



SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE FOUNDED 1904

Saint Michael's College Book Award Presentation Text

Thank you for helping us to present the Saint Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience. When presenting the award, please use the text below as a guide for introducing the award, its purpose, and the award recipient.

The Saint Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience recognizes outstanding students who demonstrate a strong commitment to volunteerism and leadership in their communities. The College was founded by the Society of Saint Edmund, which holds a special commitment to serving others and creating impactful communities as an extension of the Catholic faith. Today, the Book Award represents just one way in which Saint Michael's College strives to fulfill its mission to better the human condition by honoring those who lead with the true spirit of volunteerism.

Book Award recipients must be inductees of the National Honor Society or an equivalent honors organization sponsored by the school. Additionally, students must demonstrate concern for social justice issues and a sincere commitment to service through opportunities in high school or community organizations.

Tonight's recipient(s) will receive *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* by Loung (Lou-ong) Ung (*sounds like sung without s*), an acclaimed author and alumna of Saint Michael's College. A gripping and moving memoir, *First They Killed My Father* recounts the courageous survival of a Cambodian family and the development of Ung's commitment for a landmine free world. Loung Ung's life as a survivor and justice advocate truly reflects the necessity of social conscience in today's world. Tonight's recipients may also be considered for scholarship at Saint Michael's, ranging in amounts from \$5,000 to full tuition, contingent on acceptance to the College.

I am proud to announce that the recipient(s) of this year's Saint Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience is/are:
