

Farmington Observer



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A page of Farmington-area school news

Meet top graduates for class of 1986

GRADUATING SENIORS from five Farmington-area high schools — Farmington, Harrison, North Farmington, Mercy and Lutheran Northwest — will don caps, gowns, mortarboards and proudly accept their long-awaited diplomas next week.

Graduates number 270 at Farmington, 230 at Harrison, 245 at North Farmington, 236 at Mercy and 34 at Lutheran Northwest.

Farmington's senior class officers are Bruce Krait, president; Leslie Friess, vice president; Laurie Dingle, secretary; and Lynn Looser, treasurer.

Senior class officers at Harrison are Lisa Jean, president; Meg Saputo, vice president; Vickie Panoushek, secretary; and Sam Shanbon, treasurer.

At North Farmington, officers are Dave Murley, president; Joel Kovak, vice president; Lisa Mycek, secretary; and Christopher Brian Hillier, treasurer.

Senior representatives at Mercy are Paula Abowd, Lori Ann Zimmer, Alycia Wojtowicz and Stephanie Cobb.

CLASS OFFICERS from Lutheran Northwest are Robert Dennis Weller Jr., president; Debbi Joy Bowman, secretary; and Christine Elizabeth Marie Kocis, treasurer.

Senior class advisers and administrators from each school are Marge Kalee and Clarence Shewbridge from Farmington, Norm Luebke from Harrison, Dennis Mikel from North Farmington and John Gornacy and Michelle Masagay from Mercy. No senior advisers were named at Lutheran Northwest.

Farmington Public Schools recognizes all seniors graduating with a 3.3-4.9 grade point average as honors students and those with a 3.5-4.0 as high honor students each year at special assemblies. North Farmington's Senior Honors Recognition Night was held May 28; Farmington High School's Senior Reflections was held June 4; and Harrison's Swing Out will be held today, June 5, according to school officials.

Laurie Dingle
Farmington High

Details about graduation ceremonies and top senior scholastic achievers follow:

● FARMINGTON HIGH

Graduation is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Ford Auditorium in downtown Detroit.

Senior class colors are silver and blue and the class flower is the white rose.

First in class ranking are Laurie Dingle and Julie Gallagher, followed by Amy Grant.

Dingle is the daughter of Ralph Joseph Dingle and Wilma Virginia Dingle of Farmington. She began her high school years playing varsity soccer and was elected vice president of the freshman class. She continued as a three-year member of the National Honor Society and was active in the French club, the physics club and the Science Olympics.

Dingle was named most valuable player on the varsity soccer squad in her sophomore and junior years, and she served as the team captain this year. She also served as secretary of her class this year. The Phi Beta Kappa graduate received the Madame Curie Award for science and math, was a member of the Acad-

Julie Gallagher
Farmington High

emy Hall of Fame for three years and received a University of Michigan Regents Alumni Scholarship during her high school years.

In community service work, Dingle is a member and past officer of her church youth group and acts as a volunteer in a tutoring program. She plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where she will major in electrical engineering.

Gallagher is the daughter of Sandra Ann Gallagher and Thomas Gallagher of Farmington Hills. She began her career at Farmington in her junior year, after moving from Pennsylvania, where she was active in varsity softball, basketball and was a two-year member of the Spanish National Honor Society and held the offices of freshman class secretary and sophomore class vice president.

During her junior and senior years, she was named to the National Honor Society and was active in the physics and science clubs. As a junior, Gallagher was editor of the school yearbook, class vice president, president of the Spanish National Honor Society and was active in the student council. During her senior year, she also played varsity softball.

The Phi Beta Kappa graduate

Amy Grant
Farmington High

received the Oakland County Michigan State University Alumni Scholarship, the Michigan State University Outstanding Academic Scholarship, was a runner-up for the Observer & Eccentric Academic All Star Team and qualified for MENSA.

Gallagher plans to attend Michigan State University and major in business administration or genetic engineering.

Grant is the daughter of Larry Grant and Judy Grant of Farmington.

Throughout her high school years, she remained active in the Etc. Club, the French Club where she served as treasurer for three years, and the debate and physics clubs. She is an active member of the Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia and the Christian Community Choir.

She received the Phi Beta Kappa award and was nominated for the University of Michigan Regents Alumni Scholarship.

As part of her school's co-op program, Grant has worked in a law office since her sophomore year, part-time during the school year and full-time in the summer.

Her interest in singing will continue while attending the University of Michigan this fall, where she plans to study a pre-law curriculum and

Michael DeLiso
Harrison High

work toward a career as a Certified Public Accountant.

● HARRISON HIGH

Graduation is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Ford Auditorium in downtown Detroit.

Senior class colors are cream and lavender, with the white rose selected as class flower. David Bowie's "Changes" was selected as class song.

Four students of the Class of '86 share top scholastic honors with 4.0 grade point averages — Michael DeLiso, Allan Sponseller, Matthew Freedman and Daniel Weiner.

DeLiso is the son of Michael DeLiso and Rita DeLiso of West Bloomfield Township.

His high school years were spent active in cross-country sports, marching and jazz bands and as staff member and editor-in-chief of the school literary magazine. He is also active in his church youth group.

The Phi Beta Kappa graduate is a winner of the University of Michigan Regents Scholarship and an additional full-tuition scholarship.

He enjoys the martial arts, archery, shooting and running as his hobbies. DeLiso plans to attend the University of Michigan school of engineering this fall.

Allan Sponseller
Harrison High

Sponseller is the son of Royal Sponseller and Donna Sponseller of Farmington Hills.

A four-year member of the school's marching band, Sponseller was also active in the symphony band, orchestra, jazz band, French Club and Future Physicians Club. He is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Around the community, he is active in the Farmington Community Band and has helped with the Goodfellows canned food drive.

Sponseller was selected for the Summer Institute on the Arts and Sciences, served as National Honor Society president and was a commended student on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

He plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall.

Freedman is the son of Burton Freedman and Judy Freedman of Farmington Hills. He has been active in journalism as editor-in-chief of the school paper, Forensics, Student Congress and the Future Problem-Solving Club throughout his high school career. He also had the lead in both winter and spring school plays during his senior year.

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● COMPUTER CHAMPS

Birmingham Brother Rice High School students placed first in regional finals of Oakland County's Common '86 computer programming competition, qualifying them for international computer competition.

Nine schools participated in the regionals. Rice team members were Brad Hayash, Robert Hayash and Ken Klemczak of Farmington Hills and Luis Maas of West Bloomfield Township.

● HE'S INDUCTED

A Wallied Lake Western High School senior from Farmington Hills was inducted into the National Honor Society's Western Chapter.

Farmington Hills resident Michelle Susa was selected based on character, leadership, scholarship and service. Eligible students maintain a 3.0 grade point average, participate in extracurricular activities and are judged by school faculty as above average in character and leadership.

● GAINS AWARD

Farmington Harrison High School student Vicki Panoushek received a \$1,000 award from the General Electric Foundation.

The Student and Teacher Achievement and Recognition Program also provides for a contribution of \$500 to the school of each winning student and asks the student to select a teacher to suggest a use for the school grant. Panoushek selected Norm Luebke for this honor.

The award is presented to high-achieving sons and daughters of G.E. employees and retirees. Winners were selected through nationwide competition, administered by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America.

● EARNS SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Haski of Farmington Hills received a scholarship from

DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. She's a senior at Southfield Christian School.

Haski was recipient of a rector scholarship, awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, character, personality and leadership in high school and promise of distinguished work at the college level.

At Southfield Christian, she has maintained a straight A average, is an all-state cross country runner, and serves as co-editor-in-chief of the yearbook staff. She plans to study journalism.

● SALUTATORIAN

Birmingham Brother Rice High School student John Baaki of Farmington Hills was named salutatorian of his 1985 graduating class. He's a Phi Beta Kappa scholar, a member of the National Honor Society and the Brother Rice band.

He will major in chemistry at the University of Michigan and plans to study corporate or patent law.

● MURAL WINS

Second graders at Our Lady of Sorrows grade school in Farmington won a national award through the Junior American Citizens contest for a mural based on the theme "Our Country's Holidays and Traditions."

The group placed first of all second graders across the country. The class won first place for the region that includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. First-place regional winners were sent to the Daughters of the American Revolution headquarters in Washington, D.C. The DAR sponsors of the contest.

The \$25 prize will be donated to the Statue of Liberty restoration project, Our Lady of Sorrows teacher Janet Toke said.

The grade school was sponsored by the DAR's Three Flags Chapter. Junior American Citizens clubs and contests are open to children of all ages. They promote patriotism and good citizenship.

● STUDENT LAUDED

Kim Dick Man, a North Farmington High School student, earned a high school achievement award from the Association of Chinese Americans, the Detroit chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans. The student, one of 11 recipients, was honored at a dinner.

Nominations were received from high school principals and counselors and from the Chinese American community. They were based on a 3.8 to 4.0 cumulative grade point average, demonstrated leadership in co-curricular activities and service to the Chinese American community and the community as a whole. Each recipient completed an essay and interview.

● PERSONNEL CHANGES

Four new employees have joined the Farmington Public Schools staff and three have announced their retirements. All changes were approved by the school board May 6.

Social worker Mark Hanson was hired effective April 15 at the Farmington Training Center. He has a master's in social work from Wayne State University, and seven years of experience.

Also at the Farmington Training Center, Carol Hanner was hired in April as an industrial arts teacher. She is a recent graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

New secretary at South Oakland Skills/East Middle School effective May 5 is Karen Gucciaro.

New secretary to the director of community services effective April 15 is Betty Wolford.

Retiring effective in June are Beverly Bain, physical education teacher from Harrison High School, Joyce Edens, kindergarten teacher at Wooddale Elementary, and Nancy Reynolds, physical education teacher at Farmington High School.

Employee Ellen Left has taken a leave of absence for the school year. Tringa Golja, bilingual aide has taken a health leave.

● LATIN AWARDS

Ten Farmington high school students were lauded for their placement in the 1985 National Latin Examination Awards. They include:

- Silver medal and Maxima Cum Laude certificate winners — seniors Amy Barber and Kristina Goad, freshmen James Wharton and Karl Urevic and sophomore Katie Kreller.

- Magna Cum Laude certificate winner — freshman Michael Myers.

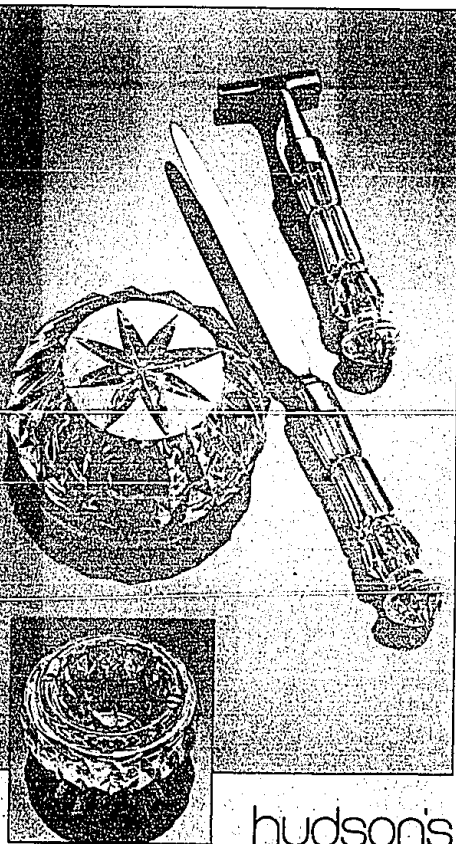
- Cum Laude certificate winners — junior Vickie Schack and sophomores Lara Silpola, Allison Fodder and Ray Schneider.

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