

# All-stars work toward career goals

State award winner in cross country, and North Farmington French Student of the Year in freshman, sophomore and junior years.

"I can't say that any one person has influenced me most in my academic career," she said. "It seems like everyone I've met has had some quality, encouragement or other piece of advice that motivated me to become a better person," she said.

She plans to attend Swarthmore College or Cornell University in the fall and study science.



**KIMBERLY RODAK**  
Harrison High School,  
Farmington Hills

Kimberly, daughter of Theodore and Kathleen Rodak of Farmington Hills, is the eldest of three children.

"My father has given me a competitive edge," she said. "My mother has taught me to have pride in my work and has given me an always try your hardest mentality."

"Together, they have shown by example the strength and advantage of a strong family unit. They have supported me in an intellectual atmosphere that has allowed me to become comfortable thinking on my own, helped to see the importance of a solid scholastic background, and to realize the necessity to live up to my potential."

Kimberly is president of the National Honor Society, served as treasurer and vice president of the French Club, was squad leader, assistant captain and captain of the State Championship Color Guard, and was treasurer of Interact, a community service group. She has played varsity soccer and is a member of a church youth group, the Science Bowl team and the TEAMS competition team.

Academic honors include National English merit award winner, an academic letter, 4.0 honor roll, American Math Test Part II, Phi Beta Kappa and a Presidential Merit Scholar. She also attended a Michigan Summer Institute at Alma College for chemistry and computers.

She's been an Observer Newspaper carrier since the fourth grade.

She plans to attend a four-year liberal arts college.

"Although I would like to include a prestigious career in my future plans, I believe that due to the growing lack of love, respect and morals in the world, the success of my potential family should be more important," she said. "If I find it necessary to put the pursuit of a high-level career on hold, then I will."



**PAMELA CLANCY**  
Ladywood High School,  
Livonia

Pamela, daughter of Michael and Linda Clancy of Northville, credits her father with influencing her most in her academic career.

"He's provided constant encouragement as I've pursued my goals," she said.

The eldest of three children, Pamela is a National Merit Scholar finalist. She is president of the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society.

She is ranked number one in a senior class of 122 students.

She will attend Ohio Wesleyan University and major in French and mathematics.

She was a Quiz Bowl team member, French club member, Art Club member and president senior year, and has played piano since third grade.

Other activities over her four-year high school career include junior varsity cheerleader, Special Olympics hugger, and SADD member.

Awards include a certificate of recognition from the Detroit Association Phi Beta Kappa, of French certificate of merit, National Science Olympiad participant, several medals in piano competition, and Detroit News Book Hook summer reading contest winner. Last year she won the Madame Curie Award from the Society of Women Engineers, and a silver key in drawing and certificates of merit for drawing and painting from the Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastic Art Awards. She has won national awards in math, English, history and government competitions. And she is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.



**AMY WATROBA**  
Mercy High School,  
Farmington Hills

Amy is the daughter of David and Trudy Watroba of Redford Township. She has a younger brother.

"My seventh-grade science teacher encouraged me to attempt to achieve more than anyone thought possible," she said. "She taught me to work hard for what I want, take pride in my accomplishments, and let no one discourage me."

Amy is a National Honor Society member, a Spanish Honor Society officer, a National Art Honor Society member, Science Club member, and a member of the varsity swim team and varsity soccer team.

She works on the school newspaper staff, holds a part-time job at The Gap, tutors other students, and acts as a Eucharistic Minister in her church.

Honors include 1992 and 1993 Scholastic All Catholic, Catherine Repocci Scholarship recipient, four-year ROTC scholarship to U-M, appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, a merit award from the Society of Women Engineers, a merit award for Spanish and is under consideration for the Academic All American Dolores Yaeger Award.

She was a finalist in the 1994 Albion College High School Poetry Writing Contest and winner of first awards in zoology in the 1990 Science and Engineering fairs of Metropolitan Detroit.

She was a delegate to the 1993 U.S. Air Force Academy Summer Scientific Seminar.

Amy plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, where she will major in math and minor in Russian. She wants a career in military intelligence.

"I have always wanted to make a career in the Air Force. I will thrive on the structure and discipline. I look forward to serving as a career officer in our country's military," Amy said.

**SARA THOMAS**  
Farmington High School,  
Farmington

Sara is the daughter of David and Donna Thomas of Farmington Hills. She has one younger brother.

"My calculus teacher, Paula Rohn, always inspired me to work to my full-



**LAURA MCWILLIAM**  
Farmington High School,  
Farmington

est potential," she said, when asked who influenced her the most during her academic career.

"She inspired me to break down complex problems into comprehensible steps, a skill which has benefited me in all aspects of life."

Sara is on the varsity softball team, a member of the Spanish club and the Physics Club. She has worked as a life-guard and a swim instructor for children.

She is a four-year Academic Hall of Fame member. And she is a four-year honor roll student.

Sara plans to major in engineering at Michigan State University, Ohio, or Miami University.



**LAURA MCWILLIAM**  
Farmington High School,  
Farmington

Laura is president of the National Honor Society, senior class secretary, and on the varsity volleyball, soccer and tennis teams. She was co-captain of the tennis and volleyball teams. She is a math club member and a Pet a Pet program volunteer.

Laura is the youngest of three children. She is the daughter of Robert and Carole McWilliam of Farmington Hills.

When asked who influenced her most in her academic career, Laura re-