwanck
	Emma Veth
<b>Third Place</b>	
Spanish I	Christian Nguyen, 9
<b>Fourth Place</b>	
Algebra I	Jamie Tran, 9
American History	Sarah Sweet, 11
Biology II	Shannon Macika, 11

## Special State and National Awards

Kelsie Stovall, Swathmore Book Award	Film Festival (Student Division)
Corinne Bart, Yale Book Award	Oluremi Abiodun, Girl Scouts of America representative to the United Nations in March 2009
Richard Tan, Harvard Book Award	Uday Nandipati, 2nd place propaganda,
Shannon Macika, Tulane Book Award	2nd place on-sets, National Academic Games
Sarah Devlin, Best of Festival, Louisiana	

# Science Fairs

## Ben Franklin Science Fair

### Animal Sciences

1st place Katie Oberhelman  
2nd place Helen Farley

### Biochemistry

2nd place Katie Boleware

### Chemistry

1st place Rebecca Tingstrom

### Energy and Transportation

1st place Celeste Knudsen  
2nd place Laura Harrelson

### Engineering: Electrical and Mech.

1st place Richard Tang  
2nd place Harrison Grieb

### Engineering: Materials and Bio

1st place Rachel Barnes

### Environmental Management

1st place Michelle Fox  
2nd place Erin Macika

### Environmental Sciences

1st place Nicola Zanchi

### Medicine & Health Sciences

1st place Ambert Yeh  
2nd place Jingxuan Wang

### Microbiology

1st place Amelia Muhs  
2nd place Josephine Martin

### Plant Sciences

1st place Emery Fox  
2nd place Alexandra Elliott

## Regional Science Fair

### Animal Sciences

1st place Katie Oberhelman  
2nd place Helen Farley

### Behavioral and Social Sciences

1st place Anagha Hanumante

### Biochemistry

1st place Katie Boleware

## Health & Physical Education

### PE I/Health

Joseph Hagensee, 9  
Brennan Wenck, 9  
Katie Oberhelman, 11

Ms. Hailey  
Ms. Pulizzano  
Ms. Noble

### PE II

Henry Kuczynski, 10  
Kali Griffith, 10  
Duc Le, 10

Ms. Hailey  
Mr. Tankersley  
Ms. Pulizzano

## Mathematics

### Algebra I

Jessica Nguyen, 9  
James Tran, 9

### Algebra II

Dylan Bowers, 10  
Helen Li, 10

Mr. Peterson  
Mr. Adams

Mr. Peterson  
Mr. LaFrance

### Geometry

James Minh Tran, 9  
Joseph Hagensee, 9

### Pre-Calculus

Jennifer Tu, 9  
Helen Li, 10

Mr. Taylor  
Mr. Adams

Mrs. Coulon-Powell  
Mr. Quirk

## Science

### Biology I

Jennifer Tu, 9  
Christian Nguyen, 9  
Thien Michelle Pham, 9

### Biology AP

Corinne Bart, 11

Ms. Fiegel  
Ms. Buchert  
Dr. Gubala

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### Chemistry

Andrew Chang, 10  
Helen Li, 10  
Jingxuan Wang, 10

### Environmental Science AP

Celeste Knudsen, 11

Ms. Hartman  
Ms. Wesley  
Ms. Davis-Wheeler

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## Social Studies

### Human Geography

Jennifer Tu, 9

### World Geography H

Ha Ni Nguyen, 9  
Aysha Jones, 9

### Free Enterprise

Katherine Baus, 10

Mr. Parauka

Mrs. Becker  
Mr. Parauka

Mr. McNabb

Rakia Ancar, 10

### Psychology AP

Eric Samuels, 11

### US History AP

Celeste Knudsen, 11

### U.S. History H

Corinne Bart, 11

Mr. Schumacher

Ms. Steinbauer

Ms. Brown

Ms. Steinbauer

## Exemplary Leadership in Clubs

B.F.H.S. club sponsors have selected  
the following students for their exemplary leadership in clubs  
and extracurricular activities.

- Green Society, sponsored by Dr. Gubala  
Corrine Bart
- Key Club, sponsored by Mr. Parauka  
Shannon Macika, Katie Boleware, Nancy Tran, Emma Tyler, & Daniel Schwank
- Mu Alpha Theta, sponsored by Mr. Quirk  
Thuy-Mai Nguyen, Michelle Ngo, Richard Tang, Helen Li, Jingxuan Wang, & Corrine Bart
- Peer Assistance Team sponsored by Mrs. Jones  
Shilka Babu & Laura Tran
- Speech & Debate  
Naomi Slack, Jingxuan Wang, & Serena Bethala
- Performing Arts, 11th grade  
Anagha Hanumante, Florence Clement, Carrie Garrison, Naomi Slack, Jingxuan Wang & Yi Shao
- Summer Reading Committee, sponsored by Dr. Hightower & Dr. Antoine  
Shannon Macika & Nicola Zanchi

## Top Ten Students

- | Juniors             | Sophomores        | Freshmen         |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Kelsie Stovall      | Leila Wisdom      | Cassidy Shea     |
| Richard Tang        | Helen Li          | Shakthi Unnithan |
| Corinne Bart        | JingXuan Wang     | Rachel Roberie   |
| Shannon Macika      | Rachel Barnes     | Kevin Ngo        |
| Mary Boleware       | Amelia Muhs       | Christian Nguyen |
| Shamit Dua          | Andrew Chang      | James-Minh Tran  |
| Thuy-Mai Nguyen     | Katherine Baus    | Jennifer Tu      |
| Michael Friedlander | Caroline Stallard | Serena Bethala   |
| Sydney Wenck        | Mary Planchet     | Victor Omojola   |
| Erin Macika         | Laura Harrelson   | Rebecca Farley   |

## Foreign Language Awards

### National German Exam

(place indicates ranking in state;  
medal indicates national ranking)

#### Level 2

- 1st place in state & Gold Medal  
Grace Gemeinhardt
- 1st place in state & Gold Medal  
Timothy Austin McRay

#### Level 3

- Gold Medal  
Kelsey Stovall

### Latin Exam

#### Cum Laude

- Shilka Babu
- Eugenie Borchardt
- Justin Carter
- Sarah Catallo
- John Gibson
- Isabel Glass
- Josephine Martin
- Teresa Williams

#### Magna Cum Laude

- Oluremi Abiodun
- Sarah Drew
- Erin Macika
- Lauren Waguespack
- Malcolm Zehr
- Rachel Barnes
- Meaghan Doherty
- Michelle Fox
- Grace Gemeinhardt

#### Maxima Cum Laude

- Alexander Clay
- Shamit Dua
- Rachel Judlin
- Cameron Lewis
- Danielle Newsome
- Margaret Saux

#### Cum Laude

- Shanora Hill

### National Spanish Exam

(place indicates ranking in state;  
medal indicates national ranking)

#### Level 1, Regular

- 2nd place in the state & Gold Medal  
Marcel Garon
- 5th place in the state & Gold Medal  
Lien Tran
- Gold Medal  
Christian Ngyen
- Mirandy Li
- Kevin Ngo
- Grace Treffinger

#### Level 2, Regular

- 2nd Place in state & Gold Medal  
Alistair Phinney
- 5th Place in the state  
Zakiya Chaney
- Gold Medal  
Cody Henson
- Isabelle Hatfield
- Ashlyn McRae

#### Level 3, Regular

- 1st place in state & Gold Medal  
Katherine Baus
- 3rd place in state & Gold Medal  
Jacqueline Coughlin
- Gold Medal  
Shannon Macika

#### Level 3, Outside Experience

- 1st place in the state and Gold Medal  
Alexis Hernandez
- 4th place in the state and Silver Medal  
Patricia Lopez
- Gold Medal  
Shannon Macika