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WMU SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven Farmington area students received Western Michigan University scholarships. Recipients were among more than the 1,100 leading high school students from eight states.

Receiving WMU academic scholarships were: Susan Giovannini of Farmington High; Christopher Chiapelli, Melissa Lindgren, Daniel Rodak and Katherine Svok, all of Harrison High.

Levey Tom and Wade Clark, both of Farmington High, were recipients of WMU's University Excellence Award. University Scholars Awards are for \$12,000

over four years while University Excellence Awards are \$8,000 over four years.

MERIT MENTION

North Farmington High seniors Abhik Shah and Jennifer Yen both received \$2,000 National Merit Scholarships.

Shah plans to study electrical engineering and computer science. Shah is a student council president, vice president of the Environmental Club, involved in the French Club and been a member of the National Honor Society for two years.

Yen will study medicine and took part in the Science Olympiad for three years, played varsity tennis and is an AP scholar. She was also recipient of the University of Michigan Society of Women Engineers Award.

Some 2,000 recipients were selected from a pool of 14,000 students nationwide. Students were selected on the basis of academics, standardized test scores and involvement in the commu-

nity.

TV SPOTLIGHT

Abhik Shah of North Farmington and Shamita Shah of Farmington High were part of a group of 200 students honored as the "Brightest and Best" by WXYZ-TV and Elias Brothers Restaurants. Students met Channel 7 on-air reporters and will be featured as part of the station's series of public service announcements during the summer.

FIELD TRIP

Longacre Elementary fourth and fifth grade students visited businesses in the Metrobank building on Grand River Avenue May 14. The purpose was for students to see how businesses operate. Prism Performance Systems hosted the event as students stopped by Kelly Services, Aboretum Travel, Thomas A. Duke, Wood and Wood, Visibles and Metrobank.

School staff gears up for move to new facility

BY TIM SMITH
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One door is shutting behind principal Scott Little and another is opening. And another.

That's right. Around next Thanksgiving, Little — along with his staff and student body — will depart Meadow Lake Elementary School, the facility leased since 1985-86 from the Birmingham district. He will open the brand new Meadow Brook Elementary School in Novi.

The Walled Lake district includes a northwestern portion of Farmington Hills.

But only weeks after that, Little will move on again, to begin principal duties at the just-christened Sarah Gertrude Banks Middle School, at Wixom-Charmes roads in Wixom, a job he was appointed to during last Thursday's Walled Lake school board meeting. Both the Meadow Brook and Banks schools, officially named during the same board meeting, are buildings funded as part of the successful \$118 million bond issue last September.

Banks, who once lived in the historic Foster Farmhouse, was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michi-

gan Medical School. She provided care to prominent people such as Clara Ford, the wife of Henry Ford.

"One of my goals has always been to be a middle school principal," said Little, who came to Maple Elementary School in the Walled Lake district in 1990, after a stint as assistant principal at Abbott Middle School in the West Bloomfield School District. "So, after seven years in elementary this opportunity came up."

Although Banks Middle School won't open to students until 1998-99, Little is anxious to start work in January, preparing for the inaugural year.

According to Little, who moved from Maple to Meadow Lake following a space-runch-induced redistricting, "The role Meadow Lake played was a diamond in the rough. You couldn't have had a better situation. It worked out well for everyone."

He noted that going through that experience, moving to a new building and making sure it was fully staffed, "will help my quest to open and staff a middle school."

Meadow Lake, located on Inkster Road south of Maple, apparently will revert back to the Birmingham district, Little

said. Also during the meeting, the board christened a third middle school, Walnut Creek Middle School; appointed another principal; and renamed Docter Elementary School as the Mary Helen Guest Elementary School. Walnut Creek, like Banks, won't open until '98-99. Recently, picked to run the school — located on Walnut Lake Road, between Haggerty-Halsted roads in West Bloomfield — was Joan Heinz, currently principal at Walled Lake Middle School. During Thursday's meeting, the board selected WLM's assistant principal Karen Jacobson to take over the helm from Heinz when the latter transfers to Walnut Creek.

The Walnut Creek name was submitted in a contest by Walled Lake Central High School first man Morgan Robertson, who was on hand with her parents at the board session.

"It (the name) is because of the location, and the wetlands surrounding it," Morgan said, adding that she was both pleased and surprised her entry was selected.

Her father, Dave Robertson of the West Bloomfield Woodlands Board, said the name is "appropriate" for the site.

Nominations sought for beautification projects

Nominations for the 1997 Keep Michigan Beautiful awards for school, community, business, youth group and individual outdoor beautification projects are

due at the KMB office in Farmington by June 30.

If your group or community has done an outstanding job of beautifying and enhancing the

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