

# William C. Clarke '35 Academic Excellence Award

- Who:** Members of the class of 2018 who received tuition assistance during the 2016-2017 academic year.
- What:** An award presented to a student who has a GPA of 3.67 or higher and demonstrates the qualities of integrity, high motivation, and perseverance in achieving his or her academic/personal goals. Special consideration is given for students with exemplary achievements or performance in the subjects of math and/or science.  
The award for the 2017 William C. Clarke '35 Academic Excellence Award is a \$4,000 grant which will be applied to your senior year tuition in addition to what is received for your tuition assistance award for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Where:** All applications are due no later than Monday, May 15, 2017. Please return completed forms to Mrs. Wendy Guido McCarthy '84 at [wendy.mccarthy@ignatius.org](mailto:wendy.mccarthy@ignatius.org).
- Why:** The sons and daughter of William C. Clarke, valedictorian of the Class of 1935, wanted to create a memorial to recognize their father and his love for learning at his alma mater. The five Clarke children, David, John, Patricia, Paul, and Robert, created an endowment at Saint Ignatius College Prep to award this grant to a student who demonstrates characteristics that permeated William C. Clarke's life both in his academic pursuits as well as in his personal values.
- William was a lifelong learner. He achieved the following degrees: a BA in chemistry, a BS in accounting, an MBA, a JD, and an LLM. William worked as a chemist for Amoco and later as a patent attorney, a role in which he continued to serve throughout his "retirement." It was as an 82 year-old that William passed the CPA exam. William sought to overcome similar challenges throughout his life. He was a "man for others" in many ways including volunteering with Chicago's Legal Aid Bureau as an attorney for ten years after he retired. William passed away on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the age of 92.

**William C. Clarke '35**  
**Academic Excellence Award Application**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: 2018

Cumulative GPA at the end of the third quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher reference:

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(This teacher should be able to speak toward your integrity and motivation inside or outside of the classroom.)

Please include any noteworthy achievements or participation in programs with a focus on science and/or mathematics.

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**Essay** (*1 page, double spaced and use a standard serif font, i.e. Times New Roman, size 12*)

*Please attach your essay to this application form.*

Topic: Describe your personal motivation(s) toward academic excellence.  
How have you overcome any obstacles which you have encountered  
in achieving your personal and academic goals?