

# GLEBE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT



**June 27, 2025**

# **PROGRAMME**

Processional

Welcoming Comments

Indigenous Opening Video

Land Acknowledgement

“O Canada”

Introductions

Presentation of the Class of 2025

- Ontario Secondary School Diplomas
- Ontario Secondary School Certificate
- O.C.D.S.B. Immersion Certificates
- Ontario Scholars
- Honour Society
- Mathematics & Science Competition Awards
- Special Achievement Awards
- Academic Distinction Awards

Principals' Address

Salutatorian

The Valedictory Address

Indigenous Closing Video

Recessional

**Commencement proceedings will be streaming live in the library**

# **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT**

## **Awards and Academic Distinction Descriptions**

**Academically Diverse Award** - Awarded to a graduating student who shows strong literacy and numeracy skills, and also have acquired a full spectrum of skills through exposure to a wide range of subjects including the arts, sciences, financial literacy, physical education, the trades and technology, in keeping with their needs

**Adam Ballantyne Award** - Awarded to the graduate based on the second highest average of the student's best 6 grade 12 courses

**Award for Academic Excellence and Musicianship** - Awarded to graduating students who achieve the highest marks in the grade 12 music course and who have consistently participated in a leadership musician role in a large ensemble at Glebe

**Band Music Leadership Award Senior Band** - Awarded to graduating students who best demonstrate motivation, exemplary citizenship and leadership

**Barb Bouchard Memorial Award** - Barbara Bouchard was an English teacher for 10 years at Glebe Collegiate Institute. She was known for her clever wit, joyful sense of humour, and a deep love of literature. In her memory, this award recognizes a graduating student who has completed the ESL program and who has demonstrated a strong interest in and appreciation of the literature studied while at Glebe Collegiate.

**Bob Dagenais Community Service Award** - Awarded by the Glebe School Council to the student who has shown exemplary commitment to community service

**Bob Dagenais Memorial Award** - Awarded to a student who has demonstrated strong qualities of perseverance and determination in achieving a high school diploma

**Canadian Experience Award** - Awarded to the most outstanding graduating student who has spent a minimum of one year in the "English as a Second Language" program in high school, who has made an exemplary contribution to the community life of Glebe and whose efforts have built bridges on which others may cross

**Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC)** - Canada's most prestigious mathematics competition, and one of the most prestigious in the Americas, open to any student with an interest in and grasp of high school math. The purpose of the COMC is to encourage students to explore, discover, and learn more about mathematics and problem solving.

**Canadian Senior Mathematics Contest** - Designed to give students the opportunity to have fun and develop their mathematical problem-solving abilities

**Carleton University Partnership Award** - Awarded for overall excellence in one of the following areas of study: Fine Arts, Business, English, Languages or Social Sciences. Overall excellence can mean the most hard working, participating in class conversations, work ethic, and overall student engagement.

**Carol Rosenthal Award** - Award recipient has an outstanding record of promoting inclusion in sport and increasing opportunities for traditionally underrepresented populations, fostering an inclusive environment in sport, and/or addressing equity

**Caroline Murphy Co-Operative Education Award** - Given in memory of Caroline Murphy from a trust set up by family and friends, to a graduating student who has made an outstanding contribution to the spirit of Co-operative Education, and has been an exemplary representative of Glebe Collegiate to the working community.

**Charlotte Lemieux Memorial Award** - To provide financial support for a deserving graduating student within the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

**Choir Leadership Award** - The winners for this award are the musicians who show leadership through skill and discipline, and have excellent results. In short, these people are reliable in all aspects of choir membership.

**Dave Harvie Award** - Presented by the Glebe School Council to the student who best exemplifies strength of character and determination in the achievement of high school graduation

**Dora Helmkey Award** - These Scholarships recognize mature and dedicated graduating students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to a chosen field of higher education

**Dramatic Arts Outstanding Achievement Award** - Awarded to a graduating Dramatic Arts Student who has made an exceptional contribution to the Glebe Drama Department through classroom achievement and participation in extra-curricular drama productions

**Equity and Inclusion Award** - Awarded to a student who advanced the equity, diversity and inclusion within Glebe CI

**Erin Grasmeyer Memorial Award** - This award is given to a music student who wholeheartedly embraces their musical community and whose spirit of positivity and genuine passion for music inspires and lifts up those around them. They humbly share their gift of music and support others with kindness, compassion and respect. These are the qualities that Erin exhibited and this award honours Erin's school spirit, dedication and love of music.

**Euclid Mathematics Competition** - Secondary senior level mathematics competition run by the University of Waterloo

**Excellence in Co-operative Education Award** - Honours students who show outstanding commitment and achievement in their co-op placement. Recipients demonstrate leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and professionalism while applying classroom knowledge to real-world experiences. This award recognizes their hard work, growth, and valuable contributions, embodying the true spirit of co-operative education.

**Excellence in SHSM Award** - Honours a student who shows an outstanding commitment to the SHSM-Non Profit program at Glebe Collegiate Institute. Recipients demonstrate leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and a greater understanding of Social Justice & Equity through both a local and global lens. This award recognizes their hard work, growth, and valuable contributions, embodying the true spirit of the SHSM program.

**Francophile Award** - Through their appreciation of the French Language, perseverance and hard work, this student showed the ability to encourage and work with classmates, promoted the importance of learning French and supported the appreciation of Francophone culture.

**French Discovery / Culture Award** - Honours a student who has demonstrated perseverance and dedication, pursuing French as an additional language as well as showing a deep appreciation of the Francophone world and culture throughout their journey

**Glebe 100th Scholarship** - Awarded to a student who helps build a positive school community, supporting others and showing kindness in the classroom and in the hallways. The student continues to lift others up, quietly or otherwise, even when presented with obstacles of their own. The scholarship would ideally be to a student pursuing post-secondary education, including college programs, a university degree or an apprenticeship.

**Glebe Alumni Award for Technology** - A merit-based recognition award to a graduating student who demonstrates a combination of success, leadership and communication skills in the area of Information Technology. The Student must demonstrate outstanding ability in IT and their contribution in this area within the school and/or community

**Glebe Girls' Alumnae Award** - Awarded since 1948 to a female-identifying graduating student who has best combined academic and athletic achievement with an overall contribution to the school

**Glebe Staff Award** - Awarded from the school staff to a graduating student who has maintained a positive attitude, demonstrated consistent effort in many subjects, and good citizenship in the school community

**Globally Aware Award** - Recognizes students who are empathetic and responsive in their contributions to the local and global community. They demonstrate cultural proficiency and act in a respectful, inclusive manner.

**Governor General's Medal** - Awarded to the student who achieves the highest average upon graduation from a secondary school. The average is based on the best twelve (12) Senior Division credits taken in the twenty-four (24) calendar months leading up to graduation.

**Gryphon Striving for the Heights Award** - Awarded by the Vice Principals to graduating students demonstrating a high degree of character. Recipients of this award have grown to embody the ideals of integrity, respect and perseverance over the course of their time at Glebe CI.

**Innovative Creative Award** - Students who are innovative and creative have original thoughts and ideas that are of value and are acted upon. They understand that creativity is essential not only for solving problems, but also for improving where strengths already exist.

**International Certificate Program** - The OCDSB's International Certificate Program is designed to recognize and honour students in grade 9–12 who demonstrate a commitment to being motivated, engaged and active global citizens.

**International Languages Award** - Given to the student who has demonstrated academic success in Spanish up to the highest level offered, and who has demonstrated true cultural proficiency

**Inter-School Christian Fellowship Award** - Recognizes a Glebe student who has done social action work on behalf of the community within and beyond the school for humanitarian values such as peace, justice, and the integrity of creation

**Jean Peterkin Memorial Award In English Literature** - Awarded to a graduating student with the highest mark in English Literature

**John H. Nichol Family Award** - Awarded to the student who has contributed the most to the life and spirit of the entire school during their senior years at Glebe

**John Thorburn Award** - Awarded to the graduating student with the highest average based on the average of a student's best six Grade 12 courses

**Kim Rabot Award** - Awarded to graduating students who have demonstrated team spirit and strong interpersonal skills and who are pursuing higher education in communications technology

**La Francophonie Award** - Presented to the student who has shown a deep appreciation of the French language and culture. This student has continuously promoted la Francophonie to the Glebe community and is a true Francophone.

**Legacy Citizenship Award** - Awarded to the graduate who has displayed and has left a positive legacy in both school and community

**Lieutenant-Governor's Community Volunteer Award** - Awarded to one graduating student at each secondary school to recognize exemplary student involvement in the community

**Lynch-Getty Global Student Award** - Honours the legacy of Alex Getty (former trustee of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and the Ottawa-Carleton Education Network) and Ron Lynch (former Director of Education of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board and past board member of the Ottawa-Carleton Education Network). Both believed that learning to communicate and act globally was important to create a world where people strive to understand and help those near and far. The award is given to a select number of students within the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board that demonstrate leadership in their community through involvement in groups, events and activities, which foster cross-cultural learning and understanding within both school and community.

**Lyres Club Alumni Award** - Awarded by the Lyres Club Alumni to a graduating student who has exemplified excellence in musicianship and has been a contributing, conscientious member of the choir for several years

**Mary Thompson Award** - Awarded to a student who, through their perseverance, significantly improved in Mathematics from one year to the next

**Mayor's Community Youth Awards** - This award honours a graduating student in each secondary and/or Alternate program site whose "demonstration of excellence in student service" in their school is considered worthy of recognition by the Mayor of Ottawa. This award recognizes a student who performs exceptional service for others in their school or community with individual exceptional acts or longstanding quiet commitment and dedication to making the lives of others better. These acts or community service can have occurred throughout their time in high school, grades 9 through 12.

**Michael O'Meara Award** - Awarded to students who best combine athletic and community achievement

**Murray Shoup Award** - Awarded to the graduating student who displays outstanding dedication, sportsmanship and commitment to their chosen sport(s)

**Music Department Dedication Award** - Awarded to a music student that has shown exceptional dedication to Glebe's music department above and beyond any expectations

**OCDSB Excellence in Equity Student Recognition Award** - Honours a graduating student in a secondary or alternative program site who demonstrates innovative and creative initiatives to achieve a positive, safe and inclusive school climate

**OCDSB Student Recognition Award** - This award recognizes a student whose demonstration of personal initiative to achieve a positive outcome in their school is considered worthy of recognition by the director and chair of the board.

**OSSTF District 25 Teachers' Unit Graduate Student Award** - A graduating student in their final year of high school who has plans to pursue an apprenticeship, or to attend college or university; a student whose character, actions and work habits embody/reflect the OSSTF/FEESO motto: "Let us not take thought for our separate interests, but let us help one another."

**Outstanding Musicianship Award** - Awarded to a student who has demonstrated dedication to the pursuit of excellence in any or all school music opportunities

**Peggy Lister Award** - Awarded to students who display great effort in using learning resources to improve their learning. This award was established by the Glebe School Council to recognize the career of an outstanding educator, Peggy Lister.

**Photography Creative Achievement Award** - Awarded to an outstanding graduating photographer

**Principal's Award For Musical Leadership** - Awarded to the student who has been a consistent and conscientious member of the instrumental program throughout their time at Glebe and who has continually demonstrated excellence of musicianship on their chosen instrument

**Principal's Award For Student Leadership** - Awarded by the Ontario Principals' Council to recognize leadership ability behind the scenes. The award winners have had an enormous influence on the spirit and climate of the school.

**Principal's Citation** - This citation is awarded to students who have made an outstanding contribution to Glebe Collegiate Institute.

**Renaissance Award** - Awarded in memory of the father of Ms. Margaret Armstrong, to a student who shows exceptional strength in both science and music

**Resilience Award** - Students who are resilient face and overcome adversity and challenging situations. They take risks, learn from mistakes, persevere, and move forward confidently. This award recognizes a student who has shown exceptional resilience.

**Ronald Ames Memorial Award** - Awarded annually since 1929 to the graduating male-identifying student who best combined athletic and academic achievement. Ronald Ames, who passed away tragically in 1929, was a stellar student who excelled on the track and field team.

**Schulich Leader Nominee** - Academic excellence and leadership, charisma, and creativity. Entrepreneurial-minded and intending to pursue a career in one or more of the following focus areas: Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Business Enterprise or Applied Scientific Research.

**Stage Crew Award** - Awarded to a graduating student who has provided outstanding backstage technical support to the school during assemblies, dramatic productions and other school events

**Stan Clark Award** - Excellence on an instrument

**Suddy and Barbara Ashfield Award** - All graduating OCDSB students are eligible to apply for this award. Those who are considered to be "well-rounded students", specifically those who are continuing their education at a College or University, have achieved academic success, have volunteered in their community, and are in need of financial support.

**Susan Jermyn Award For Writing** - This student, chosen by the teachers of creative writing, should demonstrate originality and ability in writings as well as the development of writing skills.

**V.E. Bullock Award** - Awarded for the highest standing in Grade 12 Chemistry

**Valedictorian Award** - This year's Valedictorian, as chosen by graduating students

**Visual Arts Creative Achievement Award** - Awarded to an outstanding graduating visual arts artist

**Warren Sirrs' Award** - Given in memory of Warren Sirrs, by family and friends, head of the Science Department at Glebe from 1982 to 1994, to recognize a graduating student who demonstrates exceptional interest, maturity and leadership skills upon completion of the Outdoor Education Credit Course at Glebe. The student has also maintained a strong academic record, especially in science courses.

**Yearbook Scholarship of Excellence** - Awarded to a student who has shown exemplary leadership and dedication to the production of an outstanding Lux Glebana

**Young Arranger Award in Memory of Erin Grasmeyer** - Presented annually to a student who arranges a choral work that is performed by one of the Glebe's choirs



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Baurenschmidt, Rebecca  
Baylis, Liam  
Beerstecher, Dan  
Bent, Thomas  
Berthiaume,  
Marie-France  
Blundell, Kevin  
Bouzanis, James  
Brady, Erin  
Britton, Paul  
Buffett, Sheri  
Cambow, Upjeet  
Charles, Brian  
Choudhry, Nadia  
Christie, Sandra  
Clairmont, Francois  
Cochrane, Wendy  
Coolican, Jacki  
Daly, Frederick  
Dashko, Emilia  
Dewan, Alanna  
Dillabaugh, Kirk  
Dray, Dana  
Forbes, Joanna  
Forrest, Tunde  
Fraser, Nancy  
Fried, Brian  
Gagnon, Wendy  
Garber, Matthew  
Gaudet, Hannah

Giansante, Philip  
Gilbert, Nicolas  
Gordon, Adam  
Graham, Connor  
Grant, Emily  
Hamel, Kaitlin  
Handley, Rachel  
Harris, Colin  
Hedley, Mark  
Henry, Matthew  
Hinton, Eliza  
Hirey, Abdulkadir  
Hobson, Ian  
Hoover, Gabrielle  
Hughes, Scott  
John, Greg  
Johnson, Elisabeth  
Jung, Victor  
Kachi, Masato  
King, Janet  
Kowalewski, Jennifer  
Laide, Kathleen  
Lamothe, Tracey  
Leitch-Blais, Paula  
Linzell, James  
Long, Graham  
Lonhienne, Caroline  
Lowe, Anissa  
Mak-Fan, Christine  
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Nasui, Cristina  
Needham, Barry  
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Officer Vroom, Jennifer  
Overwijk, Alexander  
Pannell Barrett, Susan  
Papaz, Gabriela  
Pattison, Joshua  
Phillips, Mike  
Pike, Yvonne  
Pong, Laura  
Savoia, Sara  
Schuster, Jasmin  
Sinclair, Matthew  
Singor, Hanife  
Small, Jennifer  
Southam, Gordon  
Steep, Taylor  
Towns, Heather  
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