**JOHN McGLASHAN COLLEGE SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING 2018**

**PREMIER AWARDS**

It is my absolute pleasure to announce the College’s top awards. These awards are earned by ability, dedication and perseverance.

I want to acknowledge 26 boys who have been offered scholarships for tertiary study next year. These are not McGlashan awards – they are presented by various universities and trusts.

Scholarships have been offered to the following boys:

**CENTRAL OTAGO LAKES’ SCHOLARSHIP**

Angus Frew

Toby Jarvie

Cameron Moran

Ben Teviotdale

**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO SCHOLARSHIPS**

Johnny Baker

Alex Byars

Boen Deng

Lachlan Ellis

Angus Frew

Oliver Geddes

Jack Grey

Ben Hall

Andrew Hughes

Lachlan Kenneally

Patrick Larrivee

Liam McHenry

Ben Mitchell

Jack Pacey

Will Paterson

Tom Shallard

Matt Silvey

Josh Stoddard

Jaiden Tucker

En Watanabe

Tyler Wilden

Ben Wishart

**Lincoln University Scholarships**

Tom Shallard

**Ministry of Primary Industries**

Max Gomez

**Auckland University**

Ben Hall

**PREMIER AWARDS**

Neal Wallace presented this new prize to the inaugural winner.

**Premier Award for Passion, Interest and Excellence in Literature**

Neal Wallace Literary Award Jack Pacey

Jack is a young man with a genuine passion for literature.  He has an outstanding academic record and a remarkable depth of understanding and awareness of complexities and subtleties of works of literature, their creators and their contexts.  He has written widely too - having work published in critic.  Beyond McGlashan, he has already completed a First Year University Paper in English, in which he achieved very highly indeed, and intends to pursue this at Otago next year.   Jack believes absolutely in the value of reading, literature and the humanities and thus is a worthy recipient of this award, amongst a very strong field.

These premier awards were presented by the chairman of our Board of Trustees, Tim Hannagan.

**Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards**

There is a great deal that goes into these awards. It is a demanding award that involves physical challenges, learning new skills and undertaking community service.

**Silver** Martin Page

Ben MacDonald

**Gold** Ben MacDonald

Cameron Moran

AJ Visagie

**Premier Award for School Music**

Cochrane/Aldridge Trophy Nathan Harrison

Another new award this year has been donated by the Beck family, who had seven boys attend the College over a 23 year period.

**Seven Brothers**

Most significant contribution to the Arts James Burchell

James has been involved with the JMC Theatresports programme for 7 years, and this year he served as captain. He has performed in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festivals. Outside of school, James has also been heavily involved with music productions.  During the South Island Ballet Awards in 2018 he won a scholarship to the Vitacca Vocational School of Dance in Houston, Texas. He also has been in the Dunedin Youth Orchestra and in the NZ Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra. James is now a contract player with the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra. Most notably, he has just been accepted into the New Zealand School of Dance's intake for next year.

**Roslyn Physiotherapy Health Sciences Award**

This is an academic scholarship worth $500 to the most deserving student about to embark on Health Sciences study.

**Jaiden Tucker**

**Josh Stoddard**

Both Jaiden and Josh intend to study Health Sciences at Otago University next year. They each have outstanding results across all three sciences and this should ensure that they enter the competitive field of Health Sciences in good stead.

**Rural Student of the Year**

Walter Godsall Trophy George Lowery

George is one of the gentlemen of the College community and this is reflected in his personable nature, kind-heartedness and willingness to help around the place. Academically he has also excelled with a Merit endorsement in Agriculture. Add to that, his mentoring roles with younger boys; excellence in sport for rugby and trap shooting at the highest level, George encompasses all the attributes of a well-rounded and deserving Rural Student of the Year. Congratulations George!

**Boarding House Award**

The Ford Family Award Tom Shallard

Charlie Davies

Tom is the Head Boy of the boarding house and has impressed this year with his academic record through his commitment and dedication to his work; this has been reflected with him already gaining an Excellence endorsement at Level 3 and gaining scholarships to Otago and Lincoln University. He is a leader that leads by example with his academic and sporting involvement and always has the best interest of the other students. Tom is a fine role model for the junior boarders and he is a great public speaker; a skill that he has developed over his time at the College.

Charlie is Deputy Head Boarder of the Boarding House. He is a leader that many students look up to for guidance and support. Charlie is a fine role model for the boarders and is always willing to help out or lead activities. Charlie is an all-rounder who has excelled in a number of sporting achievements this year, but his most remarkable was his influence in the 1st XV rugby team leading from the front. Charlie is a true leader in the Boarding House, someone that the juniors look up to and aspire to be. He has been awarded a placement next year at Harrow School in England as a housemaster, we wish you all the best for next year.

**Most Outstanding Sports Team** Double Rowing Scull

**The Gilchrist Family Shield**  Jack McLaughlan

Nicholas Chamberlain

Jack and Nicholas won the South Island Under-17 double sculls and then went on to win the Maadi double rowing sculls. It was a tactical race where they came from third with 250 metres to row. It was a very exciting, but nervous race to watch. Congratulations Jack and Nic.

**Best All-round Athlete**

The Lloyd Cup Dominic Morrison

Dominic takes the title of Best All Round Athlete ahead of a raft of multi-talented individuals. He starts for the Under-17 Otago basketball and the Otago Under-16 touch teams. He is a member of the JMC 1st XV and Cross Country team. He placed second in both the 400 and 800 metres at South Island Secondary School Athletics. His 4 x 400 metre relay team then broke the South Island record.

Congratulations Dominic.

**Highest Performing Athlete**

The Three Brothers’ Cup Jack McLaughlan

Again there were many strong contenders for this prestige award. But Jack earns his place in McGlashan history with a stunning come-from-behind win in the Maadi Cup, Under-17 singles sculls. Last at the halfway mark, Jack managed to power home to win in the last few strokes. Another stunning performance Jack.

**PREMIER CITIZENSHIP AND ACADEMIC AWARDS**

This year, we had many outstanding candidates, each of whom is a fantastic contributor to the College. The students submitted a detailed CV of achievements and involvements and the decisions were very tough to make indeed.

The first citizenship award is the **Principal’s Award for the Head Prefect** **Andrew Hughes**.

The Lead and Inspire Award recognises the responsibilities and contributions the Head Prefect makes each year. Andrew has been an excellent ambassador for the College during numerous events and celebrations, representing the College with warmth and positivity. His contributions to the College have crossed multiple spheres, and he has been active with charity initiatives such as the Relay for Life, Women’s Refuge, and the Octacan Appeal. An editor of the student-led newspaper, the McGlashan Messenger, Andrew enjoys driving projects forward and seeing them achieve success. I thoroughly appreciate his contribution. Thank you Andrew.

**The Jonoel Award** **for supporting the College’s special character**

This award has been presented to the College by John Anderson – as you have heard, he is an old boy and long serving member on both our boards. This year, it goes to:

**AJ Visagie**

AJ is the Chapel Prefect and he is a student that exemplifies the special character of the school. He is a leader for a combined Youth Group, an altar server and a vestry member at St John’s Anglican Church. He did volunteer service to Vanuatu and has most recently been to Nepal with the World Challenge group painting and building at an area school. His IB Creativity Activity and Service Portfolio is one of the best that has been seen at the College. With a total of 515 creativity, 960 activity and 450 service hours completed over the last two years, AJ is an outstanding role model.

**Gaze Family Cup**

The Gaze Family Cup is presented for service to the community and the College. It is typically presented to the student who is personally involved in significant service to others.

This year, the Gaze Family Cup is awarded to: **Tyler Wilden**

Tyler has given his time in service to the College and community across a diverse range of areas. Tyler has been the Project Leader for the Town Belt Initiative, which aims to clean up the Town Belt and make it predator free. He gave many hours of his time voluntarily photographing the food for the ‘Food for Thought’ centenary cookbook. He has been an excellent Vice House Captain for Ross House, ensuring that the house worked together, and all students participated to ensure victory. He has planned and run junior socials, the senior formal, led activities on the Year 7 and Year 8 camps, and been involved in youth missions to Vanuatu. Tyler is an outstanding young man, and intends to continue helping young people by studying at Teacher’s College next year.

Congratulations and thank you Tyler for your commitment.

Another new award for this year, has been donated by the Friedlander family in recognition of their father, who passed away earlier this year. Ted was a student of the College from 1932 – 1937. He was a Board member between1970 – 2006 and the Board Chairman from 1982 – 1996.

**Ted Friedlander AJ Visagie**

Loyalty and Contribution to the College

AJ has been a major contributor in many spheres to the College: coaching the junior debating team and mentoring juniors in Theatre Sports. He is the school representative for *Students against Dangerous Driving*. AJ has been involved in water monitoring at the Tomahawk Lagoon, fundraised for World Vision and helped upgrade the Romahapa Community Hall.

His enthusiasm is contagious and he has been an excellence prefect and a very loyal student to the College.

**T S Holme Award**

This award is to recognise the student who best exemplifies the qualities promoted by the College – standing for the idea of a healthy mind in a healthy body and a strong part of our community.

This year, the T.S. Holme Award goes to: **Tom Shallard**

**Charlie Davies**

Deputy Head Prefect, Tom thoroughly exemplifies the concept of ‘a healthy mind in a healthy body.’ He is an all-rounder, equally comfortable and able across rural, academic, and social settings. His contribution to ‘the life and spirit of the school’ is exemplified by his role as Vice Chairman of the Student Council, Vice Chairman of the JMC Young Farmers, Captain of the 2nd XV and Captain of the JMC Firsts Tennis team. Tom has mentored juniors both in the Boarding House, and in the peer-tutoring programme, and been involved in charity initiatives. Well done Tom.

Deputy Head Boarder, Charlie has contributed to the life and spirit of the school through his contributions to sports, the hostel and the College. As Sport and Health Prefect, Charlie has assisted the Sports’ Coordinator with the running and promotion of sports at the College. As Deputy Head Boarder, Charlie has been particularly involved with the Year 9 boarders, helping them to integrate into hostel and college life. He has resided in the Year 11 block of the hostel to assist the house managers organise the Year 11 students.

**Rex King Memorial Award**

This award is for the best all-round student: academic, sporting and cultural. It recognises participation and enthusiasm as well as achievement and a commitment to all aspects of school life. This is also a citizenship award and so is awarded to someone who has demonstrated the attributes of good citizenship and qualities of leadership.

This year, the Rex King Memorial Award goes to: **Ben Mitchell**

Looking at Ben’s CV, it would be hard to award the best all-round student to anyone else. His contributions, and achievements, across cultural, community, academic and sporting spheres are both numerous, and impressive. A small selection of these accolades include, Ben receiving the Edinburgh Realty Art Award, selected from 205 paintings from the South Island, which encompassed all ages. Ben’s artwork also graces the cover of the McGlashan College centenary book, *An Educated Man.* Ben attended the Youth Environmental Leadership Forum, and cycled half of the equivalent height of Mt Everest to raise funds for the Against Malaria Foundation. Ben is also an accomplished musician, and sportsman - a competitive athlete, cyclist, tramper and climber. Congratulations Ben.

**Proxime Accessit**

We come now to the top academic awards - Proxime Accessit and Dux. This year, we have had several extremely high-achieving students and award decisions have been more difficult than in any other year.

Some background to the decision process is important as there are so many variables to consider when there are so many top contenders and a range of qualification pathways involved.  One key principal is that only achievements gained in this academic year will contribute to the calculation.  Obviously, high achievement has to be central but consideration must also be given to the weightings around the number of NCEA credits or whether an IB subject is taken at standard level or higher level.  Establishing these, and many other principles, was the starting point before we began looking at individual marks and grades.

Quite amazingly, the subsequent calculations brought a number of students to the very top with, in some cases, only 0.1 of 1 percent between candidates.

Before we get to Dux, we award the Proxime Accessit, or the runner up to dux. The phrase Proxime Accessit means “he came the closest” or in this case “they came the closest” and this year, all of our top scholars in both NCEA and IB were so very close.

The Proxime Accessits this year are:

**Boen Deng**

**Ben Mitchell**

**En Watanabe**

**Dux**

And finally the very top award: Dux - the most high-achieving student in the College.

You may know that in recent years, it has become harder and harder to identify the one top scholar in the College. One main reason for this, is that we have the two qualifications – NCEA and IB. Comparing the two systems is difficult – you are not comparing apples with apples. This year, we have two dux awards – two duces (pronounced “doo-kays”).

The Duces of the College for 2018 are: **Josh Stoddard**

**Jaiden Tucker**

Josh completed NCEA this year. He has an outstanding academic record, scoring among other things a perfect GPA of 100 in Accounting and Chemistry with perfect scripts in for these subjects in our school examinations. All his other subjects were in the high 90s. Josh is an excellent scholar, he is very dedicated to his studies. He is conscientious, attentive and always gives his best, but still finds time to help students who struggle with their work.

Jaiden also has an outstanding academic record and has been studying the IB course for the last two years. He is predicted to achieve 7s in every subject, which puts him in about the top 1% of students worldwide. He gained 100% in the Theory for Knowledge course and has very high marks in all his other subjects. Jaiden has always been a hardworking student who has strived to achieve at the highest level.

Josh and Jaiden are both studying health sciences next year at Otago.