

# Runners-up deserve recognition, too

**Jenny Abendroth**  
Franklin Road Christian School  
Livonia

**College:** Campbell University, Oral Roberts University or Trinity University for undetermined study field.

**Academic honors:** High honor roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society; volleyball; softball; and math club.

**Influential teacher:** "My mom. In most areas of her life, she's been the best example of a teacher anyone could ask for."

Abendroth said she believes "strong leadership, caring hearts and boldness about beliefs" will be her generation's greatest contributions to society.

She is the daughter of Tom and Marsha Abendroth.



Jenny Abendroth

**College:** Yale, undetermined study area.

**Academic honors:** Honor roll; NHM member; and Phi Beta Kappa nominee.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society; student council class officer; church group leader and teacher.

**Influential teacher:** "(The Rev. Bill) Lunnun ... because he challenged me."

Brooks said he expects his generation will create "a more just society where everyone can have a fair chance to live peacefully."

He is the son of Karen Brooks and brother of Kenneth, 18; Kellen, 14; Kris, 13; Kary, 7 and Karis Kalia, 5.



Kyle E. Brooks

**Carianno Chrenko**  
Agapé Christian Academy  
Northville

**College:** Spring Arbor College or Adrian College; secondary education.

**Academic honors:** Math award; science award; English award; history award; French award; varsity letter; academic letter; Superior Award.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society president; senior class vice president; cheerleading captain; band (flutist); dance (jazz); TEENS Praise; and church worship team.

**Influential teacher:** Clark Sexton. "Not only has he made learning math fun, but he takes the time to really help his students and care about them."

Chrenko wants her generation "to set a higher standard and an excellent example for the next generation to follow."

She is the daughter of Dan and Alice Chrenko and sister of Sara, 17; Paul, 16 and Brianna, 10.

**Anthony Cabañero**  
Thurston High School  
Redford

**College:** University of Michigan, engineering field.

**Academic honors:** Academic letter; four year honor roll; National Hispanic Scholar Finalist; U of M Scholar Recognition Award; and Regents Merit Scholarship.

**Extracurricular activities:** Track and field and cross-country.

**Influential teacher:** Jeffrey Fosnaugh. "I had him as both a biology and ecolog-



Carianno Chrenko



Anthony Cabañero

gy teacher and he was also my cross-country coach this year. Throughout the years I have come to respect and admire him as a teacher and an individual."

Cabañero said, "Predicting the future is a little out of my domain, but I do expect advances in technology, medicine, space exploration and environmental causes to occur in the years ahead."

He is the son of Antonio and Presentacion Cabañero and the brother of Christina, 15.

**Christinn Comer**  
Agapé Christian Academy  
Canton

**College:** University of Michigan-Dearborn, mechanical engineering.

**Academic honors:** Madame Curie Award; English academic award; Quadratic Kid Award; Lincoln Award, speech class; World Changer Award, world history; Outstanding Chemistry Student; Superior Award, all-around; Excellence in French; Most Consistently Excellent, French III; first place, school science fair; Grammar Achievement Award; academic letter; Wayne County Executive Academic Achievement Award; and ACSI Math league competition, first place, Algebra I division.

**Extracurricular activities:** Missionettes; cheerleading; National Honor Society; Class of 2000 Politics; girls' basketball home clock; praise and worship team; blood drive committee chair; prom committee chair; Valentine's Day flower sale; and National Junior Honor Society.

**Influential teacher:** Clark Sexton. "His leadership, dedication and love for the students influences the way he teaches in such a degree that you cannot doubt that he cares for each and every one of the students he comes across."

Family will be the focus of her generation's contribution to society. "Time spent with family will be renewed and the family will be a unit that is not easily broken."

She is the daughter of Floyd and Deborah Comer.

**Benjamin Scott Dunno**  
Catholic Central  
Northville

**College:** University of Michigan, Tufts University or Bowdoin College; economics.

**Academic honors:** National Merit Finalist and Gabriel Richard Club.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity



Christinn Comer



Benjamin Scott Dunno

ice hockey; National Honor Society; and student council.

**Influential teacher:** "No one teacher in particular. I enjoy learning from someone who can maintain both a demanding course and a sense of humor."

Dunne said diversity will be his generation's biggest societal contribution. "I expect to see much more tolerance for different cultures and ideas."

He is the son of Mike and Linda Dunne and the brother of Jeffrey, 14 and Lane, 9.

**Randall D. Elenbaas**  
Plymouth Christian Academy  
Canton

**College:** Calvin College or the University of Michigan; engineering.

**Academic honors:** National Honor Society, Academic All-State golf honorable mention; and valedictorian.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity golf; varsity golf captain; varsity basketball; church youth group; church youth group president and treasurer; and principal bassist of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.

**Influential teacher:** Barbara Lazzara. "She taught me what I need to know to excel later in life. She expected the best from me and accepted nothing less. She drove and encouraged me to be a better person and student."

Elenbaas said he expects his generation to "contribute to the continued increase in technology."

He is the son of Douglas and Gail Elenbaas and brother of Cindy, 20; Carianna, 13 and Derek, 10.

**Gretchen Grosinske**  
Huron Valley Lutheran  
Westland

**College:** Wisconsin Lutheran College or University of Michigan, pre-med.

**Academic honors:** Honor roll, high honors; and valedictorian.

**Extracurricular activities:** Varsity soccer; varsity volleyball; varsity softball; drama; student council vice president; and swing choir.

**Influential teacher:** Elementary school principal Ron Brutling. "He has always told me to go for my dreams and has encouraged me to go into the field of pre-medicine."

Grosinske said "many technological advances and a new, positive outlook on life" are ways her generation will contribute to future society.

She is the daughter of Steve and



Randall D. Elenbaas



Gretchen Grosinske

**Mary Colleen Anderson**  
Ladywood High School  
Detroit

**College:** University of Michigan or University of Detroit-Mercy; history.

**Academic honors:** National Merit Scholarship finalist; University of Detroit-Mercy Spiritus scholar; and Principal's Honor Roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society treasurer; Parish Youth Commission member; Students Against Destructive Decisions; Adventure Club; French Club; Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village historical presenter; varsity soccer; Angela Hospice teen volunteer group; and a Detroit Historical Museum youth volunteer.

**Influential teacher:** "My most influential teachers were my parents, who instructed me at home for all of grade school. Because of my parents, I will never view learning as a strictly classroom activity."

Anderson said her generation's generosity would be its biggest contribution to society. "From what I have seen and experienced, we are a very giving and active group, concerned for others and our world."

She is the daughter of Jerry and Artemae Anderson and sister of David, 32; Dawn, 30; Amy, 23; Brian, 20 and Sarah, 15.



Mary Colleen Anderson

**Kyle E. Brooks**  
Bishop Borgess High School  
Inkster