

2000 All Stars set the standard

The faces you are about to see in the next pages might include those of future doctors, engineers, lawyers, teachers, computer dynamos and politicians.

They are the 2000 Observer Academic All-Stars - 20 of the brightest and most accomplished high school students in the metro area.

As in the past, this year's Academic All-Stars were chosen on the basis of their grade point averages in academic subjects and SAT or ACT test scores. Other important factors are the ways in which these young men and women distinguish themselves with their community and school involvement, numerous honorary awards and the sacrifices they make daily when juggling the demands of school, work, family and friends.

All of these students deserve a sincere congratulations for their work.

Listed in order of point ranking, team members include: Paul Schultz, Catholic Central; Teresa E. Elsey, Harrison High School; Daniel Freeman, North Farmington High School; Michael Levy, North Farmington High School; Laura Portwood-Stacer, Churchill High School; Jonathan Yung-Hsin Ho, Stevenson High School; Luke Williams, Plymouth-Canton High School; Jeffrey Grossman, Harrison High School; Qian Zhang, Churchill High School; Nicholas Demek, Stevenson High School; Sarah Ernst, Mercy High School; Timothy Bodnar, Plymouth-Salem High School; Ryan King, Plymouth-Salem High School; Marya Link, Farmington High School; Alexis Black, Clarenceville High School; Ross Ian MacKenzie, Lutheran High Westland; Martina Moro, Wayne Memorial High School; Christine Chan, Plymouth-Canton High School; Eva-Marie David, Mercy High School; and Joseph Colombo, Thurston High School.

Paul Schultz
Catholic Central

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College: Boston College, Harvard, Yale, University of Chicago or University of Michigan; economics and law.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; A.P. Scholar Award; Xerox Award in the Social Sciences; Rensselaer Medal for Math and Sciences; Purdue University Junior Scholar in Math; three-time Scholastic All-Catholic Team; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition honorable mention; 2000 Presidential Scholars Candidate; and 2000 All State Academic Team Candidate.

Extracurricular activities: On-line newspaper, editor and reporter; Academic Team captain; football team; Student Council; math team; Catholic Central TV; Catholic Central on-line radio; Angel Tree Project; Easter Cross Memorial; Habitat for Humanity; church usher; Guardian Lutheran Church Youth Group; and CROP Walk.

Influential teacher: Gene Grewe, an English teacher and track coach, "had a way of making English come alive ... In my mind, Mr. Grewe is what a teacher is supposed to be: supremely educated, thoroughly prepared, always accessible, and having a genuine care for the education and welfare of his students."

Schultz said he speculates his generation will have the greatest standard of living the world has ever seen. "If we choose the right leaders, there are few social problems we should be unable to solve." He hopes to see an end to abortion, racism, and other forms of discrimination. "If we return to God and receive his blessings, there is nothing we cannot do."

He is the son of Ronald and Sandra Schultz and brother to Mark, 16, John, 15, and Joy, 12.

Teresa Elizabeth Elsey
Harrison High School
Farmington Hills

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On the cover: Front row, from left, Laura Portwood-Stacer, Martina Moro, Eva-Marie David, Christine Chan and Teresa Elsey. Second row, from left, Sarah Ernst, Qian Zhang, Alexis Black, Daniel Freeman. Third row, from left, Nicholas Demek, Paul Schultz, Ross McKenzie, Luke Williams. Back row, from left, Ryan King, Jonathon Yung-Hsin Ho, Jeffrey Grossman and Joseph Colombo. Not shown are Michael Levy, Tim Bodnar and Marya Link.



Laura Portwood-Stacer
Churchill High School



Jonathan Yung-Hsin Ho
Stevenson High School