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Livonia Franklin High School

medicine and continue her interest in music as a minor or double major.

She is a Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra member, vice president of the National Honor Society, Science Bowl Team member, Quiz Bowl Team member, Senior Class Board member, school orchestra, and school musical cast and choir member.

Emily has received the National Merit Letter of Commendation, American Mathematics Competition Certificates of Merit and Distinction, candidate for the Presidential Scholars Award and a 4-time recipient of the Harrison High Student Excellence Awards.

"My parents (have influenced me most)," she said, "by the opportunities they have given me, and by supporting me, encouraging me, urging me and sometimes pursuing me to always to my best at anything I do."

She is the daughter of Richard J. Ebenhoe and Kathi S. Ebenhoe and has two sisters, Alice, 16 and Lauren, 11.

## Thomas Engelhardt Westland John Glenn

Thomas plans to attend the University of Michigan and earn a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering.

He is a member of the Honor Society, the French Club, Students Against Driving Drunk and holds jobs at Little Caesar's and the Italian-American Banquet. He holds the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and has academic letters from grades 9-11. He

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**Heh Shin Kwak**  
Plymouth Salem High School

also earned a French award during his high school career.

"My sister Mary and brother Rich both have given me help when needed, and have led to my interests in math and science," he said, discussing those most influencing his life.

His parents are Sharon Englehardt and Al Englehardt and his siblings include Richard, 25, Susan, 22 and Mary 20.

## Brendan Fay Farmington Hills Harrison High School

Brendan plans a career in architecture after earning bachelor's and master's degrees. He is considering college at the University of Michigan, MIT, the University of Texas-Austin and Harvard.

He is president of the National Honor Society, varsity soccer captain, NAHS treasurer, on the senior board, involved in Science Bowl, TEAMS, track, Quiz Bowl, Eagle Scouts and performs in two local bands playing guitar and bass.

He is a National Merit recipient, was awarded a full ride Bentley Scholarship to U-M, and placed in the top 100 for the Physics All-American. He is also a Michigan Math Prize Finalist in grades 10-12 and an American Math Finalist in grades 11-12.

His parents have had the greatest influence on Brendan. They "put an early emphasis on learning, and have helped me find opportunities to extend myself throughout my academic

career," he said. "Through my parents, I learned the value of education; it has proved to be one of the most valuable lessons in my life."

He is the son of Bruce and Linda Foy and has one sister, Meghan, 14.

## Robert France Livonia Franklin High School

Robert plans to attend Michigan State University in the pre-med program, with a major in medical technology. His goal is to have a career as a pediatric surgeon.

He is a four-year honor roll student, has played Varsity Football, is Summa Cum Laude for his class, was lauded for holding the highest grades and has been a member of both regional and state honors choirs.

His extracurricular activities have included: Freshman Football, JV Football and two years as a letter Varsity Football player. He was a member of the Male Chorus, the Bel Canto Choir, Franklin Singers and the Franklin Players. He participated for four years in the all-school musical, and has been involved in the fall and spring plays.

"My parents have had the most influence on my academic growth," he said. "They emphasized the importance of a quality education at a very early age. They encouraged me to read on my own and taught me that reading is a very rewarding activity. They have continually sacrificed to support me in any and all of my academic endeavors."

He is the son of Lawrence and Cherril France and has one brother, Lawrence, 22.

## Kevin Haudek Plymouth Canton

Kevin plans to eventually obtain a doctoral degree in immunology and work at a medical research facility.

He has received National Merit recognition and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School students. In the community, he is active in his church youth group.

"My parents taught me to work hard for everything worthwhile," Kevin said, talking about who influenced him the most in his academic career.

He is the son of Gerald and Sharon

Haudek and has three siblings: Jeff, 24; Greg, 22; and Kristin, 7.

## Hoh Shin Kwak Plymouth Salem High School

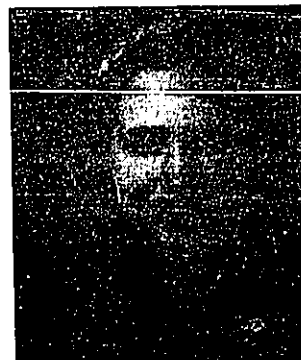
Heh Shin plans to pursue a career as a medical doctor. He plans to take a pre-med curriculum as an undergraduate student, then continue his education in medical school.

Heh Shin has been involved in many leadership positions including church mission trips, Plymouth-Canton marching band and competition, church youth council, school newspaper, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad member, DARE role model and participant in Michigan Education Summer Institute.

Academic honors include Principal's list, National Science Merit Award, Who's Who Among American High School students, Science Olympiad, Society of Women Engineers Award for Excellence, and a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist.

"Of all the people I have encountered, my older sister has been the most influential person in my academic career, as well as other aspects of my life," Hoh Shin said. "She has provided me with a solid role model by demonstrating the accomplishments possible through hard work and dedi-

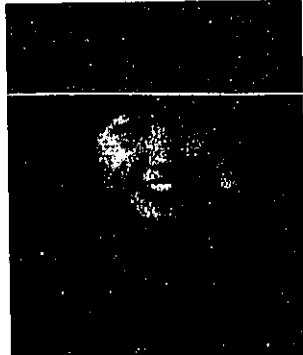
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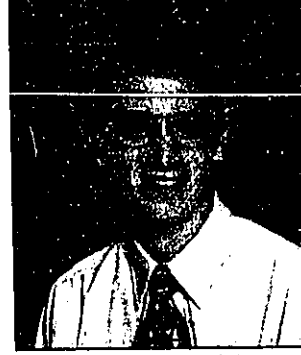
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