

## They're honored

*Record number of Observerland students are selected for 'All-Star' academic team*



Sharon Agacinski, Mercy

Judges have selected a record number of high school seniors for the Observer Newspapers Academic All-Star team for 1996. A similar group of students was also selected for the Eccentric Newspaper's division based in Oakland County.

Following is a list of Observer-area students selected for this year's team:

### Sharon Agacinski Farmington Hills Mercy High School

Sharon has plans to study the field of psychology and eventually hopes to become a psychiatrist. She has not yet chosen a college.

Sharon is a yearbook staff member, belongs to the French Honor Society, is co-chair of the Human Relations Council, runs cross-country and track for her school team and is a varsity letter winner in both sports. She is a National Merit finalist, is published in Who's Who Among American High School Students, was nominated to the 11th Annual Scholastic All Catholic



Lisa Berry, Churchill

Team and is a member of Quill and Scroll.

"My parents have influenced me the most," she said. "They are the ones who always encouraged me to work hard and to do my best."

She is the daughter of Daniel and Catherine Agacinski, lives in Auburn Hills, and has one sister, Susan, 15.

### Lisa Berry Livonia Churchill High School

Lisa plans to major in political science at either the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, or Georgetown University. She ultimately hopes to obtain a degree in international law.

She is involved in many school activities, including: Students Against Driving Drunk, co-president; rank leader of the marching band; co-Editor-in-Chief and Section Editor of the student newspaper; National Honor Society; French Club; Participate in 1996 Prom Fashion Show; American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, and attended



Michael Buchanan, Catholic Central

several leadership and newspaper conferences. She is also involved in the St. Aidan's Youth Group, attended the Catholic Youth Organization's Rainbow Youth Convention, and is involved in dance, church music and youth group, Rouge River Rescue.

She is a National Merit Finalist, won the Livonia PTA Council Outstanding Youth Award, the NHS Scholarship School winner, Michigan Competitive Scholarship Qualifier, AP Scholar, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Summa Cum Laude Class Scholar and a number of outstanding achievement awards in biology, calculus, computer science, math and chemistry.

"My parents have influenced me the most in my academic career," she said. "Throughout all of my life... they have encouraged me to strive for the best. However, they have never put pressure upon me to be perfect; they only want me to be happy with my decisions."



David Chan, Plymouth Canton

She is the daughter of Michael and Christina Berry and has one brother, Michael, 15.

### Michael Buchanan Detroit Catholic Central High School

Michael has plans to attend Michigan Technological University where he will study chemical engineering.

He is a member of the Varsity Academic Team and co-editor of the school literary magazine. Michael is an AP scholar, a National Merit Finalist, won a second place award at the Detroit Science Fair for his physics project, has won the Rensselaer Mathematics and Science Award, and is a Purdue University Junior Scholar in mathematics.

"Fr. John Menner has inspired me to do my best," he said. "He has helped me realize that I have what it takes to succeed."

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"The schools are sending their best and brightest to us. Every year it gets to be more of a joy for us - the quality of students seems to increase."

Larry Boehms  
principal of Troy High School,  
chairman of judging committee

"I think it gives them the kind of community recognition the academic scholars need to go onto the next phase of their lives. It's the kind of program we're really excited about and proud to sponsor over the last 11 years."

Susan Rosiek  
Observer Managing Editor



Patrick Chun, Plymouth Salem



Marjory DeWard, Mercy