



Ryan King
Plymouth-Salem High School



Marya Link
Farmington High School



Alexis Black
Clarenceville High School



Ross Ian MacKenzie
Lutheran High Westland

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Jonathan Yung-Hsin Ho Stevenson High School Livonia

College: University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Harvard or Massachusetts Institute of Technology; undeclared area of study.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship, finalist; Advanced Placement Scholar; PTA Outstanding Youth Recognition Honoree; 1998-1999 Stevenson High School Math Department Student of the Year; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, finalist.

Extracurricular activities: Church youth group; National Honor Society; student council; Spanish Club treasurer; Physics Club; Art Club; Chemistry Club; and Spectrum Literary Publication.

Influential teacher: Les Prieskorn, English teacher, taught him to value education more than the grades on a piece of paper. "He taught me that if I work diligently, the grades would naturally follow." He also learned that individuality is superior to conformity.

He believes his generation is capable of great things. "We have the potential to cure many previously deadly diseases, and our technology continues to open new frontiers scientifically. At the same time, we cannot grow if we continue to ignore such problems like violence in our schools and racial hatred in our streets."

He is the son of Wei Ho and Wen-Fan Wei and the brother of Joseph, 19, and Esther, 11.

Luko Williams Plymouth-Canton High School Canton

College: Harvard, University of Michigan, Western Michigan, Ohio State or Purdue; physics, computer science, music, political science or psychology.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; University of Michigan Full Tuition Scholar; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Academic honors: AISME Math Contest State Competitor; class Valedictorian, A.P. Scholar Award; and top speaker at state novice debate tournament.

Extracurricular activities: Math Olympiad; wrestling; Debate Team; Science Olympiad; theater; football; Wind Ensemble; Quiz Bowl; and Chamber Men's Ensemble.

Influential teacher: Steve Marsh, debate teacher and coach. "He challenged me to make and keep commitments and barred me from waffling over issues." Williams also credits the teacher for making class fun, despite the heavy work load, and for encouraging students to always challenge themselves.

Williams feels his generation will bring positive change on a global scale, starting with the rejection of hedonism. "It is my hope that this generation will break out of some of the trends of current society, particularly morally ... much will be riding on the decisions of this generation. We will have to resolve many disputes which previous generations have started."

Williams is the son of Sara and Dennis Williams and brother to Jesse, 21, Laura, 14, and Anna, 11.

Jeffrey Grossman Harrison High School Farmington Hills

College: Harvard, University of Michigan, New York University, Yale, Brown, Columbia or Princeton; music.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship finalist; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition finalist; Harrison High School Premier Musical Scholarship; Farmington Musicals Scholarship; Strey-McCallum Honorary Piano Award; and Farmington Public Schools Superintendent's Award.

Extracurricular activities: Choir, conductor, director and accompanist; Harrison High School Mozart Chamber Group, director, conductor and solo pianist; symphony band; Beethoven Trio director; Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra; Metropolitan Youth Symphony; National Honor Society; and Joy Piano Trio director.

Influential teacher: Miss Mary Batten, now Mrs. Mary Day, a third grade teacher. "As the first teacher who showed me that it was fun to learn, she cultivated an enjoyment of school that follows me through high school. In her class, I learned that school could be a place in which I learned something new and exciting every day."

Grossman hopes his generation will promote acceptance. "I expect that understanding will allow us to eliminate racial and economic lines that now divide us, as well as the social line that divide groups like the athletes and musicians. Finally, I hope that we can learn to accept all different kinds of families, whether they have one parent, two divorced parents, or two parents of the same sex."

Grossman is the son of Beth Grossman and Max DuBois and Joei and Debbie Grossman and brother to Shana, 20, Chris, 11, and Evan, 8.

Qian Zhang Churchill High School Livonia

College: Harvard, University of Michigan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, or University of Pennsylvania; business management and electrical engineering.

Academic honors: Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, bronze, silver and gold; USAMO (USA Math Olympiad, qualifier); SIGMA MVP; Michigan Math League second and first place; Math Challenge, first place; Lawrence Tech Math Competition second and first place; National Merit Scholarship finalist; American Regions Math League Competition; honor roll; University of Michigan College of Engineering Scholarship; Regent Scholarship; and American Chinese Association Scholarship.

Extracurricular activities: Metro Computer League; Quiz Bowl; Students Against Drunk Driving; National Honor Society; Stand-Up; swimming; tennis; and student council.

Influential teacher: Mary Buda, facilitator of the Math, Science and Computer Program. "She is very caring, and would do anything to help out her students. She encouraged me when I felt worthless, and also brought out the greatness in me. Furthermore, she is a great example for me on being a human."

Zhang expects his generation to contribute to new ideas. "Perhaps the younger generation can wash out the older ways to do things and bring in a revolutionary new façade to the face of the Earth."

He is the son of Dahong Zhang and Chuanping Ni.

Nicholas Demek Stevenson High School Livonia

College: Michigan Technological University; chemical engineering.

Academic honors: National Merit Scholarship commended student; National Honor Society; honor roll summa cum laude; and Michigan Technological University Scholarship.

Extracurricular activities: Physics Club vice president; cross-country; and track and field.

Influential teacher: Jim Reeves, math, and Steve Van Westenburg, science. "Dr. Reeves was a big influence because he prepared me for college and taught me to work hard in school. Mr. Van Westenburg influenced my career goals because he taught me and made me enjoy chemistry."

Demek hopes his generation will work to improve things for the future. "I expect some truly amazing discoveries to be made by my generation, both on Earth and in space. In reality, I hope and expect my generation to stop taking the Earth for granted so that future generations will have a livable environment."

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