

Runners-up

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member of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's youth symphony and a volunteer at a local recycling center. She also volunteers with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She won academic letter the last four years, and was honored with school music, math and English awards. A sixth grade teacher influenced her by showing that learning could be fun. Her parents are Rose and Ralph Moore.

John Bemederfer of Wayne is a Wayne Memorial High School junior. He is a member of the German club, forensics team and National Honor Society. He has won academic letters and plans to study engineering at University of Michigan or elsewhere. His parents are Jeff and Brenda Bemederfer.

Todd Anderson of Farmington Hills is a junior at North Farmington High School. He played football, basketball and ran track, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He was a delegate to Boys' State. He wants to study medicine and become a doctor. He has been most influenced in school by his peers who push him harder than anyone else. His parents are John and Kathie Anderson.

Jonathon Stillman of Farmington Hills is a North Farmington High School junior. He is a member of student council and an English tutor. He has won academic letters and was nominated for Boys' State and the Michigan Summer Institute. He hopes to study medicine at the University of Michigan Honors College. His parents are Joel and Renee Stillman.

Peter Lee of Canton is a junior at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford Township. He is a member of the debate and track teams, the church choir and has played piano for 11 years. He works at McDonalds and enjoys reading. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Gabriel Richard academic club and the Detroit Archdiocese academic team. He wants to study pre-medicine at an Ivy League university. He has been influenced by his teachers, who encouraged him to succeed. His parents are David and Runnett Lee.

Jason Kirk of Novi is a junior at Detroit Catholic Central. He is a member of the marching, symphony and stage bands and St. Colette's youth group. He teaches trumpet and writes creatively. He is a National Merit semifinalist and a member of the Gabriel Richard honor roll. He has won departmental awards in geometry and Spanish, and a four-year scholarship to Catholic Central. He plans to study business administration at the University of Pennsylvania or University of Michigan. A major influence has been his mother, who encouraged and

taught him from an early age. His parents are Norma and Richard Kirk.

Sandra Dengel of Wayne is a senior at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. She is a basketball, volleyball and softball player, a drama club member, and activities board president. She is active with her church youth group and was a Veterans of Foreign War essay/speech competition winner. She was nominated as a Congressional Scholar and won a certificate of merit from the Society of Women Engineers. She plans to study psychology and social work at Michigan State University. Her mother, Donna Prieskorn, has been Sandra's biggest influence. Her father is Bud Dengel and her stepfather is Gord Prieskorn.

Jennifer Kowske of Livonia is a senior at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. She plays softball and volleyball, is a member of the camera-video club and plays clarinet in the school band. She was a Congressional Scholar nominee and received high academic honors at Huron Valley. She wants to attend Martin Luther College and become a elementary school teacher. Her parents are Lee and Bill Kowske.

Becky Wilde of Garden City is a senior at Garden City High School. She plays basketball and volleyball, and is a member of student council and New Concepts Theatre. She is National Honor Society chapter treasurer. She won the Madame Curie award, a Good Citizen award, and is class salutatorian. She plans to obtain a master's degree in physical therapy from Grand Valley State College. Her parents are the Rev. Arthur and Carolyn Wilde.

Kevin Bingham of Garden City is a junior at Garden City High School. He is a member of the swim and track teams, Boy Scouts and the Air Force Junior ROTC. He is a gold card member of the school's Renaissance Program, and Michigan State's Science program. He plans to study aerospace or computer engineering, or physics at the United States Air Force Academy. He wants to be a Boy Scout leader and eventually to work in artificial intelligence. His parents are Michael and Marilyn Bingham and his sisters are Marla, 18, and Lora, 16.

Carrie Culler is a junior at Garden City High School. She is a member of the school's basketball, volleyball and softball teams, Students Against Driving Drunk and the parent-teacher-student group. She is National Honor Society vice president and was nominated for Girls' State and the Michigan Summer Institute program. She has not chosen a career but wants to go to college, then blend family and career. Her mother who managed to work full time, raise a family and earn a master's degree, is Carrie's biggest

influence. Her parents are Linda Nesmith, Phil Culler and Ron Nesmith.

Keri Morris of Belleville is a junior at Lutheran High School Westland. She had a lead in the school play, is cheerleader and has had active roles in the concert choir, pep club, and student council. She was a soup kitcher and Habitat for Humanity volunteer. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She hopes to attend a four-year college and start a career in international relations. Her parents have taught Keri to strike a healthy balance between academic, social and spiritual activities. Her parents are Edward and Judith Morris.

Catherine A. Johnson of Detroit is a junior at Bishop Borgess High School in Redford Township. She is a member of the student council and French club, editor of the school newspaper, and volunteer with Project Graduation. She is active at her church and has two part-time jobs. She is a member of the Prep Bowl, competed in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition and won school recognition in algebra, geometry, English, history, French and science. She wants to earn a degree in political science and is interested in international relations. Her seventh grade science teacher taught her to work hard to succeed. Her parents are Ronald and Margaret Johnson.

Benjamin D. Grix of Detroit is a senior at Bishop Borgess High School. He owns a business, Great Northern Collectibles, through which he sells sports cards and comic books at local collector shows. He is also an usher at St. Suzanne Catholic Church. He would like to study business administration at Lake Superior State College or Northern Michigan University. He ultimately wants to become a writer specializing in science fiction and comic books.

Jonathon S. Wood of Detroit is a senior at Redford Bishop Borgess High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish club and Our Lady of Grace Church youth group. He also works part-time. He has been recognized with school achievement awards in the sciences, global studies, Spanish, algebra and philosophy. He hopes to study engineering at the University of Michigan. His mother, Teresa, who sacrificed to send him to private school, is his biggest influence.

Kelly M. Kovach of Detroit is a Bishop Borgess junior. She is active with Christ the King Church parish council and youth group, is a tutor and works part time. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She is considering studying math and philosophy at University of Michigan. Her

parents are David and Andrew Kovach.

Katie Weigand of Northville is a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She is a member of the French Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She won a National Merit commendation. She wants to study Visual Communications Design at the University of Dayton or Notre Dame University. She is interested in a job in print media or advertising. Her parents are Richard and Marsha Weigand.

Amy L. Henry of Livonia is a junior at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, Westland. She was active in volleyball, choir and the activities board. She plans to study accounting at a Texas college. Her father has always encouraged Amy to do her best. Her parents are Sally Mildred Henry and Duane Michael Henry.

Kristopher Wiljanen is a junior at Farmington High School. He is captain of the soccer team, and member of the basketball and tennis teams, and the French club. He is also a church youth group leader. He was nominated for the Michigan Summer Institute and was an academic hall of fame the last two years. He wants to study engineering and play soccer at University of Michigan or an Ivy League school. His father encouraged him to work hard to learn. His parents are David and Lorna Wiljanen.

Joan Muller of Farmington is a junior at Farmington High School. She played basketball, volleyball, ran cross-country, and was active with the Interact, French and forensics clubs. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Academic Hall of Fame and the honor roll. She plans to study foreign languages at a major university and to work in education or international business. Her parents are Paul and Donna Muller.

Shawn de Ruiter of Livonia is a Huron Valley Lutheran High School junior. He is a member of student council and the soccer, basketball and baseball teams. He won academic honors for his grade point in ninth and 10th grades. He wants to study mechanical engineering. His parents are Mark and Leslie de Ruiter.

Sheryl Zajechowski of Detroit is a Redford St. Agatha High School junior. She is a member of the varsity track team, is involved in a church youth group and Students Against Driving Drunk. She is a National Honor Society member, was an academic all star at Prep Bowl for two years, and has a partial academic scholarship for high school. She plans to go to college but is unsure what she'll study.

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