

## **Prix d'excellence de l'Académie de la Capitale Awards : Overview**

The awards presented at the May 29, 2015 Awards Ceremony are in keeping with a \*celebration across the ages\*.

### **A) Overall Awards and Scholarships**

#### **1. Founding Director's Award for Love of Learning – *Inquérir***

**Prix de la directrice fondatrice: Amour de l'apprentissage - Chercheurs**

#### **2. Transcending Borders – *Reflective***

**Prix: Transcender les frontières - Réfléchis**

#### **3. Academic Achievement Award – *Knowledgeable***

**Prix d'excellence académique générale - Informés**

### **B) Academic Achievement**

#### **Language Arts**

**Prix d'excellence: Interaction en langue française – *Communicatifs***

**Excellence in English – *Knowledgeable***

**Prix d'excellence en français – *Knowledgeable***

**Excellence in International Language Learning – *Communicator***

#### **STEM**

**Excellence in STEM – *Thinker***

**Excellence in Math – *Knowledgeable***

**Excellence in Science – *Knowledgeable***

**Excellence in ICT and Computer Science – *Knowledgeable***

#### **Humanities and the Arts**

**Prix d'excellence: Individus et sociétés – *Informés***

**Prix d'excellence : Presentation - *Balanced***

**Excellence in the Arts – *Knowledgeable***

**Performance Recognition – *Communicator***

### **C) Recognition**

**\* Mind and Body Award– *Balanced***

**\* Free Spirit Award - *Open-Minded***

**\* Creative Expression Award – *Communicator***

**^ Heart of Gold Award – *Caring***

**^ With Respect- *based on Xiao 孝***

**~ Prix Terre-Amis – *Sensés***

**~ Leadership Award – *Risk Taker***

**~ Community Action Award– *Principled***

### **D) The Sarah-Emmanuelle Memorial – *Courageous and Determined***

## **Prix d'excellence de l'Académie de la Capitale Awards : Description**

### **A) Overall Awards**

#### **1. Founding Director Award: Love Of Learning – *Inquirer* (1 recipient)**

**Prix de la directrice fondatrice: *Amour de l'apprentissage - Chercheur***

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § Student in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional love of learning and curiosity, both in and outside of given academic courses
- § Thrives and gets stronger when challenged
- § Tolerates some chaos to develop creativity and expertise
- § Learns with enthusiasm, both independently and with others
- § Demonstrates the capacity to think and make links across subjects
- § \$1000 scholarship towards 2015-16 Tuition Fees

#### **2. Transcending Borders Award – *Reflective* (1 recipient)**

**Prix: *Transcender les frontières - Réfléchi***

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § Student in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional ability to explore issues, ideas and problems with critical thinking
- § Understands own strengths and weaknesses in order to support learning, to make progress and to engage in personal growth
- § Reflects across disciplines to deepen understanding and reflection
- § Learns independently, with and from others
- § \$750 scholarship towards 2015-2016 Tuition Fees

#### **3. Academic Achievement Honors - *Knowledgeable* (3 recipients)**

**Prix d'excellence académique générale**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § One student in PYP, MYP, and Sr. OSSD
- § Consistent overall high achievement in the PYP units of inquiry
- § Overall highest standing (%) among all given academic subjects
- § \$500 scholarship towards 2015-16 Tuition Fees

### **B) Academic Achievement**

#### **1. LANGUAGE ARTS (4 recipients total)**

**· Prix d'excellence: *Intéraction en langue française – Communicatifs***

**(1 recipient)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § Student in PYP
- § Demonstrates a constant effort and an exceptional desire to utilize the French language both in and outside of academic courses, with peers, friends, and teachers

• **Excellence in English— *Knowledgeable (1 recipient)***

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § Student in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional aptitude in the English language
- § Overall highest academic standing (%) in all English courses

• **Prix d'excellence en français — *Informés (1 recipient)***

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § Student in MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional aptitude in learning French
- § Overall highest academic standing (%) in all French courses

• **Excellence in International Language Learning – *Communicator (1 recipient)***

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § Student in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional aptitude in learning an international language
- § Expresses him or herself confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many different ways
- § High academic achievement in international language learning at the PYP
- § Overall highest academic standing (%) in one or more international language courses

**2. STEM (4 recipients total)**

• **Excellence in STEM- *Thinker (1 recipient)***

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § One PYP or MYP student
- § Demonstrates an exceptional aptitude in STEM
- § Demonstrates an exceptional capacity to think conceptually, make links and apply knowledge across Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- § Demonstrates superior ability to use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems.
- § High academic achievement in all STEM related subjects

• **Excellence in Math – *Knowledgeable (1 recipient)***

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § One student in PYP, MYP- or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional aptitude in Mathematics
- § High academic achievement in Mathematics at the PYP
- § Overall highest academic standing (%) in all Mathematics courses

• **Excellence in Computer Science and/or ICT – Knowledgeable (1 recipient)**

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § One student in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional aptitude in learning how to programme and/or how to use technology
- § High academic achievement in Computer Science/ICT at the PYP
- § Overall highest academic standing (%) in a Computer Science and/or ICT courses

• **Excellence in Science- – Knowledgeable (1 recipient)**

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § One student in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional scientific mind
- § High academic achievement in units of inquiry with a focus on Science
- § Overall highest academic standing (%) in all science courses

**3. HUMANITIES AND THE ARTS (4 recipients total)**

• **Prix d'excellence: Individus et sociétés – Informés (1 recipient)**

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § One student in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates exceptional learning in the Humanities
- § High academic achievement in units of inquiry with a focus on Humanities
- § Overall highest academic standing (%) in all Humanities courses

• **Prix d'excellence: Presentation – Balanced (1 recipient)**

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § One student in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates exceptional care, dedication and ability in preparing effective presentations
- § Is aware of the audience and adapts presentation accordingly, orally and visually
- § Understands the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.

• **Excellence in the Arts – Knowledgeable (1 recipient)**

○ **Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § One student in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional ability and talent for the Arts
- § High academic achievement in the units of inquiry with a focus on the Arts
- § Overall highest academic standing (%) in all Arts courses

• **Performance Recognition – Communicator (1 recipient or more)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § One or more students in PYP, MYP or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates passion and confidence when performing in the Arts
- § Expresses emotions and ideas through the Arts
- § Connects and communicates with the audience
- § Has musicality, stage presence, ability to tell stories and to communicate symbolism

**C) RECOGNITION (8 recipients total)**

**\* Mind and Body Award– Balanced (1 recipient)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § one student at the PYP, MYP, or Sr. OSSD
- § Demonstrates an exceptional perseverance and dedication to athletic performance
- § Demonstrates skill but also love of learning and participating in a/ various sports,
- § Demonstrates a healthy, active lifestyle
- § Understands the importance of balancing different aspects of his or her life – intellectual, emotional, and physical

**\* Free Spirit Award – Open-Minded (1 recipient)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § PYP, MYP, or Sr. OSSD student
- § Demonstrates a unique desire for learning
- § Expresses him or herself in a creative manner, style or attitude; such as through various forms of creative arts, communication, or leadership
- § Freely expresses him or herself in a manner that comes from the heart
- § Critically appreciates his or her own culture and personal history, as well as the values and traditions of others
- § Seeks and evaluates a wide range of points of view, and is willing to grow from the experience

**\* Creative Expression Award – Communicator (1 recipient)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § PYP, MYP, or Sr. OSSD student
- § Expresses him or herself confidently and creatively in more than one manner
- § Demonstrates a strong passion for learning and performing in the Arts; musically and/or artistically
- § Demonstrates talent and skill at a/ various form/forms of music, drama, and/ or visual arts
- § Demonstrates extra effort and practices skills outside of the academic environment

**^ Heart of Gold Award– *Caring* (1 recipient)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § PYP, MYP, or Sr. OSSD student
- § Shows an exceptional amount of empathy, compassion and respect for others
- § Acts to make a positive difference in the lives of others, locally and globally
- § Demonstrates leadership in lending a helping hand to those in need
- § Genuinely cares to help others with school work, advice or support
- § Consistently acts as a mentor
- § Is humble and demonstrates a heart of gold

**^ With Respect – *based on Xiao 孝* (1 recipient)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § PYP, MYP, or Sr. OSSD student
- § Recognizes that we have an obligation toward our parents in our role as children
- § Respects teachers/adults in role as a student
- § Respects and cherishes own history and traditions that define him or her
- § Calls for an attitude of respect not only for others, but also for self
- § Demonstrates a respect for his or her own and others' belongings

**~ Prix Terre-Amis – *Sensé* (1 recipient)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § PYP, MYP, or Sr. OSSD student
- § Demonstrates critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on environmental issues and sustainability
- § Demonstrates initiative in making ethical, environmentally-friendly decisions; such as utilizing less plastic, buying dolphin-friendly, fair trade, and sorting types of waste for the 4 Rs
- § Is a role model for other students and encourages others to use earth friendly actions

**~ Leadership Award – *Risk-Taker* (1 recipient)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

- § PYP, MYP, or Sr. OSSD student
- § Consistently demonstrates an exceptional level of initiative and leadership
- § Approaches uncertainty with forethought and determination; works independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies
- § Is positive and resourceful in the face of challenge and change
- § Inspires others to act likewise

**~ Social Activist – Principled (1 recipient)**

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

**§ PYP, MYP, or Sr. OSSD student**

**§ Acts with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere**

**§ Takes responsibility for his or her actions and their consequences**

**§ Demonstrates an exceptional level of care and compassion regarding a/ various social justice issue/issues**

**§ Invests time in a/ various social justice issue/issues in his or her leisure time, outside of the academic environment**

**§ Demonstrates an exceptional level of involvement regarding a/ various social justice issues**

**• Community Action**

**o Ribbons**

**o Students will be eligible to receive 1 of 3 community service ribbons, based on the number of hours invested in the community outside of school hours**

**o For these ribbons, students will have to submit a form to the PYP, MYP and OSSD coordinators indicating all the community involvement hours completed throughout that academic year.**

**o The ranking levels**

**§ Level 3: 1-10 hours**

**§ Level 2: 11-20 hours**

**§ Level 1: 21+ hours**

**D) The Sarah-Emmanuelle Memorial – Courageous and Determined (1 memorial wall plaque)**

***Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow. ~ Mary Anne Radmacher***

***Courage is being afraid but going on anyhow. ~Dan Rather***

**o Criteria: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated the following:**

**§ PYP, MYP, or OSSD student**

**§ Is resolute in facing challenges**

**§ Has the courage of his or her convictions, acting in accordance with his or her beliefs, especially in spite of criticism or fear of rejection or failure**