

# Top students win academic honors

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The son of Norbert A. and Mary Ann Zonca, he also wants to travel "and see as much of the world as possible."

His extracurricular activities include: three-year member of the quiz bowl team, captain of quiz bowl team in senior year, National Honor Society, Citizen Bee American Studies Competition, Michigan Math League, Michigan Farm Bureau Young Peoples Citizenship Seminar.

He said his most outstanding achievement is a first place finish in the 1990 Detroit Science and Engineering Fair.

His project was "Heavy Metals, A Hidden Menace." His experimental procedure involved observing the effects heavy metals (such as lead, copper and mercury) have upon plant growth. He applied his scientific data to that of historically famous polluted areas such as Love Canal in New York state and concluded that the effects on plants would be magnified at such polluted areas.

His experiment was applauded by the Environmental Technology and Waste Management Association and the Air and Waste Management Association as environmentally significant.

His other academic honors include: department awards for algebra II and United States history post-Civil War, Gabriel-Richard Club (for students with an A average), Air and Waste Management Association Award, Environmental Technology and Waste Management Award.

"because they have always challenged me to excel while providing support for anything I wish to pursue."

An honor student at Franklin High School, Zitzewitz is president of the National Honor Society and president of the Franklin Bel Canto Choir. She also is a member of the Patriot Singers and and soloist for the Michigan Youth Chamber Singers.

Her academic honors include National Merit Finalist, honor roll, and Part II Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.



Leo Moschouris

## LEO MOSCHOURIS

Plymouth Canton High School

Leo Moschouris plans to attend the University of Michigan this fall to study medicine. He wants to be a physician.

He hopes to be accepted into the U-M's Intelflex program, an accelerated program for students pursuing a medical career.

Moschouris says many of his teachers have influenced his academic career "mainly in broadening my experiences."

"I have had a lot of teachers who have said: 'You should read that book,'" wrote Moschouris in his all-star application.

A 4.0 student at Plymouth Canton High School, Moschouris has been active in several extra-curricular activities. He has appeared in many school drama department productions including "42nd Street," "Rashomon," "The Rubber Bridegroom," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Working" and "The Pajama Game."

He is president of the Thespian Society and a member of the National Honor Society.

His academic honors include National Merit semifinalist and a drama letter.

He is the son of Petro and Caliope Moschouris of Plymouth Township.



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## Observer All Stars

Members of 1992 Observer Academic All-Star Team are (back from left) Ben Pinsky of Harrison, Marc Scanio of Farmington, Benjamin Spector of North Farmington and Karuna Mantena of Mercy. Also pictured are (front from left) Sachin Kherterpal of Stevenson, Karin Zitzewitz of Franklin, Tara Schubert of North Farmington, Matthew Morrison of Catholic Central, Jonathon Zonca of Catholic Central and Pamela Smith of John Glenn. Not pictured are Vipul Parikh of Plymouth Canton, Michael Joseph of Stevenson, Wilson Lee of Plymouth Salem, John Wyderko of Churchill, Ross Westerbur of Garden City and Leo Moschouris of Plymouth Canton.

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She was influenced by her eighth grade teacher, David Nolta, who challenged students with literature and creative projects. Her parents are Dorothy and Eugene Zajechowski.

Michael Dunklee is a junior at Clarenceville High School in Livonia where his will be editor of the 1993 yearbook. His other activities include, student congress, band, first trumpet squad leader, co-captain varsity wrestling, varsity cheerleading, varsity track, pit orchestra. His academic honors include National Honor Society, Optimist Award, magna cum laude, Free Press Writers Award, academic letter, 100 percent of test questions on the Michigan Education Assessment Program test, and honor roll. He plans

on attending college and majoring in journalism and publishing books. He will practice medicine until his books begin to sell. He is the son of Vernice and Stephen Dunklee.

William Van Erp is a senior at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. His extra-curricular activities include: captain of the varsity football and track teams, co-editor of yearbook. His academic honors include vice president of the National Honor Society, summa cum laude 3½ years, academic letter recipient for three years, outstanding student/athlete. He plans on attending the University of Michigan, participating in the ROTC program and majoring in engineering. He is the son of William and Kathleen Van Erp.



Karin Zitzewitz

## KARIN ZITZEWITZ

Franklin High School

Karin Zitzewitz will pursue a double degree in history and voice performance at Oberlin College. She plans a career in voice performance.

Zitzewitz says her parents, Paul and Barbara of Livonia, have had the biggest influence on her academic career.