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## **A primer on Stevenson's major awards**

Annually at Stevenson's Honors' Convocation, members of the student body are recognized for both their outstanding achievements during the current school year. Our senior class is also recognized for their outstanding accomplishments during the course of their high school career. These awards include scholarships, departmental awards, and three major awards, the Formsma, the Massey, and the Brieske Awards. Each award has its own criteria and history as listed below.

Thank you for your interest in Stevenson and our continued efforts to recognize excellence.

### **The Jay W. Formsma Award**

The Jay W. Formsma Memorial Award is given to the outstanding male and female members of the senior class at Stevenson. Seniors are nominated by staff members and are evaluated on the basis of citizenship, academics, community service, and school involvement. It honors Stevenson's first principal, Jay W. Formsma. Originally hailing from the west side of Michigan, Mr. Formsma guided the building's earliest years from 1964 until his sudden passing in the fall of 1972. To honor his memory, the gymnasium at Stevenson is named for him, as is this award, which has been awarded annually since 1973.

### **The James Brieske Memorial Award**

The James Brieske Memorial Award honors Stevenson's outstanding male and female senior athlete and is named in honor of Mr. James Brieske, Stevenson's first activities director who passed away a short time into his tenure at that position. This award was dedicated in his honor, as was the Student Activities Room at Stevenson.

### **The Bob Massey Award**

The Bob Massey Award is given to member of Stevenson's senior class who accumulates the most activity points during their high school career. Named for a former Stevenson Student Activities Director, in 2005, the award was expanded to recognize both the male and female student who earns the most activity points in their four years at Stevenson.