

NDP alumna receives nation's largest student literary award

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Kathryn J. Manion, a graduate of archdiocesan schools, is this year's recipient of the country's biggest student literary award.

Manion, who writes short stories, will receive Washington College's Sophie Kerr Prize - a check for \$58,274 - during Washington College's May 20 commencement exercises.

The award has been given to a graduating senior of the Chestertown college with the greatest literary promise for the past 44 years.

Manion is a 2004 graduate of St. Louis School in Clarksville and a 2008 graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory School in Towson. Manion and her family - parents Sue and James and brother Casey - are parishioners of St. Louis, Clarksville.

She is majoring in English and minoring in creative writing and anthropology.

At NDP, Manion received a creative writing award and worked on the school's literary magazine. At Washington College, she participated in student writing organizations and edited copy for the school's literary magazine.

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