

William C. Clarke '35

Academic Excellence Award

- Who:** Members of the junior class who received tuition assistance during their junior academic year and will be entering their senior 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 William C. Clarke '35 Academic Excellence Award is a \$5,000 grant which will be applied to your senior year tuition in addition to what is received for your tuition assistance award for your senior academic year.
- Questions:** Please contact Wendy Guido McCarthy '84 for more information on how to apply at 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 28th, 2010 at the age of 92.